



Planning your Accessible Visit



Welcome to Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. The following is offered as a guide only. Be aware of your own capabilities and plan your visit accordingly. If you are accompanied by a service dog, your leashed dog is welcome.

Kris Eggle Visitor Center

The Kris Eggle Visitor Center is a good place to begin your visit. The lobby, auditorium, exhibits, and bookstore area are fully accessible. For the visually impaired there is a relief map of the monument and a touch table with a variety of items. A fifteen minute film is available. Assisted listening devices are available.

Large print brochures, Braille exhibit descriptions, and audio-recorded information

is available at the visitor center desk. Drinking fountains and restrooms are accessible and available 24 hours.

Behind the Kris Eggle Visitor Center is an accessible 300-yard, hard-surfaced nature trail suitable for scooters and wheelchairs. This level, gently winding trail offers close views of many plants and birds native to the Sonoran Desert.

Ranger-Led Programs

During the winter months, free ranger-led programs are offered. These informational programs highlight the cultural and natural significance of Organ Pipe Cactus.

Not all programs are accessible, but some accessible programs are offered daily in the

winter season. Check at the Kris Eggle Visitor Center, campground bulletin boards, or the park newspaper for more information.

Certain ranger-led van tours have the option for visitors to follow in their personal vehicle—please check at the visitor center first.

Picnic Areas

Fully accessible picnic areas are available at the Kris Eggle Visitor Center across the parking lot from the building.

The Pinkley Peak picnic area along the North Puerto Blanco drive is also accessible, with a fully accessible pit toilet.

Camping

Twin Peaks, the main campground, is located 1.5 miles from the Kris Eggle Visitor Center. All restrooms and drinking water facilities within the 208 site campground are fully accessible. Certain restrooms offer free solar showers, check with the visitor center or campground host.

Four sites have picnic tables designed for wheelchair and scooter users; these sites are located nearest the restrooms. Some of

the sites have raised tent pads which may be inconvenient. Persons desiring a more level space may request another site.

Alamo Canyon Primitive Campground has four tent-only camping sites that are level and considered accessible. The use of the pit toilet facilities may require assistance.

The group campground has one restroom that is accessible with assistance. Group sites 1 and 2 are level and are considered accessible.

Hiking Trails

Most hiking trails in the monument are a combination of old mining roads and hiking trails, and cover somewhat level to gently rolling terrain.

The only fully accessible trail is the Nature Trail at the Kris Eggle Visitor Center. This trail

is paved, and covers 300 yards. Interpretive information is presented along the trail.

While not officially accessible, the Palo Verde Trail and Campground Perimeter Trail are relatively level and represent the best option for exploring dirt trails with limited mobility.

Environmental Factors

Organ Pipe Cactus is in the heart of the Sonoran Desert. Summer temperatures often reach 110 degrees Fahrenheit. During the summer months, drink at least one gallon of water per day. The sun is very strong, and heat exhaustion can occur on warm days. Use sunscreen, hats, and avoid being active in the hottest parts of the day.

Winter months are quite mild in comparison,

with temperatures averaging in the 60s and 70s degrees Fahrenheit.

Be mindful of cacti with spines and sharp edges. Desert reptiles, including rattlesnakes are active, and avoid putting your hands or feet under rocks or ledges.

For Emergency assistance, contact the nearest park ranger or dial 9-1-1.



Newly constructed ADA accessible picnic area at the Kris Eggle visitor Center.