

# Death Valley Site Summary: **UBEHEBE CRATER**

## LOCALE

Park's northeast region 56 miles north of Furnace Creek
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GPS: 37.01088, -117.45499 (parking area)
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ELEVATION: 2580 ft.
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**NOTE: SCOTTY'S CASTLE ROAD, USUALLY USED TO ACCESS THE CRATER, IS CLOSED AS OF 1/18/2025. This summary is written as if the road were to be open by 3/16/2025.**



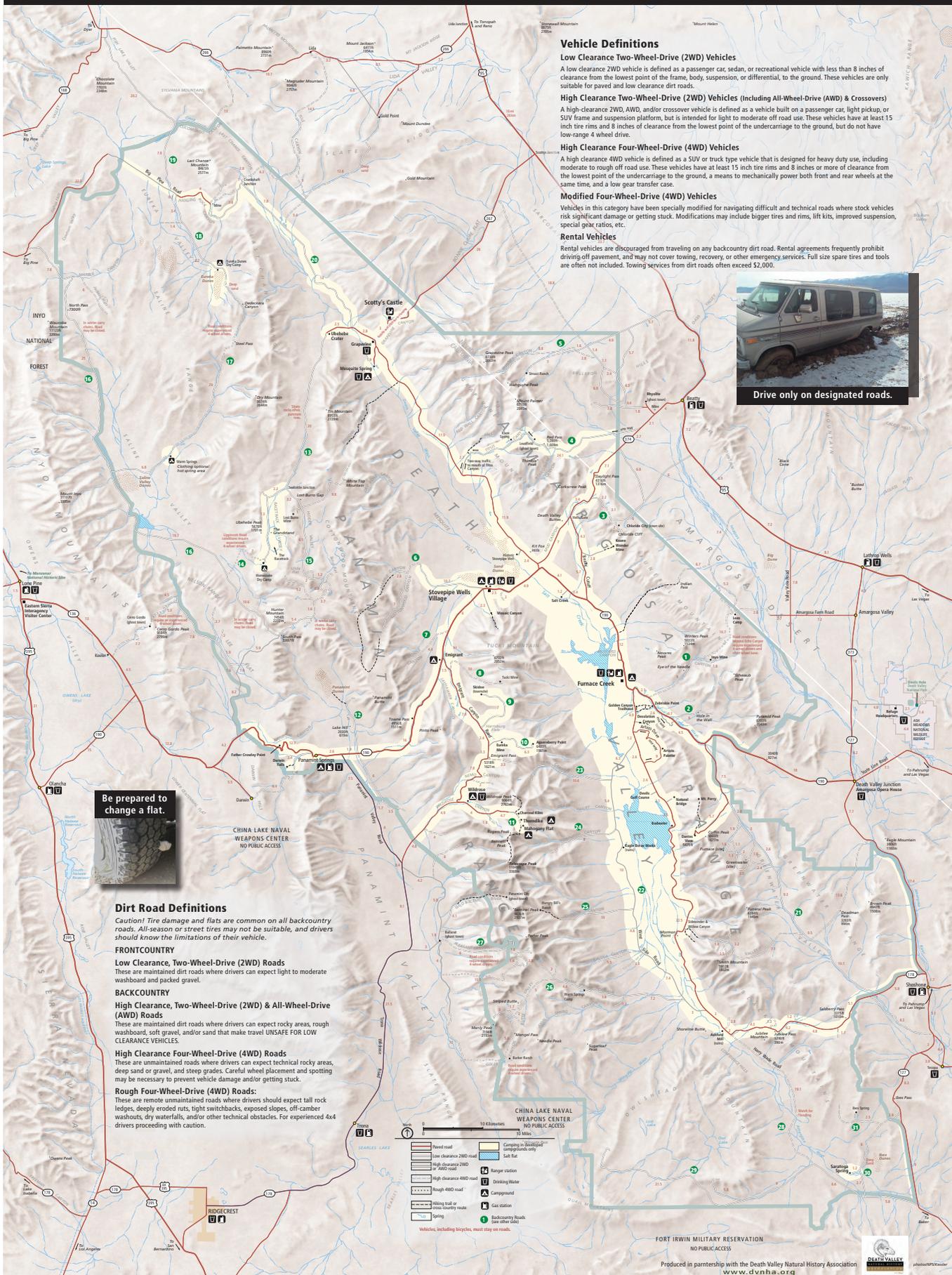
<u>Special Views/subjects offered</u>	
Sunset / Sunrise	

Scenic	Unusual craters (no meteor!)
Geologic Formations/Colors	Volcanic crater 600 feet deep, 1/2 mile across formed by steam explosion when liquid magma reached ground water. Surrounded by ensuing cinder fields. A smaller crater "Little Hebe" is nearby.
Wildlife	
Wildflowers	
Architecture	
History	
Astro	
Cultural	
<u>Circumstances of Visits</u>	
Accessibility	Unpaved access road. Rim trail ≈ 1.5 miles around (0.5 miles Best to stay on trail due to loose volcanic debris. Crater floor accessible (so bragging rights to walk on the floor of a volcano's crater!), but steep (500 ft. ≈ .25mile!) climb out may be difficult due to loose material/gravel.

Features/amenities	Unpaved car park on a one way loop road directly on the crater's rim. No shade, no toilets, no water, no gas, no cell reception. Nearest toilet Grapevine Ranger Station (6 miles away).
Photographing suggestions	Craters; Grand, starkly beautiful, dramatic desert views. Fewer crowds. Potentially high winds.
	The crater is $\approx$ an hour north of Stovepipe Wells on (closed) Scotty's Castle Rd., but detour route is $>$ 4.5 hrs.



# Backcountry & Wilderness Access Map



## Vehicle Definitions

### Low Clearance Two-Wheel-Drive (2WD) Vehicles

A low clearance 2WD vehicle is defined as a passenger car, sedan, or recreational vehicle with less than 8 inches of clearance from the lowest point of the frame, body, suspension, or differential, to the ground. These vehicles are only suitable for paved and low clearance dirt roads.

### High Clearance Two-Wheel-Drive (2WD) Vehicles (Including All-Wheel-Drive (AWD) & Crossovers)

A high-clearance 2WD, AWD, and/or crossover vehicle is defined as a vehicle built on a passenger car, light pickup, or SUV frame and suspension platform, but is intended for light to moderate off road use. These vehicles have at least 15 inch tire rims and 8 inches of clearance from the lowest point of the undercarriage to the ground, but do not have low-range 4 wheel drive.

### High Clearance Four-Wheel-Drive (4WD) Vehicles

A high clearance 4WD vehicle is defined as a SUV or truck type vehicle that is designed for heavy duty use, including moderate to rough off road use. These vehicles have at least 15 inch tire rims and 8 inches or more of clearance from the lowest point of the undercarriage to the ground, a means to mechanically power both front and rear wheels at the same time, and a low gear transfer case.

### Modified Four-Wheel-Drive (4WD) Vehicles

Vehicles in this category have been specially modified for navigating difficult and technical roads where stock vehicles risk significant damage or getting stuck. Modifications may include bigger tires and rims, lift kits, improved suspension, special gear ratios, etc.

### Rental Vehicles

Rental vehicles are discouraged from traveling on any backcountry dirt road. Rental agreements frequently prohibit driving off pavement, and may not cover towing, recovery, or other emergency services. Full size spare tires and tools are often not included. Towing services from dirt roads often exceed \$2,000.



Drive only on designated roads.

Be prepared to change a flat.



## Dirt Road Definitions

Caution! Tire damage and flats are common on all backcountry roads. All-season or street tires may not be suitable, and drivers should know the limitations of their vehicle.

### FRONTCOUNTRY

#### Low Clearance, Two-Wheel-Drive (2WD) Roads

These are maintained dirt roads where drivers can expect light to moderate washboard and packed gravel.

### BACKCOUNTRY

#### High Clearance, Two-Wheel-Drive (2WD) & All-Wheel-Drive (AWD) Roads

These are maintained dirt roads where drivers can expect rocky areas, rough washboard, soft gravel, and/or sand that make travel UNSAFE FOR LOW CLEARANCE VEHICLES.

#### High Clearance Four-Wheel-Drive (4WD) Roads

These are unmaintained roads where drivers can expect technical rocky areas, deep sand or gravel, and steep grades. Careful wheel placement and spotting may be necessary to prevent vehicle damage and/or getting stuck.

#### Rough Four-Wheel-Drive (4WD) Roads:

These are remote unmaintained roads where drivers should expect tall rock ledges, deeply eroded ruts, tight switchbacks, exposed slopes, off-camber washouts, dry waterfalls, and/or other technical obstacles. For experienced 4x4 drivers proceeding with caution.



- Solid road
- Low clearance 2WD road
- High clearance 2WD/AWD road
- High clearance 4WD road
- Rough 4WD road
- Milling trail or cross-country route
- Spacing
- Camping in Backcountry (No public access)
- Salt flat
- Furgate station
- Drinking water
- Campground
- Gas station
- Backcountry Roads (Use other link)
- Spring

Vehicles, including bicycles, must stay on roads.

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Date	Moon			Sun		Milky Way			Galactic Center Visibility			Galactic Center Position
	☾ Illumination	🌒 Moonrise	🌑 Moonset	🌇 Sunset	🌄 Sunrise	🌌 Start	🌌 End	🕒 Hours	🌌 Start	🌌 End	🕒 Hours	🌌 Average elevation
3-Jan	100%	17:32	8:39 +1	17:05	7:17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-Jan	45%	1:10 +1	11:26	17:11	7:17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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21-Feb	30%	9:23 +1	22:51	17:54	6:45	3:11	5:18	2:07	3:11	5:18	2:07	Arch (10°) - Arch (35°)
28-Feb	95%	15:15	5:42 +1	18:01	6:36	2:44	5:10	2:25	-	-	-	-
7-Mar	80%	23:44	9:50 +1	19:07	7:26	3:16	6:00	2:43	-	-	-	-
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-  Best days to photograph the Milky Way
-  Days where the Milky Way is only visible for a short time
-  Days where the Milky Way is not visible

**NOTE:** Milky Way calendar created for Big Sur (California) and locations along the 36° North latitude line. To download other Milky Way calendars, visit: [capturetheatlas.com](https://capturetheatlas.com)

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## Father Crowley Vista Point & Overlook

### LOCALE

[The Father Crowley Overlook  
≈ 1 minute paved road drive  
east of Father Crowley Vista  
Point]

Near western park boundary ≈  
30 minutes east of 136 & 190  
intersection, 45 minutes west  
of Stovepipe Wells

GPS36.3518636,-117.5507336

Elev. 4230 feet

Rainbow Canyon from Father Crowley parking:



<u>Special Views/subjects offered</u>	
Sunset / Sunrise	Dramatic view over canyons and rocky hills made colorful by the setting sunlight
Scenic	(from the parking area) Dramatic view of Rainbow Canyon & (from the F C Overlook) northern Panamint Valley
Geologic Formations/Colors	Sunset light reportedly picks up reds, pinks and grays in the volcanic rock
Wildlife	
Wildflowers	
Architecture	
History	Father Crowley was an Irish Catholic priest (1891-1940) known as the “Desert Padre” who advocated for Owens Valley residents in California’s water wars. Crowley Lake also is named in his honor.
Astro	
Cultural	

<u>Circumstances of Visits</u>	
Accessibility	<p>Wheelchair accessible.</p> <p>The drive along Highway 190 is all paved.</p> <p>No cell service + likely little or no phone-based GPS service.</p>
Features/amenities	<p>Paved parking immediately off 190 for autos/RV's.</p> <p>Vault toilet.</p> <p>[No parking space or facilities at Father Crowley Overlook]</p>
Photographing suggestions	<p>The highly accessible site may be crowded.</p>

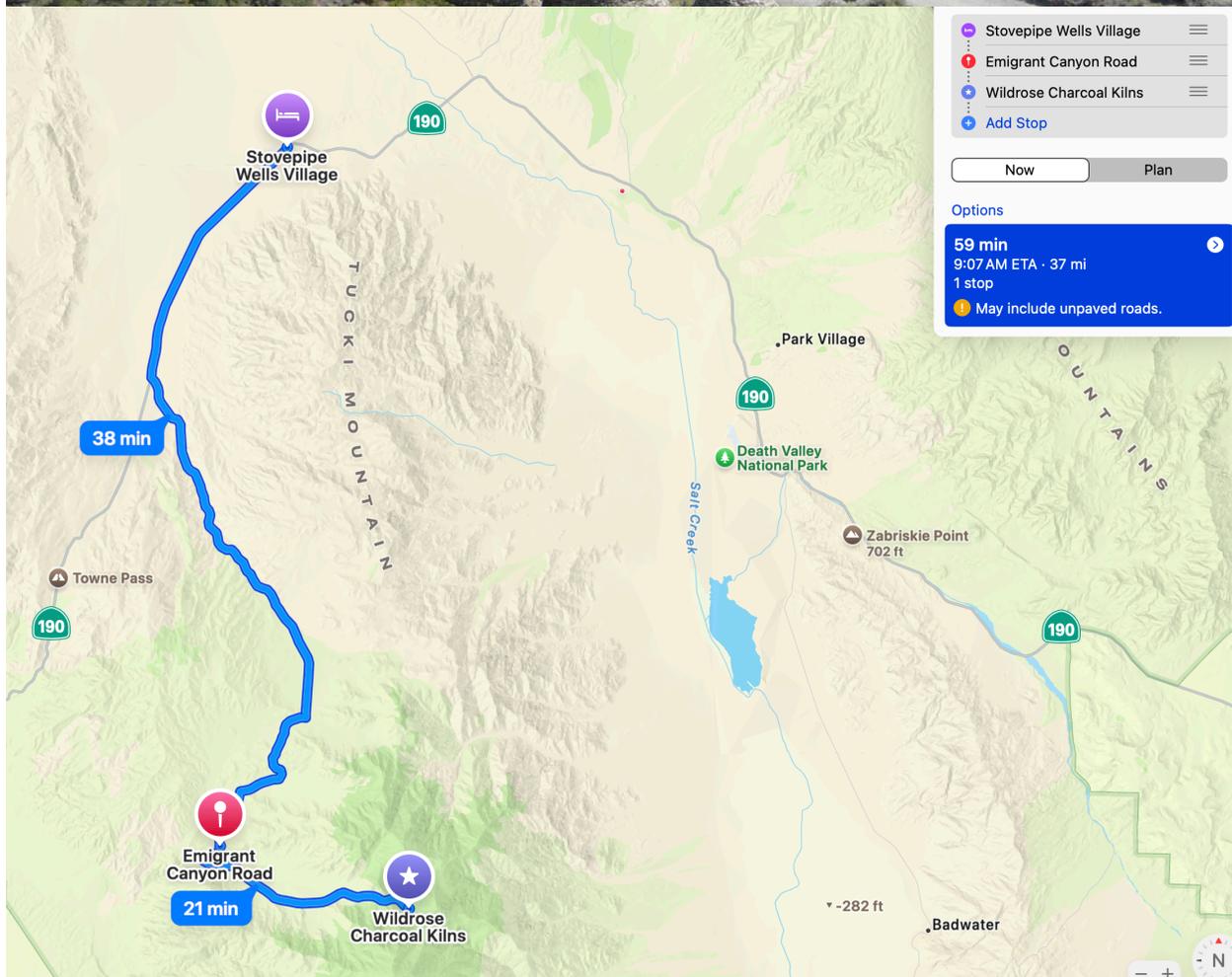
# WILDROSE CHARCOAL KILNS

## LOCALE

Central area of the Park; along Charcoal Kilns Rd. off Emigrant Canyon Road, about 1 hour south of Stovepipe Wells

36.24649, -117.07621

Elev. 4186 feet



<u>Special Views/subjects offered</u>	Views of Wildrose Peak and intervening valleys and hills
Sunset / Sunrise	
Scenic	
Geologic Formations/Colors	
Wildlife	
Wildflowers	
Architecture	Stone kilns once used to produce charcoal by slowly charring wood/organic matter in a kiln from which air is excluded; resulting charcoal was used for a furnace fuel, as it burned more slowly than wood and created a much greater heat that was needed for the refining of ores.
History	Completed in 1877 to provide charcoal fuel for silver mine smelters 25 miles west, for less than 3 years
Astro	Nighttime photography technicians check out this "how I got the shot" article & photo: <a href="https://www.nationalparksatnight.com/blog/2017/12/16/how-i-got-the-shot-wildrose-charcoal-kilns-of-death-valley-national-park">https://www.nationalparksatnight.com/blog/2017/12/16/how-i-got-the-shot-wildrose-charcoal-kilns-of-death-valley-national-park</a>

Cultural	No evidence survives of a "Wildrose" town, settlement or community.
<u>Circumstances of Visits</u>	
Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On Emigrant Canyon Road 28.2 miles to the Charcoal Kilns; the last 2.1 miles (Charcoal Kilns Rd.) are rutted gravel, but typically suitable for most cars.</li> <li>• Kilns are located within viewing distance of the parking area.</li> <li>• Short walk on uneven terrain allows exploring around the kilns.</li> <li>• The road past the Kilns is reportedly rougher, and high clearance vehicles are recommended.</li> </ul>
Features/amenities (parking)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packed gravel parking lot beside the road.</li> <li>• Restroom</li> </ul>
Photographing suggestions	

# AGUEREBERRY POINT

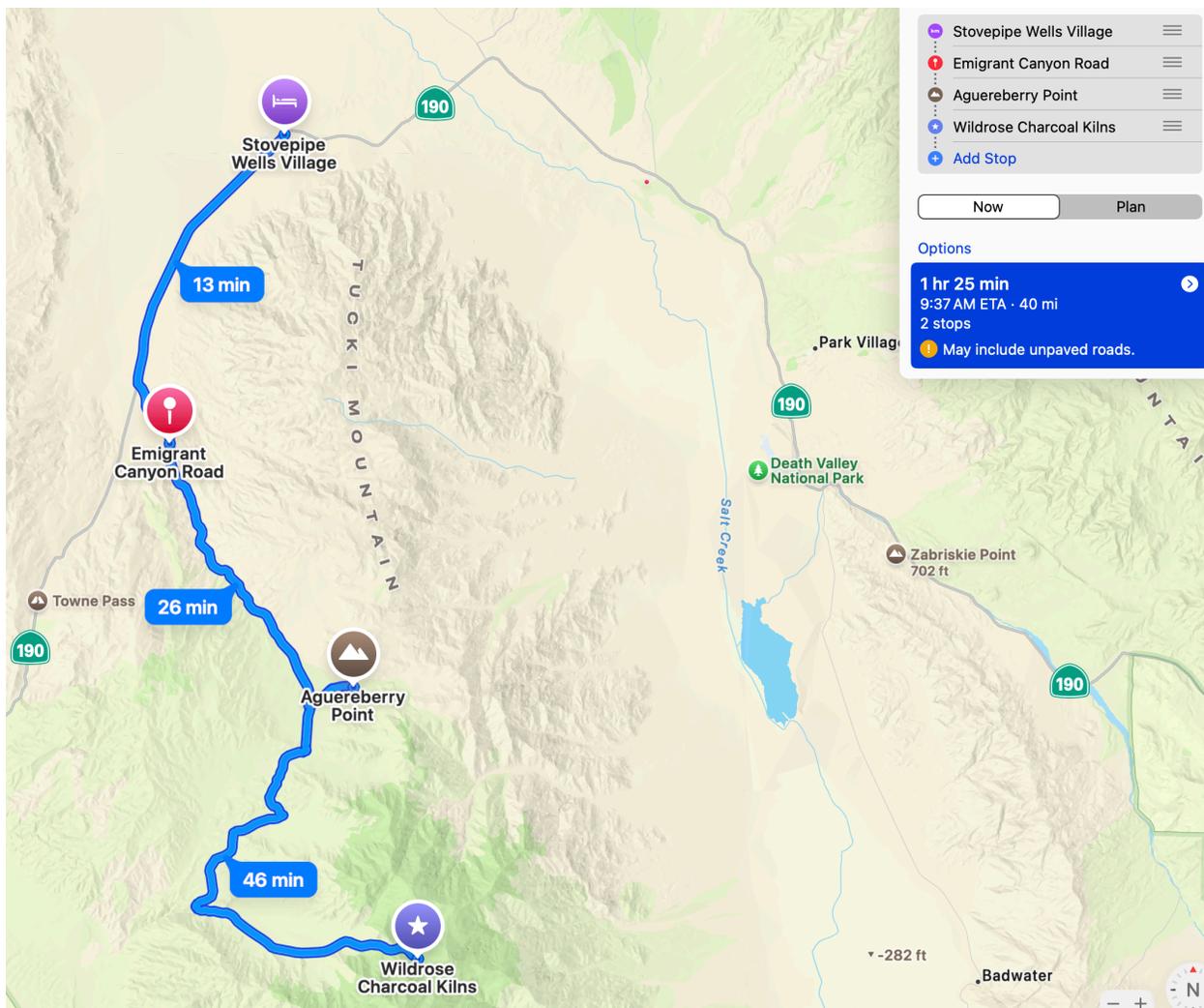
## LOCALE

West: Aguerberry Point Road  
Off Wildrose Road ≈  
45 minutes south of Stovepipe  
Wells, 45 minutes north of  
Wildrose Charcoal Kilns.

36.3579784, -117.0481596  
(parking lot)

Parking Lot Elevation ≈ 6080 ft.

Aguereberry Point Elevation ≈  
6420 ft.



<u>Special Views/subjects offered</u>	
Sunset / Sunrise	Recommended.
Scenic	Expansive views of Death Valley, including Furnace Creek, Badwater Basin salt flats (282 below sea level!) and, 80 miles to the east in Nevada, the 11,900-ft peak of Mount Charleston.
Geologic Formations/Colors	
Wildlife	
Wildflowers	
Architecture	Along Aguerberry Point Rd. are remains of Aguerberry's camp and his Eureka Mine, including mining equipment and machinery.
History	Named after Jean Pierre "Pete" Aguerberry, a Basque miner who arrived from France in 1890. He worked and resided at the nearby Eureka Mine from 1905 until his death in 1945.
Astro	
Cultural	
<u>Circumstances of Visits</u>	

Accessibility	An adventurous drive. Starting from the paved Emigrant Canyon Road, the unpaved road to the summit is 6.4 miles long. Over this distance, the elevation gain is 1,316 ft over gravel with steep, tight turns. Standard vehicles might be able to navigate it conditions permitting but high clearance vehicles are recommended. Take it slow and careful.
Features/amenities (parking)	Packed dirt parking lot
Photographing suggestions	Fewer crowds than Zabriskie Point. Consider wide angle lens for panoramic shots.

# Death Valley Site Summary: **Mosaic Canyon Trailhead**

## LOCALE

≈10 minutes south of  
Stovepipe Wells

GPS: 36.57206, -117.14438

ELEVATION: 935 ft.

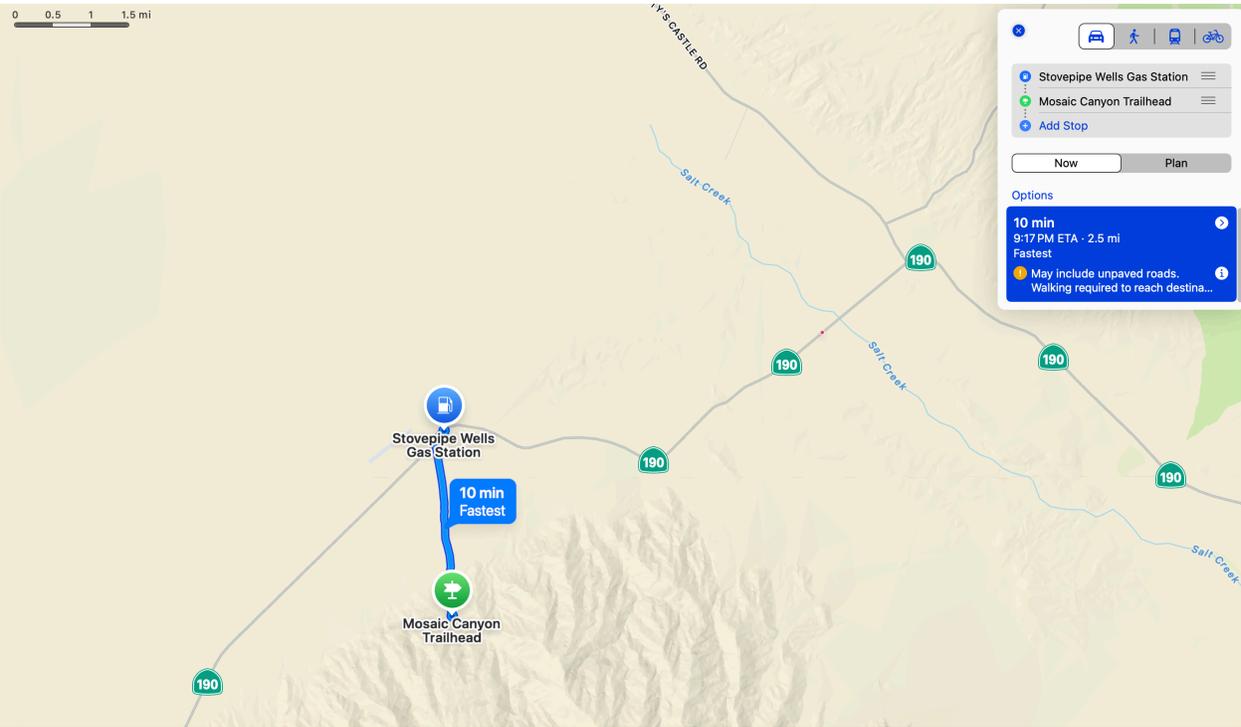


<u>Special Views/subjects offered</u>	
Sunset / Sunrise	
Scenic	Slot canyon
Geologic Formations/Colors	Marble, granite, basalt walls lining narrow canyon which is the route of grit-laden flash floods sculpting and polishing sections of the rock smooth over 100's of millions of years

Wildlife	
Wildflowers	
Architecture	
History	
Astro	
Cultural	
<u>Circumstances of Visits</u>	
Accessibility - (drive, walk easy/hard/long/short/paved unpaved)	Unpaved 2.5 mile uphill, rocky dirt/gravel road to gravel parking lot, sitting 1/4 mile from start of rock canyon. Trail in places requires bouldering, not hiking, on smooth, slippery rock. Avoid if rain is forecast. Good visit on windy days, where often-narrow trail reduces
Features/amenities (parking)	Gravel parking. No toilets.
Photographing suggestions	“A geological wonder” of varying rock formations and colors, many of which are visible in the first 1/2 uphill mile of the 4-mile out & back path.



0 0.5 1 1.5 mi



Car, Pedestrian, Bus, Bicycle

Stovepipe Wells Gas Station  
Mosaic Canyon Trailhead  
Add Stop

Now Plan

Options

10 min  
9:17 PM ETA - 2.5 mi  
Fastest  
May include unpaved roads.  
Walking required to reach destina...

# MESQUITE FLAT SAND DUNES

## LOCALE

Stovepipe Wells Village is 2 miles west

GPS 36.606184, -117.115363

Elev. at parking lot  $\approx$  165 ft. above sea level (Dunes themselves vary by several hundred feet)



<u>Special Views/subjects offered</u>	
Sunset / Sunrise	Dramatic shadows at sunrise & sunset when ripples and edges in the dunes stand out in greater contrast
Scenic	
Geologic Formations/Colors	Pitched/sloping sand dunes, scattered brush, distant mountains
Wildlife	Reptiles, including sidewinder rattlesnakes; nocturnal kangaroo rats
Wildflowers	Mesquite trees; wildflowers in spring
Architecture	
History	
Astro	Open area for dark night skies
Cultural	
<u>Circumstances of Visits</u>	
Accessibility	Paved drive, parking (auto, RV); Unpaved hike on soft sand, no shade
Features/amenities (parking)	Restrooms (Vault/Composting) at parking area
Photographing suggestions	Avoid hiking in afternoon heat. Crowds expected at times due to its easy accessibility.

# Death Valley Site Summary: **Devil's Cornfield**

## LOCALE [Coordinates Updated]

Adjacent to Highway 190, ≈6 miles, ≈9 minutes east of Stovepipe Wells Village, and <5 miles east of Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes Trailhead

GPS: ≈ 36.62576, -117.05604

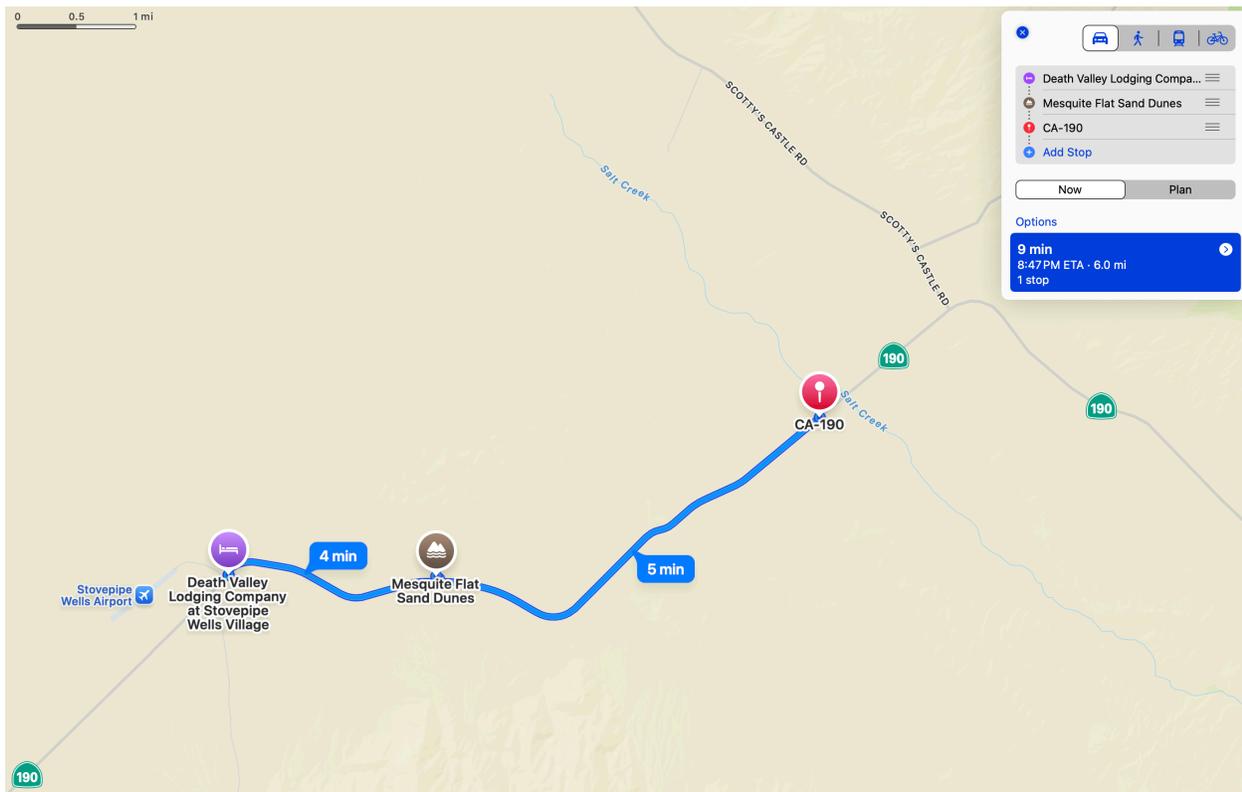
ELEVATION: ≈ -80 ft.



<u>Special Views/subjects offered</u>	
Sunset / Sunrise	
Scenic	

Geologic Formations/Colors	Wide, relatively flat rocky & sandy plain running for $\approx 1.5$ miles along both sides of Highway 190
Wildlife	
Wildflowers	Abundant rows of tall, spiky arrowweed plants uniquely growing out of the rock & resembling vertical bundles of corn. Other vegetation may include saltbush, creosote bush, and mesquite trees.
Architecture	
History	Native Americans once used different parts of the arrowweed for making arrow shafts and thatched roofs
Astro	
Cultural	
<u>Circumstances of Visits</u>	
Accessibility - (drive, walk easy/hard/long/short/paved unpaved)	Paved drive on 190, with a few small roadside paved parking areas; using these access points can help avoid damage to fragile vegetation.
Features/amenities (parking)	“Cornfield” is a relatively flat, easy walk.

Photographing suggestions	Shadows help emphasize the unique bundles, so shoot early in the day or late in the day with sun low.



# Death Valley Site Summary: **BADWATER BASIN**

## LOCALE

Parking  $\approx$  30 minutes south of Furnace Creek.  
South of Zabriskie Point, south of Devil's Golf Course.  
20 min. south of Artists Palette.

GPS: 36.22991, -116.76722  
(@parking)

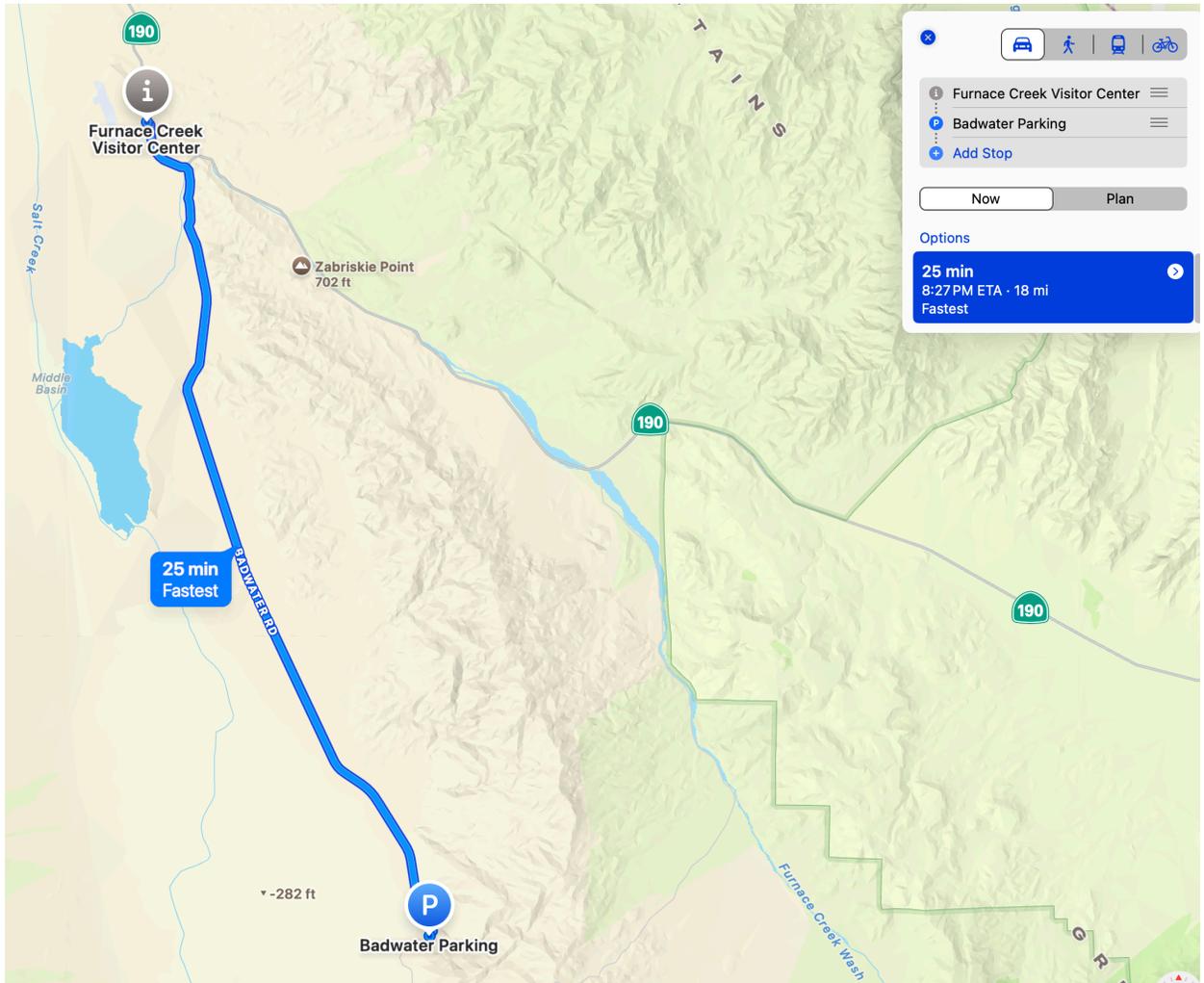
ELEVATION: -270 ft.



<u>Special Views/subjects offered</u>	
Sunset / Sunrise	
Scenic	Salt flats, distant mountains
Geologic Formations/Colors	Salt polygons

Wildlife	<p>Drive paved road.  Hike up to 1 mile each way on easy partial paved (hard-packed sand), partial wooden boardwalk.  No trail beyond the 1-mile boardwalk walking on the vast expanse of salt flats.</p>
Wildflowers	
Architecture	
History	
Astro	
Cultural	
<u>Circumstances of Visits</u>	
Accessibility	Easy paved drive, parking
Features/amenities (parking)	<p>Toilet located near parking lot.  No shade.  Crowds expected; popular site.</p>

Photographing suggestions	<p>Shoot the "Sea Level" sign high up the cliffs above the road with a long lens. The Basin is the lowest point in North America at 282 ft. below sea level.</p> <p>[There is also a handier "sea level" sign for the park itself on the northwest corner of Highway 190 &amp; Badwater Road opposite the Inn at Death Valley]</p> <p>Iconic salt polygons are reached in <math>\approx</math> 1/4 mile unless crushed by crowds, then must walk further to find polygons less damaged by visitor traffic.</p>



Furnace Creek Visitor Center

Zabriskie Point  
702 ft

25 min  
Fastest

-282 ft

Badwater Parking

Navigation sidebar with icons for car, walking, bus, and bicycle. It lists the route: Furnace Creek Visitor Center to Badwater Parking. It includes a 'Plan' button and an 'Options' section showing a travel time of 25 minutes, an 8:27 PM ETA, and a distance of 18 miles at the fastest speed.

## Death Valley Site Summary: **Artist's Palette**

### LOCALE

Off Badwater Rd.  
50 minutes S.E. of Stovepipe  
Wells Village  
30 minutes S. of Furnace  
Creek Parking  
20 minutes N. of Badwater  
Basin Parking  
30 minutes N. of Natural Bridge  
Trailhead

GPS: 36.32992, -116.82985  
(Artists Dr. entrance from  
Badwater Dr.)  
36.36353, -116.80274 (Main  
parking, toilet)

ELEVATION: -160 ft. (Badwater  
/Artists Dr.); 639 ft (main  
parking/toilet)

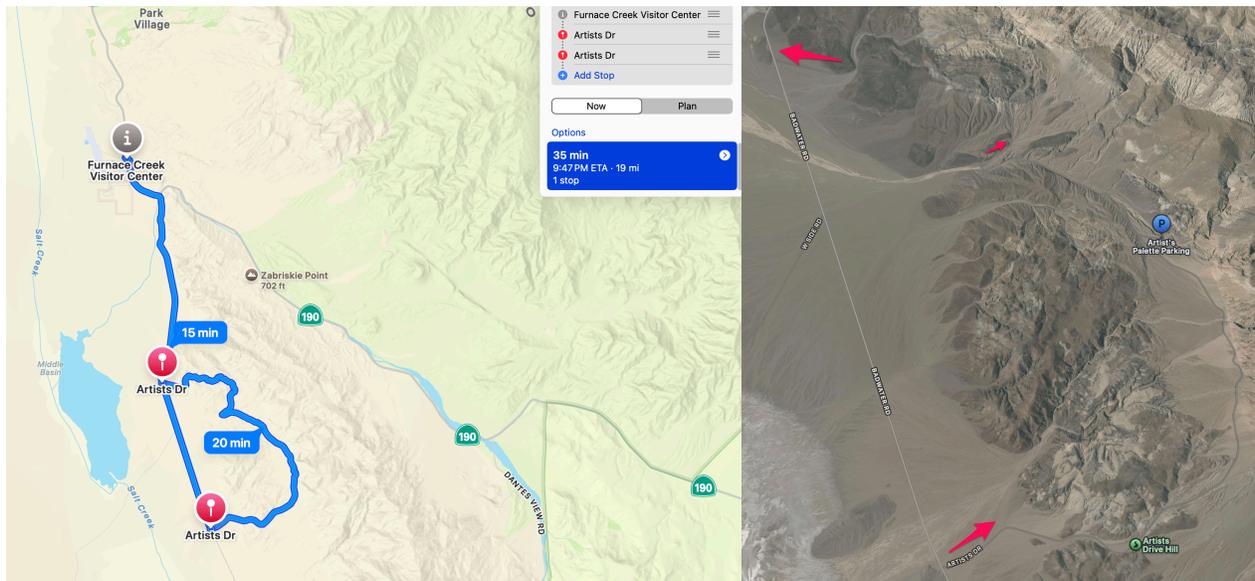
Sample Photo; your results may vary! 😊



<u>Special Views/subjects offered</u>	
Sunset / Sunrise	Yes!
Scenic	Yes!
Geologic Formations/Colors	Varied colors caused by oxidation of different metals, minerals, volcanic ash from chemical weathering and hydrothermal alteration. Mountain Range
Wildlife	
Wildflowers	Some hardy creosote bush
Architecture	
History	
Astro	
Cultural	
<u>Circumstances of Visits</u>	
Accessibility	Winding/tight turns, narrow, paved, one-way, ≈9-mile Artist's Drive with several pullout/parking areas. Main parking lot nearly halfway through the loop Drive is close to Artist's Palette Overlook
Features/amenities (parking)	Toilet No shade

<p>Photographing suggestions</p>	<p>Best colors are at sunrise/late afternoon/or sunset - so colors don't get washed out by bright mid-day sun.</p> <p>Artist's Palette Overlook itself - easy 5-10 minute hike from main parking lot. Good view of the colored rocks.</p> <p>Reportedly worth a hike/scramble past the overlook, across the narrow wash and up into the mountainside, about 1/3 mile loop up and back.</p> <p>Several unofficial trails weave through the colored rocks. Often busy at sunrise/sunset.</p>
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Artists Drive: Overview, including enter one-way (south to north), 9-mile Artists Drive from Badwater Road ➤



## Death Valley Site Summary: **Golden Canyon**

### LOCALE

Central part of the Park on Badwater Rd.  $\approx$  10 minutes south of Furnace Creek visitor center,  $\approx$  20 minutes north of Badwater Basin parking.

GPS: 36.42055, -116.84663  
Parking/toilet

ELEVATION: -164 ft.



<u>Special Views/subjects offered</u>	Multiple trails available to view multiple winding striking golden-hued canyons.
Sunset / Sunrise	Golden hours produce warm light on the rocks.
Scenic	Trails each have distinct landscapes that wind through towering walls of rock, along the edge of cliffs, sometimes through narrow paths and atop jagged canyon ridges.
Geologic Formations/Colors	Various rocky canyons offer primarily sedimentary rocks; display colors ranging from deep reds to bright yellows.
Wildlife	Potentially:may include bighorn sheep, lizards, and various bird species
Wildflowers	May be dotted with creosote bush, desert holly, and various cactus species.
Architecture	
History	
Astro	
Cultural	
<u>Circumstances of Visits</u>	

<p>Accessibility</p>	<p>Dirt/gravel parking immediately adjacent to paved Badwater Rd. Trails vary greatly in difficulty and length.</p>
<p>Features/amenities (parking)</p>	<p>Dirt/gravel parking. Vault toilet.</p>
<p>Photographing suggestions</p>	<p>Golden hours morning or evening = best light, and reportedly, shortly after sunrise is called “Golden Hour at Golden Canyon.” Very popular (potentially crowded) location because it’s readily accessible.</p>



# Death Valley Site Summary: **NATURAL BRIDGE**

## LOCAL

Central part of park  $\leq 1$  hr.  
south of SPW,  $\approx 15$  minutes  
north of Badwater Basin  
parking

GPS: 36.281164, -116.769925  
parking

ELEVATION: 351 ft. (parking)



<u>Special Views/subjects offered</u>	

Sunset / Sunrise	
Scenic	
Geologic Formations/Colors	Canyon made of a jagged rocky alluvial deposit (rock, gravel, and sediment washed to the base of an ancient mountain and cemented together). Bridge is 35 ft. over canyon floor.
Wildlife	
Wildflowers	
Architecture	
History	
Astro	
Cultural	
<u>Circumstances of Visits</u>	
Accessibility	Unpaved bumpy $\approx$ 1.6 mile Natural Bridge Rd. drive off paved Badwater Rd. From parking lot, no official trail, but rocky <1/2 mile straight up the wash (elev. gain 86 ft.) from parking brings hikers directly under bridge.
Features/amenities	Dirt/gravel parking. Vault toilet.

Photographing suggestions	Shoot morning or later afternoon for best light for photos underneath the bridge with sun not directly overhead. Popular, could be crowded

# Death Valley Site Summary: **HARMONY BORAX WORKS**

## LOCALE

5 minutes/2 miles north of Furnace Creek Visitor Center

GPS 36.48010, -116.87292

Elevation:  $\approx$  -240 ft.



<u>Special Views/subjects offered</u>	
Sunset / Sunrise	
Scenic	
Geologic Formations/Colors	
Wildlife	

Wildflowers	
Architecture	
History	Borax, used in 19th century gold mining, discovered in 1881; ore processing from mid-1880's for ≈ 5 years. Arduous "20 mule team" wagon haul to closest railhead, Mojave, CA (165 miles, ≈ 10 days)
Astro	
Cultural	
<u>Circumstances of Visits</u>	
Accessibility - (drive, walk easy/hard/long/short/paved unpaved	Paved drive, parking Easy half mile round trip loop flat paved walk around the site
Features/amenities	Paved parking
Photographing suggestions	Large transport wagons & related equipment Ruins of two remaining buildings



# ZABRISKIE POINT

## LOCALE

Central

30 miles/40 minutes south of  
Stovepipe Wells;  
5 miles/10 minutes south of  
Furnace Creek Visitor Center.  
Near: Badwater Basin  
Artists Palette  
Devil's Golf Course

GPS: 36.420785, -116.810119  
(parking) on Highway 190

Elev. 670 ft. (parking)  
Elev. 705 ft. (viewpoint)





<u>Special Views/subjects offered</u>	Scenic/panoramic views
Sunset / Sunrise	Recommended
Scenic	Recommended
Geologic Formations/Colors	Desert hills/mountains/valleys
Wildlife	
Wildflowers	
Architecture	
History	
Astro	A popular stargazing spot
Cultural	
<u>Circumstances of Visits</u>	A highly visited spot

Accessibility	Paved road to parking; Paved ramp up to viewpoint .3 - .4 miles ≤.5 hr.
Features/amenities (parking)	Vault toilets
Photographing suggestions	Arrive well before sunrise; crowds expected ! Arrive well before sunset; more crowds than sunrise !

## DEATH VALLEY SITE SUMMARY: **DANTE'S VIEW**

### LOCALE

45 minutes south of Furnace  
Creek Visitor Center  
30 minutes south of Zabriskie  
Point

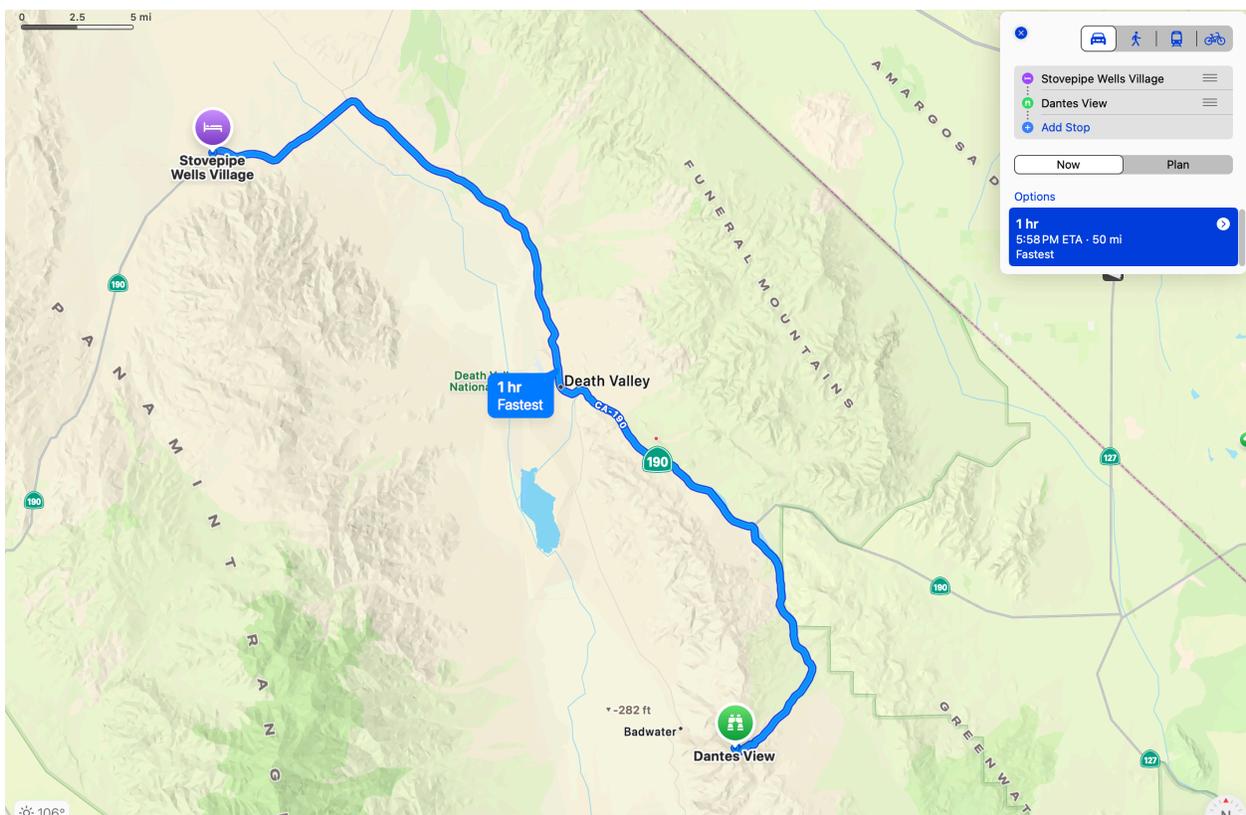
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Elevation: 5410 ft. (parking lot),  
2000 ft. (190 & Dante's Peak  
Rd., "bottom of the hill") in  
≈25+ minute drive (≈13+ miles)



<u>Special Views/subjects offered</u>	
Sunset / Sunrise	
Scenic	Iconic & dramatic panoramic views!
Geologic Formations/Colors	Mountains, salt flats (which are $\approx$ 6000 ft. below DP's viewpoints)
Wildlife	
Wildflowers	
Architecture	
History	
Astro	
Cultural	
<u>Circumstances of Visits</u>	
Accessibility - (drive, walk easy/hard/long/short/paved unpaved)	<p>Paved parking lot on paved Dantes View Road.</p> <p>The road, with sharp hairpin turns in the last 5 miles, rises very steeply particularly in the last 2/3 mile (with some 13% gradients) to the parking lot at elevation <math>\approx</math> 5500 ft. adjacent to the viewpoint ridge.</p> <p>Easy unpaved trail hike along the viewpoint ridge (elevation gain <math>\approx</math> 200 ft.), length at photographer's discretion up to 1 mile.</p>
Features/amenities (parking)	

Photographing suggestions	Popular site. Both of Death Valley's elevation extremes, 282 feet below sea level and 11,049 feet above, can be seen in a single birds eye view.
	Consider bringing a sweater or windbreaker, as temperatures can at times decrease 25 degrees from the valley floor due to winds and high elevation.



# DEATH VALLEY SITE SUMMARY: **AMARGOSA OPERA HOUSE**

## LOCALE

≈ 40 min. southeast of Furnace Creek on Highway 127 just off Highway 190 @ Death Valley Junction

GPS: 36.30191, -116.41491

Elevation: 2050 ft.

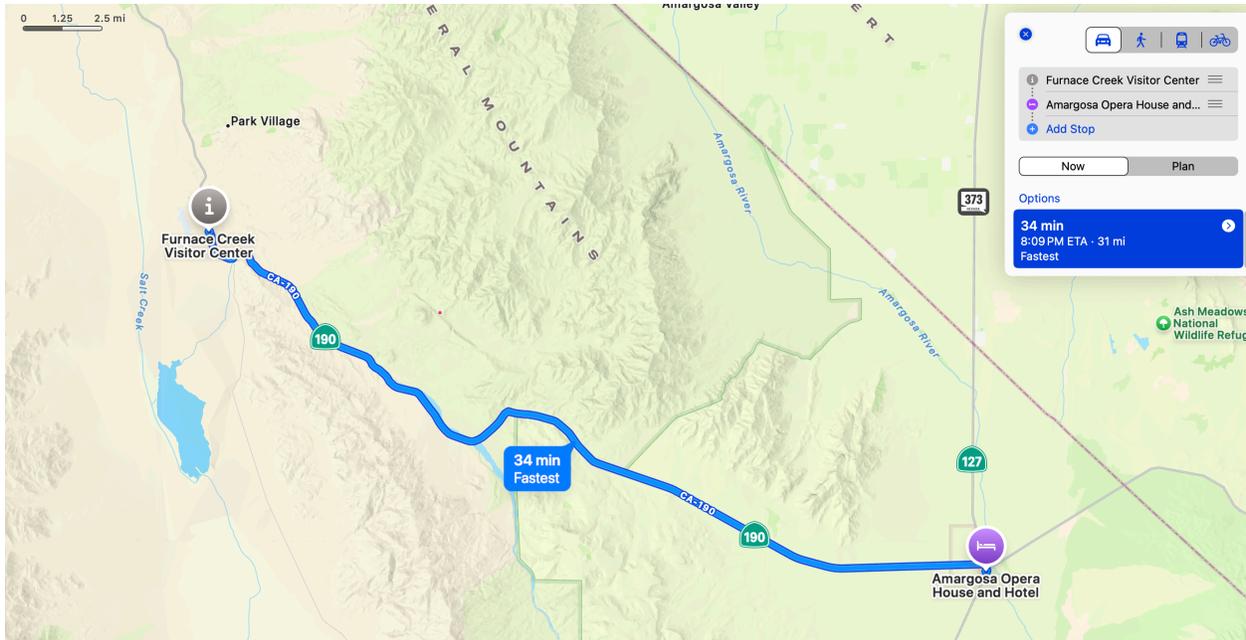
Building interior, Courtesy Truman Hostzclaw:



<u>Special Views/subjects offered</u>	Operating hotel and theater

Sunset / Sunrise	
Scenic	
Geologic Formations/Colors	
Wildlife	
Wildflowers	
Architecture	Building is from the mid-1920's, abandoned for some years before restoration was started in the mid-1960's.
History	
Astro	
Cultural	Marta Becket Museum - Opera's founder's history
<u>Circumstances of Visits</u>	
Accessibility -	Paved drive, parking
Features/amenities	<p>Hotel, theater.</p> <p>Bathrooms are available in the Opera House for tour guests.</p> <p><u>ARE BATHROOMS AVAILABLE TO VISITORS OTHER THAN TOUR PATRONS? FOOD?</u></p> <p>Building tours available</p> <p>No gas station, no dining.</p> <p>Nearest available are Amargosa Valley, NV (15 miles, food only), Furnace Creek, DV (≈30 miles northwest) and Pahrump, NV (≈30 miles east)</p>

Photographing suggestions	Building interiors; Elaborate wall & ceiling murals



## Death Valley Site Summary: **SARATOGA SPRING**

### LOCALE

Park's far southeast end near Ibex Dunes, south of Tecopa
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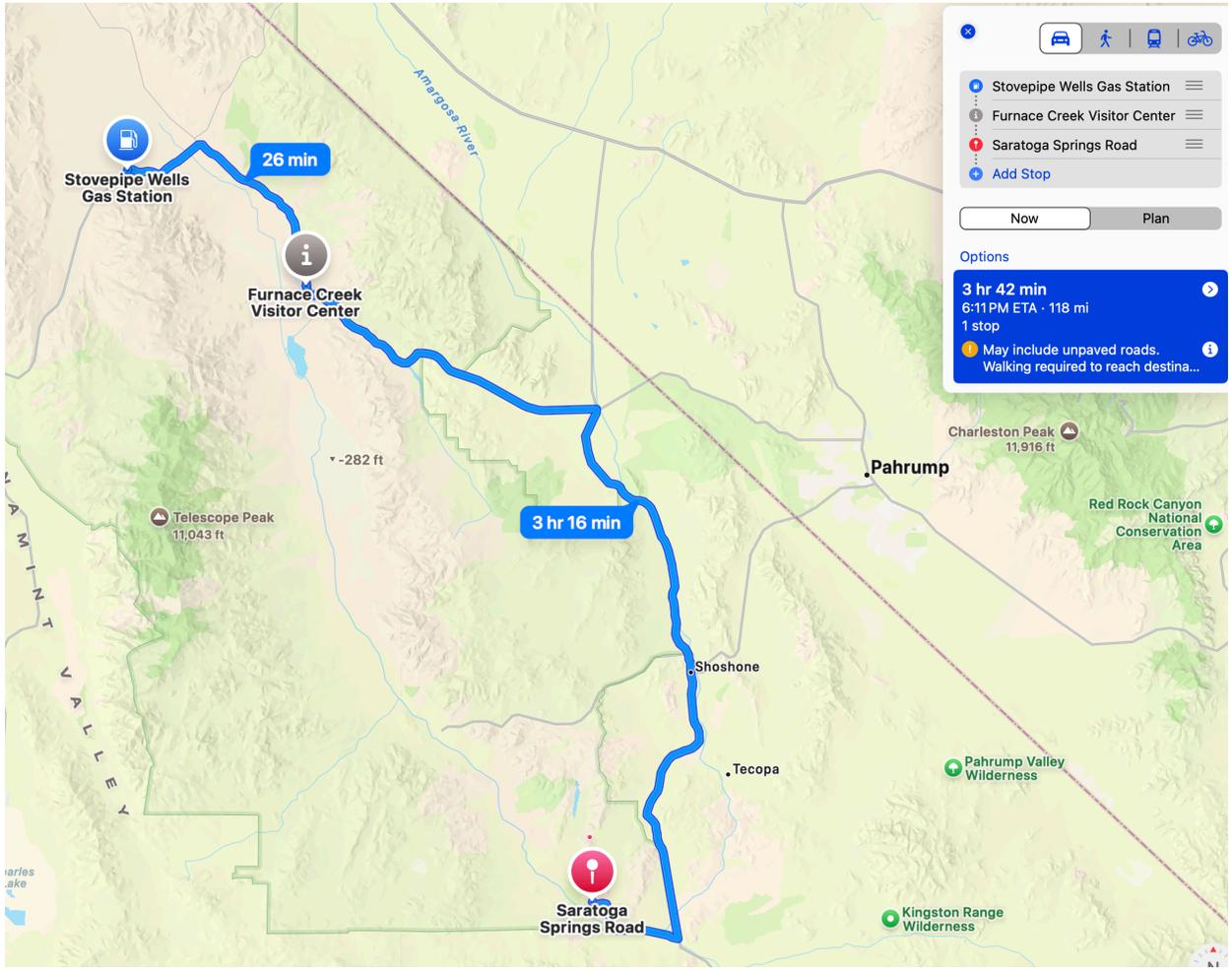
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ELEVATION: 194 ft.
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*The marsh at Saratoga Spring; the road to the Saratoga Mine is on the right*

<u>Special Views/subjects offered</u>	
Sunset / Sunrise	
Scenic	One writer calls it a “Serengeti-worthy watering hole.”
Geologic Formations/Colors	Wetland/marshy around the spring; rocky desert plain near rocky hills surrounding that.
Wildlife	Large spring creates a haven for birds, other wildlife. Unique pupfish in the spring itself.
Wildflowers	Reeds, bulrush, and saltgrass.
Architecture	
History	
Astro	
Cultural	
<u>Circumstances of Visits</u>	
Accessibility - (drive, walk easy/hard/long/short/paved unpaved	Saratoga Spring Rd.: Recommend high clearance vehicle due to rough washboard road. May be impassable when Amargosa
Features/amenities (parking)	Unpaved gravel, dirt road
Photographing suggestions	



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## Beatty NV

Citys & Local Facilities	Motels/Hotels	Address	misc
<b>Beatty Medical Center</b>	<b>Medical Clinic</b>	250 S. Irving St. (775) 990-1414	2 Doctors
<b>Beatty, NV,</b> Elevation ~ 3,500 ft	<b>Stagecoach Hotel &amp; Casino</b>	900 E. US 95 N (775)553-2419	Pools, wireless internet, Restaurant
Located on HWY US 95 South of Tonopah at intersection of 95 and 374 leading to Entrance of Death Valley (9 mi.)	<b>Motel 6</b>	550 US 95 (775)553-2333	
<b>38.8531707,-121.272533.7</b>	<b>Exchange Club Motel</b>	119 Main Street	
	<b>Death Valley Inn</b>	651 US 95 (775)553-9400	4.2 stars
	<b>El Portal Hotel</b>	420 Main Street (775)553-2912	<a href="https://ElportalMotel.com">https://ElportalMotel.com</a>
<b>Beatty Restaurants</b>	<b>Smokin J's BBQ</b>	107 W. Main Street (775) 553-5160	Opens 12 pm to 8 kpm
	<b>Gema's Café</b>	1041 S. 2nd Street (775) 385-9967	Exchange Club Casino, 7 am to 7 pm
	<b>Sourdough Saloon</b>	106 Main Street (725)335-9790	takeout, dine in, cocktails, burgers, pizza, seafood
	<b>Mel's Diner</b>	600 US 95	Breakfast 6 am, Lunch 11 am to 3pm
	<b>VFW Beatty Post open noon to 9</b>	300 Main Street (775) 553-9312	Dine in, take out,
	<b>Road House 95</b>	100 Main Street (775)764-1822	LGBTQ Friendly
	<b>Death Valley Coffee Time 6:15 AM</b>	800 US 95 (775) 553-0950	in Death Valley Nut and Candy
	<b>Big Tony's Supper House and Breakfast Buffet</b>	151 S 2nd Street (775)553-6253	<a href="http://www.BigTonysBeatty.com">www.BigTonysBeatty.com</a>
	<b>Denny's</b>	900 US 95	opens 5 am
	<b>Subway</b>	900 US 95	opens 6 am
<b>Beatty Fueling</b>	<b>Electrical Charging station</b>	Casino Beatty	Super Charging 150 KW, Tesla
<b>Gasoline stations</b>	<b>Eddie World</b>	900 E US 95 North Beach Street	Closes 10 pm
	<b>Arco</b>	102 US 95 (775)-553-2378	Open 24 hrs
	<b>Rebel Conveniences Store</b>	102 Main Street (775) 553-2378	Open 24 hrs

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