



Camping



A Rewarding Experience

Camping in Mojave National Preserve is an enjoyable and rewarding pastime for visitors of all ages, backgrounds, and experience levels. Developed and group campgrounds, as well as undeveloped roadside and backcountry camping, provide diverse opportunities to experience Mojave National Preserve.

Developed Campgrounds

Two developed campgrounds are available year-round at Mid Hills and Hole-in-the-Wall (see reverse side of brochure for map, directions, and further descriptions).

Facilities

Pit toilets, trash and recycling receptacles, potable water. Fire rings and picnic tables at each site. No utility hookups or showers. Dump station at Hole-in-the-Wall Campground, only.

Fees & Reservations

\$12 per site per night, \$6 for America the Beautiful Senior/Access Pass holders; bring correct change. Reservations not accepted; campsites available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Pets

Allowed, but must be leashed and never left unattended. Pet excrement must be collected and disposed of in garbage receptacles.

Campfires

Permitted only in provided fire rings. Do not leave fires smoldering or unattended. All firewood must be brought into the preserve; cutting or collecting any wood, including downed wood, is prohibited.

Food Storage and Disposal

Store all food to prevent access by wildlife. Place garbage and food scraps in trash receptacles.

Campsite Limits

Maximum of 8 people with 2 vehicles (including a camping unit--i.e., trailer, motor home, converted van, etc.) per site. Stays are limited to a maximum of 14 consecutive days per visit/stay and 30 total days per year. Quiet hours: 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Firearms

Legal hunting weapons as defined per CA DFW regulations may be carried during state designated hunting seasons with valid hunting license. Outside of hunting season, weapons are allowed in accordance with CA state laws and may not be discharged inside the preserve.

Information and Telephones

Call 760 928-2572 or 760 252-6108 or visit us online at www.nps.gov/moja. Park rangers are on-duty at information centers. Public telephones are located at the Hole-in-the-Wall Information Center and the Hole-in-the-Wall Fire Center (located across Black Canyon Road). *In case of emergency, dial 911 or park dispatch at 909 383-5651.*

Other Camping Options

Roadside Camping

Roadside camping will be allowed in previously used or disturbed sites outside of the "day-use-only" areas. In some cases these sites include a rock or metal fire ring; not all sites contain a fire ring. All fires must be in a fire ring or fire pan; new fire rings cannot be constructed. Consider camping without a fire to get a full view of the desert night skies and to protect fragile desert resources. Backcountry and roadside camping is limited to a maximum of 14 consecutive days and 30 total days per year. Campsites must be 1/4 mile from paved roads & 200 yards from any natural or constructed water source. Pack it in; pack it out.

Providence Mountains State Recreation Area

16 miles north of I-40 on Essex Road, the campground at Mitchell Caverns offers six sites available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Backpacking & Horsepacking

Backpacking offers open space and solitude here. Campsites must be at least 1/4 mile from paved roads and 200 yards from any natural or constructed water source. *There is no permit or registration system; not ify others of your itinerary.*

Horses, llamas, and mules are permitted on all trails, backcountry roads, and open country (including wilderness). Free-trailing or loose-herding is prohibited. All feed must be certified weed free or pelleted and brought into the preserve; ranging/grazing is prohibited. All manure from camp and staging areas must be removed from the preserve.

Pets must be leashed at all times and never left unattended. All vehicles must be CA street legal; no OHV use is permitted in the preserve.

Other Camping Options (cont.)

Group Camping

The Black Canyon Group & Equestrian Campground (located on the east side of Black Canyon Road at Hole-in-the-Wall) is ideal for larger groups. Campsites feature vault toilets, trash and recycling receptacles, potable water, fire ring, grill, and picnic tables; group site only has cover. The

fee is \$25 per group per night. Reservations are required; call 760 928-2572 or 760 252-6104.

Groups of at least 7 vehicles (or 7 horses) or 15 people require a Special Use Permit for backcountry camping; call 760 252-6107 for more info.

Hole-in-the-Wall Campground

Location & Description

20 miles north of I-40 via Essex and Black Canyon roads. At 4,400 feet in elevation, the campground is located in an open grove of Mojave yucca at the base of a sculpted wall of volcanic rhyolite.

Tents, motorhomes and trailers welcome; dump station but no hookups. Two walk-in tent only sites. Plan for possible windy conditions, few amenities, and great night sky viewing.

Hole-in-the-Wall Temperatures

Average Day and Night (°F)

April to May	Day	55°F to 75°F
	Night	45°F to 60°F
June to August	Day	70°F to 105°F
	Night	65°F to 75°F
September to October	Day	55°F to 80°F
	Night	50°F to 70°F
November to March	Day	40°F to 60°F
	Night	20°F to 40°F

Nearby Attractions

Hole-in-the-Wall Information Center

Open regularly from October through April with guided walks and talks, and intermittently summers. Check the park website for schedule.

A nature trail connects the campground to the information center. Nearby are trailheads for the Rings Loop Trail, the Mid Hills to Hole-in-the-Wall Trail, and the Barber Peak Loop Trail.

Mid Hills Campground

Location & Description

7 miles north of Hole-in-the-Wall on Black Canyon Road, then 2 miles west on Wild Horse Canyon Road. At 5,600 feet in elevation, campers are

treated to cooler temperatures and outstanding views. Many of the 26 campsites are surrounded by pinyon pine and juniper trees. Motorhomes and trailers are not recommended on the unpaved campground access roads and smaller campsites.

Mid Hills Temperatures

Average Day and Night (°F)

April to May	Day	45°F to 65°F
	Night	35°F to 50°F
June to August	Day	60°F to 100°F
	Night	55°F to 80°F
September to October	Day	45°F to 70°F
	Night	40°F to 60°F
November to March	Day	30°F to 50°F
	Night	10°F to 30°F

Nearby Attractions

The northern trailhead for the Mid Hills to Hole-in-the-Wall Trail is located just south of the campground entrance across Wild Horse Canyon Road. A shorter loop trail option also starts at this location. Wild Horse Canyon and Black Canyon roads form an unpaved scenic loop drive. Hole-in-the-Wall & Rock House also feature hiking trails.

Map of Campgrounds

