

DEATH VALLEY JEEP ROADS



Death Valley National Monument has many popular jeep roads, a few of which are described below. Please inquire at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center for additional information and current road conditions. Backcountry camping is restricted to certain areas, please check in at the Visitor Center before planning an overnight trip. Be sure to carry water, never rely on backcountry water sources. There are many private mining claims in Death Valley. Please respect private property and buildings and beware of mine hazards and unstable structures. Mileages indicated are one-way from the nearest main road. Please drive carefully, stay on established roads and enjoy Death Valley's backcountry.

- 1) BUTTE VALLEY VIA WARM SPRINGS CANYON: (21 miles) Heading west off of the West Side Road, this route follows Warm Springs Canyon past several talc mines before leading into the valley, at an elevation of 4500 feet. NO CAMPING FIRST 10 MILES.
- 2) CHLORIDE CITY: (14 miles) This is the earliest site of mining in Death Valley and can be reached either from the jeep road between Hell's Gate and Daylight Pass (4WD required) or from the jeep road located near the monument boundary east of Daylight Pass.
- 3) COTTONWOOD AND MARBLE CANYONS: (11 miles to Marble Canyon; 20 miles to end of Cottonwood Canyon) The road begins east of Stovepipe Wells Airport and travels up the broad alluvial fan before reaching the canyon mouth. NO CAMPING FIRST EIGHT MILES. Please camp at least 1/4 mile from any water source.
- 4) ECHO CANYON: (10 miles) The road begins two miles east of Furnace Creek Inn along Highway 190. The route tends to be quite rocky with deep gravel. The old mining site of Inyo is nine miles from the highway and contains several old structures and remnants of mining equipment. NO CAMPING FIRST FOUR MILES.
- 5) HANAUPAH CANYON: (9 miles from West Side Road) Follow the south fork of the canyon to Hanaupah Springs. Hikers can continue past the end of the road. NO CAMPING FIRST ONE MILE. Please camp at least 1/4 mile from any water source.
- 6) HOLE-IN-THE-WALL: (4 miles to the "hole"; 6 miles to road's end) This road begins 5.5 miles east of Furnace Creek Inn on Highway 190 and traverses east up a rugged gravel road. NO CAMPING FIRST MILE. It is possible to hike several miles past the end of the road.
- 7) JOHNSON CANYON: (9 miles from West Side Road) Beyond the end of the road in this canyon a 1.5 mile hike leads to Hungry Bill's Ranch. Continuing on foot up the south fork another 1/2 mile leads to several old mining prospects. NO CAMPING FIRST ONE MILE.
- 8) RACETRACK ROAD/TEAKETTLE JUNCTION: (22 miles to Teakettle Junction; 28 miles to the Racetrack) The road begins at Ubehebe Crater and ends at the Racetrack playa, an ancient lake bed. From Teakettle Junction, a road leads south and west over Hunter Mountain, into Saline Valley and finally to Highway 190. This latter route is very difficult and is subject to snow and icy conditions. (4WD required). NO CAMPING ALONG RACETRACK ROAD.
- 9) TITUS CANYON: (30 miles; one-way road from east to west) Follow the highway toward Beatty, Nevada. Turn left 2.7 miles east of the monument boundary. The road re-enters the monument and winds through the Grapevine Mountains, then drops down through one of Death Valley's most spectacular canyons. NO CAMPING, DAY USE ONLY.
- 10) TRAIL CANYON: (9 miles from West Side Road) Climbing up the eastern flank of the Panamint Mountains, this road does not currently join up with the Aguerberry Point Road. NO CAMPING FIRST MILE.