

### Plants

Scarlet milk-vetch  
Desert needlegrass  
Barrel cactus

### Wildlife

Chuckwalla lizard  
Red-tailed hawk  
Townsend's big-eared bat

### Geology

Mobius Arch  
Eye of the Alabama  
The Corridors

The rounded, oddly shaped contours of the Alabama Hills form a sharp contrast to the glacially carved ridges of the Sierra Nevada. While both land forms consist of the same granitic rock, the fantastic shapes of the hills are a result of natural chemical weathering.

The naming of the area dates back to the 1860s. Prospectors in California working mining claims named the hills after a Confederate warship.

Each October, the community of Lone Pine hosts the Lone Pine Film Festival. This festival features speakers, actors and bus tours that showcase movies filmed in the Alabama Hills. The area continues to attract film crews, benefiting the local economy.

Find a copy of the Movie Road Touring Brochure at the Museum of Western Film History in Lone Pine.

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Photo from *The Lawless Range* courtesy of Beverly and Jim Rogers  
Museum of Western Film History

### Film & Television

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### Don't Crush the Brush

Desert plants keep the soil healthy and provide homes and food for wildlife. Desert plants are specially adapted for their environment, and can be destroyed easily if walked on or run over by a vehicle. Stick to trails and roads to keep your public lands healthy.

The Bureau of Land Management and the Alabama Hills Stewardship Group care for this area with the goal of keeping the hills in as close to a natural state as possible for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

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# Alabama Hills

Recreation and National Scenic Area

The Alabama Hills are a formation of rounded rocks and eroded hills set between the jagged peaks of the Sierra Nevada and the Owens Valley. The hills consist of nearly 30,000 acres of public land located west of Lone Pine that are managed by the Bureau of Land Management. In March 2019, Congress designated 18,610 acres of the Alabama Hills as a National Scenic Area.

### Care for and Enjoy the Alabama Hills

The indigenous people of this valley still reside in this place where their ancestors have lived for thousands of years. They ask that you respect and care for this land. Do not disturb or destroy anything that you may find.

- **Pack out all trash.** There are no trash services. In the high desert environment, even natural items like orange peels take years to decompose.
- **Travel on existing roads and trails.** Vegetation in this climate can take decades to recover when crushed by off road driving or parking.
- **Camp in campgrounds.** Using campgrounds reduces the number of vehicles, so that the great views are not blocked.
- **Use the restrooms in the hills (see map) or at nearby campgrounds.** If that isn't an option, pack out solid waste and toilet paper.
- **Have a great time and take only pictures.** The Alabama Hills are a great place to explore natural wonders and experience your public lands.



### Day Use

The Alabama Hills is a small Recreation and National Scenic Area best suited for day use. Here are just a few things you can do:

- **Tour film sites.** Explore the locations of over 400 movies that have been filmed here.
- **Take pictures.** The Alabama Hills scenery has been an inspiration for photographers for decades.
- **Have an adventure.** Hike, fish, rock climb, explore natural arches, mountain bike, ride horses, view the wildflowers or find your own adventure.

### Overnight Use

Tuttle Creek Campground, located within the National Scenic Area, offers more than 80 sites for affordable camping with spaces for tents, RVs, and trailers. The campground boasts views of Mt. Whitney, and has large campsites with plenty of space for longer vehicles. Drinking water and restrooms are available. Tuttle Creek runs through the campground, providing fishing and birding opportunities.

Camping is also available at the Inyo County Portuguese Joe Campground just to the east of the Alabama Hills and the Forest Service Lone Pine Campground Lone Pine Campground on the Whitney Portal Road. Camping in campgrounds helps maintain the area's great scenery and recreational opportunities. City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power lands in the area are open for day use only.

### In an Emergency

- Call 9-1-1
- Inyo County Sheriff (760) 878-0383
- Nearest hospital:  
Southern Inyo Hospital (760) 876-5501  
501 East Locust Street, Lone Pine, CA

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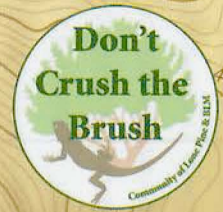


# Alabama Hills

Recreation and National Scenic Area

**Legend**

- BLM Public Lands
- Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Lands
- Private Lands
- Maintained Road (suitable for passenger cars)
- Unmaintained Road
- Multi-Use Trail
- Trail
- Geologic Feature/Arch
- Movie Site
- Rock Climbing Area
- Hiking/Trailhead
- Horseback Riding
- Bicycle Trail
- Motor Bike Trail
- Parking



## Travel Tips

- Travel on existing roads and trails. Don't park on vegetation
- Creating new roads and trails harms the landscape and is illegal.
- Most roads in this area are unpaved and require 4-wheel drive.
- Spring and fall are the most popular seasons.
- Be sure to bring plenty of water.
- Remember to leave plants, rocks, and artifacts as you found them for others to discover.

Have a great time!

← To Moffat Ranch Road and U.S. 395 (6 miles)

**Scale and Orientation**

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← To Whitney Portal (9 miles) & Lone Pine Campground (4.4 miles)

To Lone Pine (2.7 miles) & Portuguese Joe Campground (2.4 miles) →

↓ To Tuttle Creek Campground (1.6 miles)

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