U.S. Department of the Interior National Parks Service Death Valley National Park's Backcountry



#6 Racetrack Valley Road

Driving Distance:

28 miles to The Racetrack.

Road Conditions:

High-clearance due to loose gravel, washboard and sharp, shattered rocks.

Driving Details:

Distance from Furnace Creek, 55.5 miles.

Camping:

No camping first 2 miles and from Teakettle Junction to the southern end of the Racetrack. Otherwise allowed in previously disturbed sites. Established campsites without water at Homestake, with pit toilet available.

Description:

The Racetrack is a dry lakebed famous for its mysterious moving rocks. To preserve the rocks' tracks, do not walk on lakebed when wet and never drive on it.

Hazards:

Multiple flat tires are common and cell phone service is nonexistent.

Consider whether you have a full size spare tire and whether you have the tools and ability to change a flat tire before attempting this trip.

Traveling at excessive speeds has caused many drivers to lose control, leading to serious traffic accidents.

Water is not available along this route.

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