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Death Valley

at a glance

The hottest place on Earth and the lowest point in North America. Yet the greatest danger here is not the heat, but the road.

19°C

JANUARY
(67 °F) / 4 °C (40 °F)

23°C

FEBRUARY
(73 °F) / 8 °C (46 °F)

28°C

MARCH
(82 °F) / 13 °C (55 °F)

32°C

APRIL
(90 °F) / 17 °C (62 °F)

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BEFORE YOU GO



Open 24 hours a day

The park never closes: you can drive in and out at any time, all year.



A park the size of a state

3.4 million acres, about 13,800 km².



From Las Vegas via Pahrump

According to the park authority, the fastest route is via Pahrump: from Interstate 15 take NV 160 to Pahrump, north of town turn onto Bell ...



Winter: the season for hiking

The park authority names November to March as the best time for hiking.



The greatest danger is the car

The park authority says it in so many words: the most dangerous thing in Death Valley is not the heat but single-vehicle rollovers.



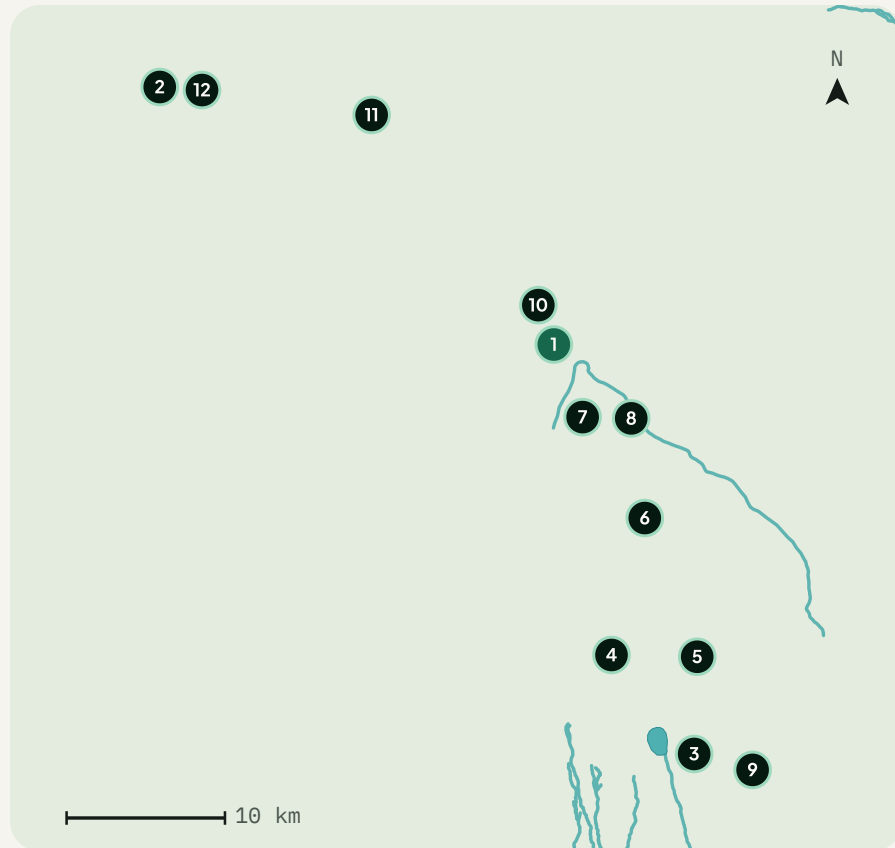
Water, lots of water

At least four litres (one gallon) per person per day, plus balanced meals and attention to electrolytes.



Fees and opening hours, up to date

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date:
nationalparksatlas.com/en/usa/death-valley



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| 1 Furnace Creek Visitor Center | 7 Golden Canyon |
| 2 Stovepipe Wells Ranger Station | 8 Zabriskie Point |
| 3 Badwater Basin | 9 Dantes View |
| 4 Devils Golf Course | 10 Harmony Borax Works |
| 5 Natural Bridge | 11 Salt Creek |
| 6 Artists Palette | 12 Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes |

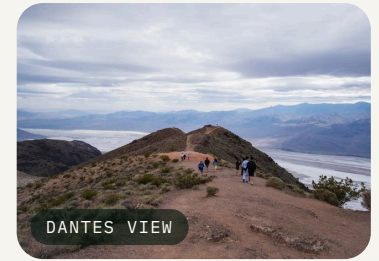
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BADWATER BASIN



ZABRISKIE POINT



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THINGS TO DO

What is closed in 2026 and 2027

Scotty's Castle and Bonnie Clare Road are closed for flood repairs, with no reopening date set.

Short walks

Harmony Borax Works: 0.6 km (0.4 mi), paved, half an hour.

Peaks for summer

When the valley gets too hot, the mountains remain.

Ranger programs

From mid-November to mid-April the rangers offer programs with no booking needed, such as a 45-minute talk at ...

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PROGRAMME · NO
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