What to See and Do

Drive between West and North entrances to see our famous Joshua trees and boulder fields. To stop and take photos, use paved pull-offs and get completely out of the flow of traffic.

Kids of all ages are invited to participate in the Visit the Pinto Basin and see the Cholla Cactus Junior Ranger program. Garden and Ocotillo Patch.

Attend a ranger-led activity and learn more about the amazing resources protected here.

Spend the night in a campground and enjoy the park under the light of the stars.

Enjoy moderate hikes in the early morning and plan to finish before the heat of the day.

Support Your Park

Watch wildlife respectfully
Stay at least 75 feet (23 m) from wildlife. If an animal reacts to your presence by changing its behavior, you are too close. Remember, this is home for wild animals. We are visitors.

Never feed any wild animals
Consuming human food is unhealthy for wildlife and may encourage aggressive behavior. Food, trash, scented products, and cooking tools must be stored securely in a vehicle or hard-sided container.

Travel responsibly with your pet
Pets must be on a leash at all times. They cannot go more than 100 feet (30 m) from roads, picnic areas, and campgrounds. Pets are not allowed on hiking trails or in the backcountry. Owners must never leave a pet unattended or tied to an object. Bag and properly dispose of pet waste.

No drones or remote controlled vehicles
Remote-controlled vehicles, including aircraft and rock crawlers, are prohibited. Drones and other remotely-operated craft can disturb wildlife and disrupt the visitor experience.

Campfires
Campfires are allowed only in designated fire rings or grills found in campgrounds and picnic areas. Campfires are not allowed in the backcountry. Bring your own firewood and extra water to douse your campfire. Do not use park vegetation, living or dead, for fuel.

No collecting park resources
Leave everything in the park as it is for others to enjoy. Do not destroy, deface, dig, collect, or otherwise disturb any park resources including plants or animals (whether they are dead or alive), rocks, fossils, or artifacts.

Rock climbing
Climbers may replace existing bolts if they are unsafe. New bolts may be placed in non-wilderness areas in accordance with the bolting checklist, available on the park website. Bolting in wilderness requires a permit.

All vehicles and bicycles must stay on roads
The desert environment is more fragile than it may look. Ruts and scars left by vehicles and bicycles illegally taken off-road can last for years. Red and green sticker dirt bikes, ATVs, and UTVs are prohibited in the park.

Watch for tortoises
The desert tortoise is a threatened species that often dies from being hit by cars. Drive carefully in the park: small tortoises on the road look like rocks. Tortoises may drink from puddles on the roads after rains or take shelter from the hot sun under vehicles.

Protect the trees
Attaching lines to vegetation, including Joshua trees and junipers, is prohibited. Hammocks, slacklines, and other horizontal ropes must be tied to rocks and climbing bolts, and are not permitted in campgrounds.

Firearms and weapons
Firearms may be possessed in accordance with California state and federal laws. However, they may not be discharged in the park. Fireworks, traps, bows, BB guns, paintball guns, smoke bombs, and slingshots are not allowed in the park.

No graffiti
Over the last few years there has been an increase in graffiti and acts of intentional vandalism, including carving into rocks, trees, and historic structures within the park. This is illegal, it damages resources, and costs the park significant time and money to continually remove graffiti from rocks. Report incidents of graffiti to jot.graffiti@nps.gov.
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Joshua Tree National Park preserves and protects the scenic, natural, and cultural resources representative of the Colorado and Mojave Deserts' rich biological and geological diversity, cultural history, wilderness, recreational values, and outstanding opportunities for education and scientific study.

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www.nps.gov/jotr/planyourvisit/lostandfound.htm
jotr_lost_and_found@nps.gov

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Hot Dog!
While park regulations don't allow pets to join you on trails, in the backcountry, or in park buildings, there are alternate areas to explore.

Places to go
• Paved and unpaved roads
• Picnic areas and campgrounds

Things to remember
• Pets must remain on a leash at all times. Leashes may be no longer than 6 feet (1.8 m).
• Pets may go no more than 100 feet (30.5 m) from any road, picnic area, or campground.
• Owners must pick up any droppings. Leave no trace.
• Bring plenty of water for your pet. Dogs have died in the park from dehydration and heat illness.
• Do not leave your dogs in your vehicle unattended, even for short periods of time. It is against the law.
• Paved areas heat up fast and can be harsh on paws.

To learn more, visit:
https://www.nps.gov/jotr/planyourvisit/pets.htm

Safety

Be generous in using sunscreen, and reapply often. Wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothing, sunglasses, and a wide-brimmed hat.

Many historic mine sites exist here. Structures may be unstable and toxic chemicals are likely present. Admire, but do not enter.

Flash floods occur during summer monsoons. Avoid canyons and washes and move to higher ground. Don’t drive through moving water.

GPS units and navigation apps are not reliable in the park and may direct you to unsafe roads. Refer to the park map for navigation.

Never put your hands or feet into rock crevices or onto ledges where you can't see. Use a flashlight at night.

Drive slowly to protect wildlife. When stopping to view animals or scenery use a pullout and move out of the way of traffic.

Stay hydrated; drink at least one gallon (4 L) of water per person, per day and lots of salty snacks or electrolyte drinks when active.

Water is available at Oasis Visitor Center, Black Rock Campground, Cottonwood Campground, Cottonwood Visitor Center, West Entrance, & Indian Cove Visitor Center.

Emergency Phones
• Indian Cove Ranger Station
• Intersection Rock parking area near Hidden Valley Campground

In an emergency, if you have cell service, dial 909-383-5651 or 911 for assistance.

Cell Phones
In most of the park there is no cell coverage. Do not count on your phone for navigation or in case of emergency.
Junior Rangers

Kids are invited to participate in the Junior Ranger program.

Earn a Joshua Tree Junior Ranger badge by completing the activity book. Stop by any park visitor center or entrance station to pick one up.

Additionally, you’ll be asked to attend a ranger-led program.

If attending a ranger program isn’t possible, kids can fulfill this requirement by learning from exhibits in a visitor center or along a trail.

The Junior Ranger program is designed for ages 4-14, but anyone can do it. (Older “kids” should expect to be asked to do more activities!)

Joshua Tree National Park Association

Be a Part of the Adventure

The Joshua Tree National Park Association has been supporting interpretation, education, preservation, and scientific research since 1962. We operate four bookstores, offer a field institute with classes taught by experts, and raise funds for the park through public events and our membership program.

Experience the Great Outdoors

Pick up a trail guide or sign up for a Desert Institute field class and make the park your classroom. Take home a schedule and plan ahead.

 Become a Member

Join the Joshua Tree National Park Association and you will support park programs and projects while enjoying some great benefits. You are supporting youth programs, scientific research and historical collections, and you will assist in the preservation of our fragile desert environment for generations to come.

Snack time: You’re sweating and losing salts. Eat salty snacks and drink electrolyte drinks.

Avoid the heat: Finish your hike before 10 am or start after 5 pm.

Stay hydrated: Drink at least one gallon (4L) of water per person, per day.

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Night Sky Festival
November 10–12, 2017

The National Park Service and partners will bring together astronomers, scientists, night-sky enthusiasts, artists, junior rangers, and members of nearby communities to celebrate the night skies. This event is free of charge. The festival will run from 5 pm on November 10 to 2 pm on November 12. It will include solar viewing and an astronomy fair by day, as well as astronomy programs and telescope viewing of our universe by night—weather permitting.

www.nps.gov/jotr/planyourvisit/night-sky-festival.htm

Artists' Program
Check in visitor centers for dates and times

Explore and learn more about the park through the creative guidance of local and visiting artists. These programs are interactive, fun, and free to park visitors.

Activities will include presentations, demonstrations, and storytelling about various topics such as climbing, sensory art, photography, and soundscapes among other topics. Presenters and topics vary month to month so please check the visitor center for updated program times and locations.

www.jtlub.info

Joshua Tree Guide
Camping

Visitors staying overnight in the park must camp in a designated campground or backcountry camping area (see page 6). A maximum of six people, three tents, and two cars may occupy an individual campsite, if there is space. Some sites only have enough parking for one vehicle.

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<td>Jumbo Rocks</td>
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Camping Outside of the Park

Campgrounds are usually full on weekends October through May. From mid-February to mid-May (and during holidays) campgrounds usually fill throughout the week. To improve your chances of getting a campsite and avoid disappointment, visit during the off-season (June-September), reserve a site, and/or have alternate overnight plans ready. Since most park campgrounds are first-come, first-serve availability can change by the minute.

Private Campgrounds

**North of the Park**
- HipCamp
  - [www.hipcamp.com](http://www.hipcamp.com)
- Joshua Tree Lake RV & Campground
  - 2601 Sunfair Road
  - Joshua Tree, CA
  - 760-366-1213
  - [www.joshuatreelake.com](http://www.joshuatreelake.com)
- Joshua Tree Retreat Center Campground
  - 59700 29 Palms Highway
  - Joshua Tree, CA
  - 760-365-8371
  - [jtrcc.org/accommodations/camping](http://jtrcc.org/accommodations/camping)
- JT Sportsman’s Club
  - 6225 Sunburst Avenue
  - Joshua Tree, CA
  - 760-366-2915
  - [www.jtsportsmansclub.com](http://www.jtsportsmansclub.com)
- Twenty-nine Palms RV Resort
  - 4949 Desert Knoll Avenue
  - Twenty-nine Palms, CA
  - 760-367-3320
  - [www.twentyninepalmsresort.com](http://www.twentyninepalmsresort.com)

**South of the Park**
- Chiriaco Summit
  - 62450 Chiriaco Road
  - Chiriaco Summit, CA
  - 760-227-3227
- Palm Springs/Joshua Tree KOA
  - 70405 Dillon Road
  - Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241
  - [koa.com/campgrounds/palm-springs/](http://koa.com/campgrounds/palm-springs/)

Dispersed Camping

Public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) offer free dispersed camping north and south of the park. Camping is allowed except within 300 feet (91 m) of roadways. There are no developed facilities in dispersed camping areas: no restrooms, no water, no trash collection. Bring what you need and pack out all your trash. All vegetation, living or dead, is protected by law. Campfires require a permit, available from BLM offices or online.

**Dispersed Camping North of the Park**
To get to this area, from the intersection of Sunfair and Twenty-nine Palms Highway drive 2.5 miles north to Sunflower. Turn right on Sunflower Road and continue for another mile to turn left on Cascade Road. These roads can be washed out or deeply rutted; 4-wheel drive is recommended.

**Dispersed Camping South of the Park**
Accessible from Cottonwood Springs Road. See the map (right) for dispersed camping areas.

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June-September 2017
Keep the Desert Wild

- Dogs must be on leash and remain in permitted areas.
- Keep the park clean; pack out your trash.
- Help prevent wildfires by using campground fire rings.
- Do not collect anything in the park.
- Drones are illegal and disturb wildlife and other visitors. You will be ticketed.
- Avoid creating damage; remain on designated trails.

Take a photo with this poster in the park and share on social media. Tag @JoshuaTreeNPS and #ExploreResponsibly.