

Death Valley National Park

Standard Conditions – Paved Roads

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Artist's Drive

Most vehicles. 9 mile, paved, one-way road south to north off Badwater Road. RVs, trailers, buses over 25 ft. not allowed due to narrow turns and steep dips. Subject to flooding and closure in heavy rains.

Badwater Road

All vehicles. 70 mile, paved road which becomes State Hwy 178 the last few miles south to Hwy 127. Provides access to Golden Canyon, West Side Road, Artist's Drive, Devil's Golf Course, Natural Bridge, and Badwater. Road is narrower and rougher south of Badwater. Subject to flooding and closure after heavy rains.

Beatty Cutoff Road

All vehicles. 10 mile paved road. Short cut to Daylight Pass Road & Beatty from Hwy 190. Drivers descending into Death Valley should use caution and keep their speed down due to sharp curves and narrow roadway. Subject to flooding in heavy rains.

Dante's View Road

Most vehicles. 13 mile paved road. RV's, trailers and buses over 25 ft. not allowed beyond trailer parking area 7.5 miles off Hwy 190 (Greenwater Valley Road jct.) due to a steep, narrow roadway. Road is closed when winter snow or ice accumulates on last 2 miles of roadway. Subject to flooding in heavy rains.

Daylight Pass Road

All vehicles. Paved road exits the park to Beatty, Nevada at Hwy 95. Provides access to Titus Canyon (one-way) Road and Rhyolite ghost town. Slow down through curves.

Emigrant Canyon Road

Most vehicles. 21.5 mile paved road. RVs, trailers, and buses over 25 ft. not allowed due to narrow canyon and roadway. Provides access to Skidoo, Aguerberry Point, and Wildrose roads. Watch for potholes in pavement. Subject to flooding in heavy rains.

Highway 178 (east)

All vehicles. Paved road provides access to southern Death Valley from Hwy 127. Becomes Badwater Road after entering the park. Rough with some potholes in the southern end. Subject to flooding in heavy rains.

Highway 190

All vehicles. State Highway 190 is both a state and federal Scenic Byway. Mountain passes from the west over Father Crowley Point and Towne Pass are steep and narrow with a 7 to 9% grade. Large RVs or vehicles towing trailers may want to access the park from the east. Watch for rocks on the road west of Towne Pass, especially on rainy or windy days. Extra long RVs and semi-trailers are not recommended on the steep, windy section west of Panamint Springs Resort.

Mud Canyon Road

All vehicles. 6.5 mile paved road provides access to Beatty off Scotty's Castle Road. Becomes Daylight Pass Road after junction with Beatty Cutoff Road at Hells Gate. Slow down through curves. Expect short construction delays in Feb.-June, 2006

Panamint Valley Road

All vehicles. Only the last mile of this paved road is in the park where it joins Hwy 190, but it provides the primary access to the park from the south through Ridgecrest via Hwy 178 (west).

Scotty's Castle Road (Park route 5 or Inyo County Bonnie Claire Road)

All vehicles. 40-mile paved road north off Hwy 190. Subject to flooding and closure during heavy rains.

Ubehebe Crater Road

All vehicles. 5 mile paved road off the Scotty's Castle Road. Subject to closure after heavy rains.

Wildrose Canyon Road (lower) / Trona-Wildrose Road

Most vehicles. Mostly paved road with 2 mile section of graded gravel. RVs, trailers, and buses over 25 ft. not allowed due to a narrow, winding road. Sedans should use caution on gravel. Access to park from Panamint Valley Road. Subject to closure and flooding after heavy rains.