

The Calico Mountains Archaeological Site

is located 16 miles northeast of Barstow and along Interstate 15. To reach the site, exit at Minneola Road and follow the signs.



Be prepared for rugged desert trails. The site is open for visitors Wednesday, noon to 4:30 pm, and Thursday-Sunday, 9 am to 4:30 pm. There is no entrance fee.



The Calico Early Man Site is a quarry and tool production site on an alluvial fan, where nodules of chalcedony, jasper, and chert are found in abundance. Many prehistoric tools were made from these rocks. The site has three Master Pits, all excavated by hand to depths ranging from 8 feet to 25 feet. One pit, the Rock Wren Pit, is still being excavated today. When you visit the site, a self-guided tour will lead you along the trail, with signs pointing out various historic features.



The site includes the Doris Bowers Nature Trail. This trail is less than one mile long and has a printed guide to introduce the visitor to the desert landscape around the Calico Site.

