

Guest Directory





Dear Valued Guest,

Welcome to the hottest place on earth!

On behalf of the entire team here at Stovepipe Wells Village, I extend you a very warm welcome and trust your stay with us will be both enjoyable and comfortable.

This directory is filled with information intended to help you feel at ease in our hotel and the beautiful environment that surrounds it. Please feel free to ask any employee for assistance. Each member of our staff is willing to answer any questions you may have, to help you find direction, or provide a service which will make your stay special.

If you don't feel we are exceeding your expectations, please let us know. We will do everything in our power to make certain your trip to Death Valley National Park is a pleasant and memorable one.

Enjoy your stay and have fun!

With Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Hans Petersen".

Hans Petersen
General Manager
Death Valley Lodging Company

Death Valley Lodging Company
P.O. Box 158
Death Valley, CA 92328

The Story of Old Stovepipe Wells

In Death Valley, water is often the defining landmark. The well from which the area takes its name stood at the junction of two Indian trails in the sand dunes. As the only known waterhole in the dunes, it was vital long before it was named. However, sand storms in the vicinity often obscured the exact location of the well. When the mining towns of Rhyolite and Skidoo were booming, this well became the only known water source on the cross-valley road, which was then frequently traveled by miners – many of whom hadn't been through before and had difficulty locating the small well hidden in the vast dunes. After a long – ultimately successful search for the water they knew was there, two prospectors looked into their stores to find something handy with which to mark the well, a long length of stovepipe. From then on, the well bore a name, and the region surrounding it bore the name of the well: Stovepipe Wells.

Though no longer marked with a stovepipe, the well still remains. From here, head East (northeast) and take Scotty's Castle Road at the junction. The old well is just off the road in about three miles. It is marked with a sign.



Hotel Services

ATM: An ATM is located inside the General Store.

Cell Phone Service: Death Valley offers very limited cell phone service.

Checkout Time: Checkout time is 11:00 am. If your departure is delayed, please stop by the front desk to determine if an extension is possible.

Coffee: Complimentary coffeemakers are available for guest use in each room. Additional coffee grounds are available from the front desk. Complimentary brewed coffee to-go is available in the Guest Lounge in the morning or for purchase from the General Store.

Computer Service: Wi-fi is available in the Guest Lounge and Badwater Saloon. We utilize a satellite internet provider with very limited bandwidth. We respectfully request that you refrain from downloading large files, streaming video, or making on-line phone calls. We offer two computers and a printer for guest use in the Guest Lounge.

Cribs and Rollaway Beds: Cribs are available at no additional charge. Rollaway beds are available (some rooms only; some rooms are too small to accommodate rollaways) at an additional daily charge. Please request at the front desk.

Gasoline: The Stovepipe Wells gas station is located across the highway, next to the General Store. The pumps are available for credit card use 24/7 and with cash payment in the General Store. Regular unleaded (87 octane) gas is provided at the lowest prices (often by a wide margin) in Death Valley.

Group Sales/Banquets/Conference Room: Please consider Stovepipe Wells for your next conference. Our conference room can accommodate up to 50 people for banquets and 150 for receptions. For assistance, please contact the front desk at (760) 786-7090.

Hair Dryers: For your convenience, each guest room is equipped with a hair dryer.

Housekeeping: Guestrooms are cleaned daily between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. For service at a specific time, contact the Front Desk. Housekeeping can provide extra towels, pillows, blankets, drinking glasses, coffee mugs as well as other necessities you may have forgotten at home. Please ask any housekeeper or the front desk attendant. For your convenience, soap, shampoo and coffee are replenished daily in each guest room. The housekeeping staff make room check rounds daily; please place the "Do Not Disturb" sign on your doorknob when you do not wish to be disturbed. As a water saving measure, bed linens will be replaced during your visit only when you place the "Please Replace My Linens" card on the bed. Similarly, bath towels will only be replaced if they are not hung back up on the towel rack.

Ice Machines: These are located at the Roadrunner, 49er and Panamint Buildings.

Hotel Services

Irons & Ironing Boards: We have complimentary irons and ironing boards available for your use in each guest room.

Keys: An electronic key is issued to each new guest. For your safety, the room number is not printed on the key. Please keep your key in your possession during your stay. If lost or damaged, please see the Front Desk immediately.

Laundry: There is no guest laundry service available at Stovepipe Wells. Guest laundromats are available outside Death Valley National Park in Beatty, NV and Pahrump, NV.

Lost & Found: Please contact the Front Desk regarding any lost or found items.

Mail: Mail is picked up on Tuesday's and Friday's. The mail drop is inside the guest registration area. The US Post Office is located in Furnace Creek.

Maintenance: If you encounter problems with your room ranging from heating to plumbing, please contact the Front Desk.

Medical Emergencies: In the event of a medical emergency, please contact the front desk, which is open 24 hours a day. They will contact the National Park Service to assist you. The nearest non-emergency medical care is available in Beatty, NV, or Ridgecrest, CA.

Restaurants: The Tollroad Restaurant, serves breakfast and dinner. At the Badwater Saloon, you can enjoy over eighteen beers on tap including our own Stovepipe Wells Ale. Lunch and bar snacks are also available in the Saloon.

Shopping: The Nugget Gift Shop, adjacent to the guest registration area, offers handcrafted Native American jewelry, pottery, artwork, and rugs as well as postcards and other keepsakes. The General Store across the highway, offers food items, limited grocery, beverages, souvenirs, t-shirts, hats, and other items.

Smoke-Free: Smoking is prohibited in all public areas inside and outside the hotel and within 25 feet of all entrances. Additionally, all of our guest rooms are designated as non-smoking.

Swimming Pool: The swimming pool is open daily from 8:00 am until midnight. The pool is heated with a solar heating system that uses no outside energy. Pool towels are available at the Front Desk.

Wake-Up Calls: There are no phones available in the guest rooms. For your convenience, each guest room has an alarm clock. If you need help to ensure that your alarm is correctly set, or would like a personal wake-up call (knock), please contact the front desk.

Guest Safety

Emergency: Please contact the front desk or any Stovepipe Wells employee.

Smoke Alarms and Fire Sprinklers: The hotel is equipped with smoke alarms and sprinklers. Please evacuate the building if an alarm is triggered and contact the front desk .

Desert Safety Tips

- Drink 4-6 Liters of water per day.
- Make sure someone knows your plans. Complete a free backcountry permit
- Take plenty of water on your hikes.
- Keep extra water and food in your car. If your car breaks down stay with it until help arrives.
- Wear sunscreen and a sun hat.
- Pay special attention to children – they can't handle as much sun exposure.
- Take a map. GPS Navigators don't always recommend the best roads.
- Don't plan on cell phone coverage – to meet up with your group or even emergency help – much of the Valley has limited or no coverage.
- Take it easy! Visitors have died or been seriously injured in recent history by overestimating their abilities and underestimating the strength of the desert.
- Check road conditions before you go.



The Story of the Toll Road to Stovepipe Wells Village

Herman (Bob) Eichbaum sold everything, left West Virginia, and traveled to Death Valley. After building a power plant at Rhyolite, trying his hand at prospecting, and then starting a tourist business on Santa Catalina Island he felt the draw of Death Valley. In 1925, he went back to the Valley with the intention of building a grandiose resort at Hell's Gate, near the Death Valley Buttes overlooking the valley at Stovepipe Wells. There were no roads for this type of endeavor – neither to build the resort nor to bring tourists from California once it was built.

All of the roads in Death Valley and most of Amargosa Valley were simply maintained by its local users, since non-locals made use of them only rarely. They were simple, unpaved affairs, winding between water holes, and marked with little signs. Seeing an opportunity, Eichbaum started building a toll road that would both allow him to build his hotel as well as gain quick control of the money of every tourist entering Death Valley from the California side.

After hurdling obstacles put up by Inyo County and the Borax Company, he began to build. The road was called both, "One of the most remarkable feats of engineering of the present day" and, "The road to nowhere." With a crew of only six shovel men and a caterpillar tractor, it was most likely a lack of power that prevented Eichbaum from removing obstacles such as gigantic boulders debris and rocky outcroppings. Instead he simply designed the road to go around these obstacles.

When he was still at least twelve miles short of Hell's Gate and the originally planned hotel location, Eichbaum gave up on road building and began on the hotel just west of the dunes. Constructing the road had been much more costly and time consuming than original estimates indicated. Consequently, he drastically scaled back the plans for his resort. The magnificent hotel featuring Babylonian gardens, was now reduced to a handful of bungalows. Stovepipe Wells Hotel opened on November 1, 1926. Originally called Bungalowette and then Bungalow City, Eichbaum later appropriated the "Stovepipe Wells" from a spring 5 miles away.

Eichbaum's toll road, though unfinished and rough, led directly from a toll house to the hotel. The prices visitor's paid were: \$2.00 per car, 50¢ per person \$1.00 a head for animals, and trucks and wagons from \$4.50 to \$6.50 a ton. The slogan for Death Valley Toll Road: "One of the most unusual and grotesquely beautiful scenic wonders of the world."



STOVE PIPE WELLS HOTEL
DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL MONUMENT CALIF.

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Stargazing in Death Valley National Park



Visitors are drawn to Death Valley to view the sort of dark night sky visible from only a few places in the world. At night, you can not only see man-made satellites and various planets with the naked eye, but also gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the culture and ancient astronomy of this wild and rugged area.

Look skyward as the Native Americans did thousands of years ago. Imagine the Big Dipper as wayward rabbit hunters with their net or the smoky luminance of the Milky Way as a pathway to the afterlife as the Shoshone and other Great Basin tribes did. These stars signaled both the arrival of the season to plant crops and the moment to hold sacred ceremonies, in a vast cyclic measurement of time that seems a little strange in our modern anxious times.

Death Valley National Park was classified as a Dark Sky Park in 2013 by the International Dark-Sky Association

To help preserve these dark night skies, we have taken great steps to ensure that Stovepipe Wells is lit very low so you can enjoy the darkness while still navigating around the village safely.

Stovepipe Wells Village Map

STOVEPIPE WELLS VILLAGE

PARK ENTRANCE FEES NOT INCLUDED IN ROOM RATES
Ph: (760)786-7090



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Pool Open 8 am to Midnight	

Recycling Stations

Guest Smoking Areas

Front Desk Open 24 Hours a Day
Check out is before 11 am

Badwater Saloon Open 11:30 AM to 8:00 PM	Toll Road Restaurant Breakfast 7-10:30 AM Lunch/Dinner 11AM - 8 PM
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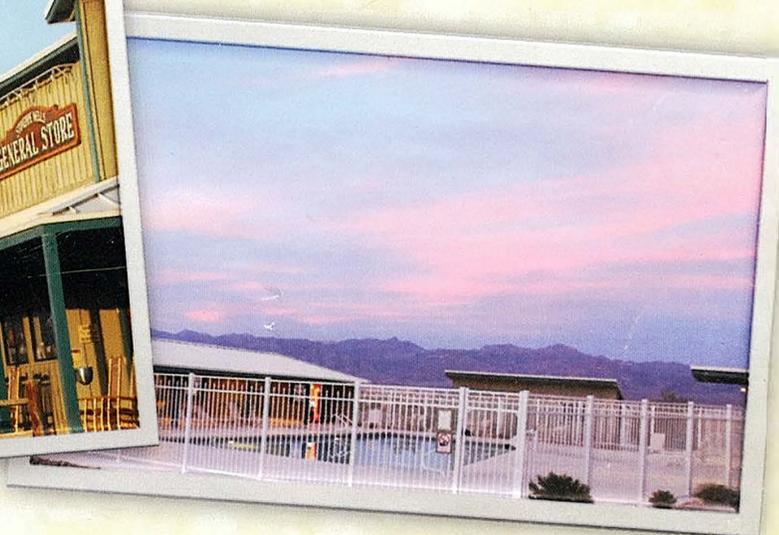
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Gas Station

General Store
7 am to 8 pm

NPS Campground



Weather & Climate



- Death Valley is famous as the hottest, driest place in North America.
- Higher elevations are cooler than the low valley. Temperatures drop 3° to 5°F with every thousand vertical feet.
- Sunny skies are the norm in Death Valley, but winter storms and summer monsoons can bring cloud cover and rain.
- Wind is common in the desert, especially in the spring. Dust storms can suddenly blow up with approaching cold fronts.
- Weather data was compiled from National Weather Service record summaries for the years 1911 through 2001 for Furnace Creek in Death Valley, California.

Temperatures and Precipitation

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Daily High (average)	67° F 19° C	73° F 23° C	82° F 27° C	90° F 32° C	99° F 37° C	109° F 43° C	116° F 46° C	115° F 46° C	106° F 41° C	93° F 34° C	77° F 25° C	65° F 18° C	91° F 33° C
Daily Low (average)	40° F 4° C	46° F 8° C	55° F 13° C	62° F 17° C	73° F 23° C	81° F 27° C	88° F 31° C	86° F 30° C	76° F 24° C	61° F 16° C	48° F 9° C	38° F 4° C	63° F 17° C
Record High	89° F 32° C	98° F 37° C	104° F 39° C	113° F 44° C	122° F 50° C	129° F 54° C	134° F 57° C	127° F 53° C	123° F 50° C	113° F 45° C	97° F 36° C	89° F 31° C	134° F 57° C
Record Low	15° F -9° C	21° F -6° C	26° F -3° C	23° F -3° C	42° F 6° C	49° F 10° C	52° F 11° C	64° F 18° C	41° F 5° C	32° F 0° C	24° F -4° C	19° F -7° C	15° F -9° C
Average Precipitation	.27" 0.7cm	.37" 0.9cm	.22" 0.6cm	.12" 0.3cm	.07" 0.2cm	.03" 0.1cm	.11" 0.3cm	.11" 0.3cm	.14" 0.4cm	.10" 0.3cm	.17" 0.5cm	.19" 0.5cm	1.94" 4.9cm

Changing Rainfall Patterns

Rainfall is 50% higher now than in the past. Yearly precipitation consistently averaged about 1.6 inches of rain for the first 60 years of record keeping. The last 30 years has seen an average increase, averaging 2.5 inches of rain a year.

Longest Summers

The greatest number of consecutive days with a maximum temperature of 100° F or above was 154 days in the summer of 2001. The summer of 1996 had 40 days over 120° F, and 105 days over 110° F. The summer of 1917 had 43 consecutive days with a high temperature of 120° F or above.

The Highest Ground Temperatures

The highest ground temperature recorded was 201° F at Furnace Creek on July 15, 1972. The maximum air temperature was 128° F. Ground temperature on the valley floor is about 40% higher than the surrounding air temperature.

Weather & Climate

Although many factors have created a desert in the southwest, Death Valley's unique geographic features cause desert conditions to become extreme.

Why so dry?

Winter storms moving inland from the Pacific Ocean must pass over mountain ranges to continue east. As the clouds rise up they cool and the moisture condenses to fall as rain or snow on the western side of the ranges. By the time the clouds reach the mountain's east side they no longer have as much available moisture, creating a dry "rainshadow". Four major mountain ranges lie between Death Valley and the ocean, each one adding to an increasingly drier rainshadow effect.

Why so hot?

The depth and shape of Death Valley influence its summer temperatures. The valley is a long, narrow basin 282 feet below sea level, yet is walled by high, steep mountain ranges. The clear, dry air and sparse plant cover allow sunlight to heat the desert surface. Heat radiates back from the rocks and soil, then becomes trapped in the valley's depths. Summer nights provide little relief as overnight lows may only dip into the 85° to 95° F range. Heated air rises, yet it is trapped by the high valley walls, is cooled and recycled back down to the valley floor. These pockets of descending air are only slightly cooler than the surrounding hot air. As they descend, they are compressed and heated even more by the low elevation air pressure. These moving masses of super heated air blow through the valley creating extreme high temperatures.



Weather Landmark 1913

4.54 inches of rain—highest recorded in a calendar year. **Coldest temperature:** 15° F recorded on January 8.

Hottest Temperature: 134° F recorded on July 10—five consecutive days reached 129° F or above.

Environmental Initiatives

Respect the Desert

Water Conservation

Here at Stovepipe Wells, our water comes from the underground water table many feet below the surface. Very little surface water exists in the Park.

Taking groundwater from one area can cause the water level to go down miles away from there. The Devils Hole Pupfish – an endangered species found only in Death Valley – lives in a closed pool at the mercy of available groundwater levels. Limiting our water consumption can measurably assist the Park in their efforts to preserve water levels and the habitat of this endangered fish.

Stovepipe Wells does not have a plentiful water source. Conservation helps ensure adequate supply

What Are We Doing? What Can You Do?

- A seven minute shower consumes 8.75 gallons of water; cutting your shower by 2 minutes will save 2.5 gallons! The timer in your shower runs out of sand in 5 minutes – give it a try!
- Laundering all linens daily consumes about 20 gallons of water per room. We will remake your bed with the same sheets, unless you put out the place card to request fresh linens. Towels will be replaced only when left in the shower, or bathtub.
- Turn off the water while brushing or shaving to save even more water.
- Our vacuum-flow showerheads are calibrated to give you excellent water pressure, but only use 1.25 gallons of water pressure, low flow faucets that flow at an amazingly low 0.35 gallons per minute, with enough pressure for you to easily wash your hands or rinse your toothbrush, all giving you the water you need to do the job without being wasteful.



Recycling at Stovepipe Wells Village

Death Valley National Park preserves a distinct geologic landscape, fossil record, and group of flora and fauna that are dissimilar from all others in the world. Our presence here has an effect; joining in our recycling efforts is one way you can help us minimize waste.

Each guest room is equipped with recycling bins and we offer single stream recycling.



Green Seal Certification

As part of our dedication to sustainability, environmentally responsible services and products and the health of our guest and employees we have achieved Green Seal Certification in compliance with the Green Seal Standard for Hotels and Lodging Properties.

Environmental Initiatives

Respect the Desert

Environmental Policy

Death Valley Lodging Company is dedicated to meeting and exceeding all applicable legal regulations and other requirements in order to preserve and protect the unique desert environment and its scarce resources, allowing our guests and future generations to experience the beauty, serenity, and splendor of the desert. We annually establish and review objectives and targets based on our commitment to pollution prevention and continuous improvement.

Consideration of the environmental impact of daily operations plays a primary role in our planning and management at Stovepipe Wells Village. Therefore, we are committed to the following:

- Implementation of strict **Water Preservation** procedures and technologies.
- **Energy Reduction** through improved efficiencies and aggressive usage strategies and technologies.
- **Sustainable Purchasing** not only for on-site products and menu items but also through supplier partnerships promoting sustainable supply chain management.
- **Waste Management** focusing to first **Reduce**, then **Reuse**, and finally **Recycle** to the greatest extent possible.
- **Preservation and Protection of Park Resources**, especially our vibrant night skies.

We ask our guests to join us in our commitment to preserving the unique and precious environment of Death Valley by participating in our environmental initiatives not only while they are enjoying our National Park but also in their daily activities going forward. Take care to preserve the treasures of today for the visitors of tomorrow.

ISO 14001 & ISO 9001 Certification

We have adopted an Environmental and Quality Management System that is certified to ISO 14001 and ISO 9001 standards by a third-party. This certification holds us accountable through rigorous audits to the high standards and practices we have set for our guests, employees, the National Park Service, water preservation, energy conservation, waste management, sustainable purchasing, and preserving park resources.



Interpretive Paths

We always recommend talking to a Ranger at the Park Visitor Center or Ranger Station at Stovepipe Wells.

Easy to Moderate Hikes

Harmony Borax Works

Length: 0.4 mi (0.6km) ADA accessible paved loop

Time: 30 minutes round trip

Difficulty: Easy

Elevation Gain: 50 ft (0.8km)

Location: 1 mile (1.6km) west of Furnace Creek on CA-190

Parking: Paved area with large spaces for RV's and buses

Closest Restroom: No restrooms. Furnace Creek Visitor Center 1 mile (1.6km) east.

Route: The paved loop takes you back in time as you learn the stories of Death Valley borax and the 20-Mule Teams. Interpretive panels along the way explain details of the borax processing, the story of the Mule Skinner, life in Harmony, and more.

Badwater Salt Flat

Length: 1 mile (1.6km) out and back trip to edge of salt flat. 5 miles (8km) each way to the other side. Time: Average hiking speed is 2 mph (3.2 km/h), make your own adventure!

Difficulty: Easy to difficult depending on length. It is flat. Do not attempt when it's hot!

Elevation Gain: Flat

Location: Badwater Road 30 minutes (17 miles/27km) south of Furnace Creek.

Parking: Paved parking lot with large spaces for RV's and buses.

Closest Restroom: Vault toilet located in parking lot.

Route: The lowest point in North America is a beautiful salt flat covering over 200 square miles (322km) of the valley. ADA accessible ramp leads down to boardwalk.

Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes

Length: 2 miles (3.2km) round trip out and back

Time: 1.5 hours round trip

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Elevation Gain: 185 ft (65m)

Location: Located in Stovepipe Wells Village 30 minutes (24mi/39km) west of Furnace Creek.

Parking: Paved lot with pull through spaces for buses and large RV's.

Closest Restroom: Vault toilets located in parking lot.

Route: The summit of the high dune is 1 mile (1.6km) each way. No formal trail. Of the seven sets of dunes in Death Valley, these are the most famous and accessible.

Interpretive Paths

Mosaic Canyon

Length: 4 miles (6.4km) out and back round trip

Time: 2.5 - 3 hours round trip

Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult

Elevation Gain: 1,200 ft (366m)

Location: The 2.3 mile (3.7km) unpaved Mosaic Canyon Road is located in Stovepipe Wells Village just across from Stovepipe Wells Campground. The road is typically passable in a sedan.

Parking: A large gravel parking area. Buses and large RV's not recommended.

Closest Restroom: Stovepipe Wells Village at the general store and restaurant.

Route: Many hikers choose to hike to the first set of beautiful canyon narrows less than 0.5 miles (0.8km) into the canyon.

Summer Hikes

Wildrose Peak

Length: 8.4 miles (13.5km) out and back, round trip.

Time: 6 hours round trip.

Difficulty: Difficult

Elevation Gain: 2,200 ft (671m)

Location: From CA-190 follow Emigrant Canyon Road past the Wildrose Campground to the parking area at the Charcoal Kilns. The final 2 miles is a maintained gravel surface typically passable in a sedan. 25 ft vehicle limit.

Parking: 25 ft vehicle limit. Open gravel area.

Closest Restroom: Vault toilet in parking area. No restroom along the trail, follow principle 3 of Leave No Trace (LNT).

Route: A great hike for when it starts getting too hot in the valley. Winter storms may bring some snow.

Telescope Peak

Length: 14 mile (22.5km) out and back, round trip

Time: 7 hours round trip

Difficulty: Difficult

Elevation Gain: 3,000 ft (914m)

Location: From CA-190 follow Emigrant Canyon Road past the Wildrose Campground to the parking area at the Charcoal Kilns. The final 5 miles is a maintained gravel surface typically passable in a sedan. 25 ft vehicle limit.

Parking: 25 ft vehicle limit. Open gravel area.

Closest Restroom: Vault toilet in parking area. No restroom along the trail, follow principle 3 of Leave No Trace (LNT).

Route: Trail to highest peak in the park (11,049 ft.) with a 3,000 ft. elevation gain. Climbing in winter requires ice axe and crampons, and only advised for experienced winter climbers.

Tollroad Restaurant and Badwater Saloon



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner are served in the Tollroad Restaurant.

The Tollroad Restaurant offers classic American favorites, gourmet dishes featuring desert ingredients such as prickly pear cactus and mesquite honey, and a full desert dessert menu. The Tollroad Restaurant also features mining timbers from an old Death Valley mine, mining and pioneer artifacts from the desert floor and Native American made rugs and basketry. The Restaurant and Saloon are in the same building, adjacent to the registration office.



Lunch and Dinner are served in the Badwater Saloon.

The Badwater Saloon, named for the lowest point in Death Valley (and all of North America) at 282 feet below sea level, is a staple from the days of the Old West. Refresh yourself with a drink from the Saloon as it features twenty beers on tap. The saloon's full bar includes a large selection of wine and an imaginative menu of specialty cocktails and signature western spirits.

Keep Wildlife Wild

Please Do Not Feed the Wildlife

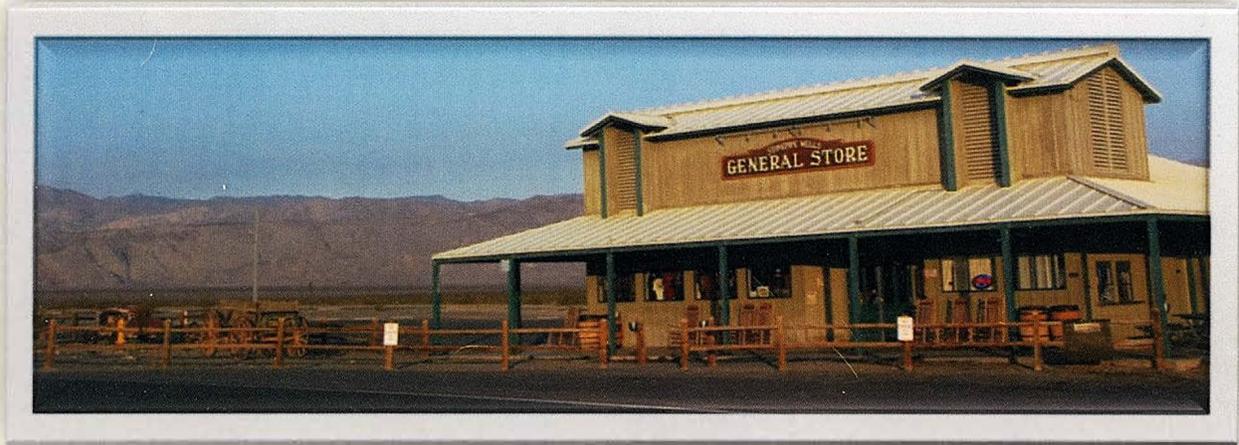
An important message to our guests is to remember to keep the wildlife wild. Feeding a wild animal is like giving it a death sentence. The animal becomes a beggar, making it vulnerable to diseases, predators, dangerous behavior and cars. Though seemingly tame, wild animals may bite or scratch and can spread diseases and inflict serious or fatal injuries. Maintain a safe distance and do not feed the animals.

**DEATH VALLEY
STOVEPIPE WELLS**



General Store and Nugget Gift Shop

In need of a few staples? Looking to refuel the vehicle? Or wanting some tasty, pre-made picnic items? The General Store, just across the highway, can fulfill those needs and wants that always arise when traveling. The General Store and Nugget Gift Shop offer hand-crafted Native American crafts, jewelry and souvenir items. In addition, the General Store offers a selection of grocery staples, convenience items such as aspirin and sunscreen and a soda fountain. Gas pumps are available during store hours with cash or around the clock with credit a card. Regular unleaded (87 octane) gas is provided at the lowest prices (often by a wide margin) in Death Valley.



Timbisha Shoshone Tribe

Native Stories of the Stars

This area has long been home to the Panamint Shoshone, Timbisha Shoshone, Paiute, and other groups and tribes of Native Americans who predate history. These tribes all looked up at the broad, black sky each night. The bright moon, planets, and stars they saw remain largely unchanged to this day. Like nearly every people who has looked up and wondered at the stars, the Natives of the Great Basin and Mojave Desert saw aspects of their lives reflected back at them in the arrangement of the heavenly bodies. Some desert petroglyphs in the area are thought to represent constellations whose stories have been lost to time. Yet many stories have survived in the oral traditions of the people and are beginning to be written down.

The Pleiades

The Pleiades or the Seven Sisters, is visible all year long and widely recognized. Depending on how good your eyes are, this tight cluster of stars appears as a group of 7-12 stars to the naked eye. The stars of this group are distant, some are extremely faint, and some are quite twinkly. If you look to the side of the constellation, you may see a dim star or two that you cannot see while looking directly at it. The Shoshone say that this group of stars is a group of sister's arguing over a man. The man's mother is there, too, telling them to stop their arguing because one of them has her son's knife. The mother is worried that the knife, a precious tool made with difficulty, will break.

