

Ranger Programs

Death Valley National Park

November 13 to November 21, 2004



Furnace Creek Visitor Center and Museum:

Open 8 to 6 daily. The 12-minute orientation slide program is shown every half-hour, 8:30 to 5:00.

Slide programs start at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Scotty's Castle Tours:

Historic Spanish-style mansion located 53 miles north of Furnace Creek. Fees are charged for tours.

◆ "Living History" house tours are presented several times an hour from 9 to 5 every day.

◆ Technology "basement" Tours are presented daily. Call (760) 786-2392 for information / reservations.

SATURDAY 11/13

10:00 a.m. **Mosaic Canyon Hike** (Guided Walk)
Explore a geologic work in progress as we look at how wind, water, and time have crafted this colorful canyon. Meet at the Mosaic Canyon parking area. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Moderately strenuous, some rock scrambling involved. 1 ½ mile round trip, 1 ½ hours.

7:00 p.m. **Rare as Rain** (Slide Program)
Sunshine and blue skies in the desert can get a little tedious after a while, but a Death Valley rainstorm is always a special treat! Discover the miracle of a desert cloudburst. Furnace Creek Visitor Center Auditorium. 45 minutes.

SUNDAY 11/14

11:00 a.m. **Burro Brouhaha** (Patio Talk)
Burros are a part of Death Valley history. So why are the burros being removed? Furnace Creek Visitor Center patio. 30 minutes.

7:00 p.m. **Recipe For a Park** (Slide Program)
As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of Death Valley becoming a national park, how does it fit in with the national parks of the past, present and future? Furnace Creek Visitor Center Auditorium. 50 min.

MONDAY 11/15

10:00 a.m. **Desert Solitudes Hike** (Guided Walk)
Enjoy the quiet beauty of an oasis in the heart of Death Valley. **Required sign-up** begins at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center at 9:00 a.m. the day before the

hike or via 760-786-3244. Bring water, binoculars, and hiking shoes. Moderate 1½ mile round trip, 2 ½ hours.

3:00 p.m. **Shadows on the Sands** (Nature Walk)
Marvel at the shapes, shadows, & smells of the desert. Wonder at the burrows and tracks left by unseen night creatures. Meet at the Sand Dunes Interpretive sign 2 miles east of Stovepipe Wells. Easy walk. One hour.

7:00 p.m. **Geo-Oddities** (Slide Program)
Death Valley is rich with strange geological features: moving rocks, singing dunes, and even an underwater cave. Furnace Creek Visitor Center Auditorium. 45 minutes.

TUESDAY 11/16

10:00 a.m. **Harmony Borax Walk** (Guided Walk)
Take a walk through the history of Harmony Borax Works and the "White Gold" boom of borax mining in the United States. Meet at the Harmony Borax Works parking area. 1¼ hours.

2:00 p.m. **Algae to Mosaic Art** (Guided Walk)
Stroll through the geologic wonders of a slot canyon. Meet at the Mosaic Canyon parking area. Moderately strenuous, some rock scrambling involved. 2 mile hike. 1 ½ hours.

7:00 p.m. **Death Valley Vignettes** (Slide Program)
Death Valley is a place that impresses people. Come hear stories in the words of those who experienced the Valley in the past. Furnace Creek Visitor Center Auditorium. 50 minutes.

WEDNESDAY 11/17

- 10:00 a.m. **Natural Bridge Walk** (Guided Walk)
Discover the geologic wonders of the Black Mountains. The hike passes beneath a natural bridge and culminates at a major geological fault that is part of the Death Valley geologic story. Meet at the Natural Bridge parking area. Easy 1 ½ mile hike. 1 ½ hours.
- 2:00 p.m. **Heroes of Harmony** (Guided Walk)
Who made the Harmony Borax Mine successful? Was it the owners, the laborers, the muleskinners or maybe the mules? Meet at the Harmony Borax parking area. Easy walk. 45-minutes.
- 7:00 p.m. **DVRR: The Death Valley Railroad** (Slide Program) Join us for a look at the Death Valley Railroad history. Furnace Creek Visitor Center Auditorium. 50 minutes.

THURSDAY 11/18

- 2:00 p.m. **Geologic Marvels** (Ranger Talk)
Death Valley's geology is marvelous! Come find out where to see the low, the faulty, the sandy, the salty and more. Furnace Creek Visitor Center relief map. 30 minutes.
- 7:00 p.m. **Exploring Death Valley on Foot** (Slide Program) Experienced travelers know that the best way to experience the park is to get out of the vehicle and go for a hike. A look at the great variety of hiking possibilities in Death Valley. Furnace Creek Visitor Center Auditorium. 45 minutes.

FRIDAY 11/19

- 10:00 a.m. **Golden Canyon Hike** (Guided Walk)
Altered by floods for millions of years see how Golden Canyon was changed by this summer's flash floods. Easy 2 mile walk. 1 ½ hours.
- 2:30 p.m. **Photo Walk** (Guided Walk)
There will be photo tips and suggestions on how to improve your photographs. Bring your one-time use, 35 mm, digital or video cameras. Meet at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center for a short car caravan to a good photo point. Easy walk. 2 hours.

- 7:00 p.m. **Colorful Characters** (Slide Program)
Death Valley has always attracted outrageous and colorful people. Meet a few of the most interesting. Furnace Creek Visitor Center Auditorium. 60 minutes.

SATURDAY 11/20

- 7:30 a.m. **Salt Creek Photo Walk** (Guided Walk)
There will be photo tips and suggestions on how to improve your photographs. Bring your one-time use, 35 mm, digital or video cameras. Meet at the Salt Creek parking area. Easy walk. 2 hours.
- 2:00 p.m. **Death Valley in 1849** (Ranger Talk)
Join a ranger to learn about the lost expedition in 1849. Furnace Creek Visitor Center relief map. 45 minutes.
- 7:00 p.m. **Rare as Rain** (Slide Program)
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SUNDAY 11/21

- 7:30 a.m. **Badwater Photo Walk** (Guided Walk)
There will be photo tips and suggestions on how to improve your photographs. Bring your one-time use, 35 mm, digital or video cameras. Meet at the Badwater parking area. Easy walk. 2 hours.
- 11:00 a.m. **Cool Mountains, Hot Deserts** (Ranger Talk) Death Valley is nearly the culmination of the geologic stress that's pulling the West apart. The reason's behind the scenery of Death Valley are as dramatic as the scenery itself. Visitor Center Relief map. 30 minutes.
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- 7:00 p.m. **Behind the Scenes** (Slide Program)
Learn how Death Valley employees deal with heat, isolation and flash floods... protecting the park... rescuing visitors... doing paperwork (oh my!)... and more! Furnace Creek Visitor Center Auditorium. 50 minutes.