



JPL Hiking+ Event

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Death Valley Carcamp

Friday, January 12 - Monday, January 15



Trip Leader: Slade White (818) 354-5078

Classification: Easy to difficult, up to you...

Trip Limit: 15 people

Cost: \$ 5-10 / person + gas, food, etc.

Trip Description: Death Valley, at the Western edge of the great Basin and Range, is a fascinating and mysterious National Park. It is a haunting desert environment with revealing and dramatic geology. This is a car camp trip and the campsite will serve as a sort of base camp from which hikers and 4WD drivers can take off on day trips. Those along for the event can either join the group for hikes or choose their own.

A few hikes that we may try include Fall Canyon, Chloride Cliff, Gower Gulch, hikes along the Valley floor, sand dunes, the Badwater Basin, and Racetrack Valley. We are also open to suggestions...

Camping: We have two large campsites reserved at Furnace Creek. The Furnace Creek camping area is located near the National Park Visitor Center and is 196 feet below sea level - exciting! The campsite has flush toilets, pay showers, water, tables, and fireplaces - also exciting!

Equipment: The most important item on your list will be water/water bottles. It is winter, but it is recommended that you carry an average of 2 quarts of water per person per day. You can replenish your water at the camping area.

Please bring clothes that will keep you warm on cold nights and cool on warm day hikes. The average daytime temperatures at Furnace Creek in January are around 59 degrees Fahrenheit. The average night temperatures are around 30 degrees Fahrenheit. A three season tent should suffice and we recommend bringing the usual camping gear, such as warm sleeping bags, lights, a stove, cookware, and food...

Times and Directions: We plan to leave the Pasadena area on Friday morning, January 12. You can join us on Saturday if you wish. We will depart Death Valley on Monday, January 15. The route and carpooling will be discussed at the pre-trip meeting.

Organizational Meeting : There will be an organizational meeting on Monday, January 8, 2001. We will meet at 12:00pm at the Western corner of the 303 JPL Cafeteria. If you do not have a JPL badge or will be unable to attend, please contact the trip leader before Thursday, January 4.

We hope that you will join us...