

Death Valley Mining Timeline

Answer Key

- 1872 : Silver found in Surprise Canyon (Panamint City)
- 1874 : Panamint City established. Population = 2000 population.
- 1876 : A flash flood destroyed Panamint City, but some people continued to live there.
- 1877 : Post Office closed in Panamint City.
- 1881: Borax was found in Death Valley area.
- 1882 : Harmony Borax town established. Wages were \$1.25.day for laborers or \$5.00 for blacksmith.
- 1885 : Harmony Borax mine & town closed.
- 1897 : Ballarat town established. 400 people lived there in the boom years.
- 1898 : Radcliffe Mine (Ballarat town) opened.
- 1900 : Ballarat post office established.
- 1903 : Radcliffe Mine (Ballarat town) closed. It produced 15,000 tons of gold ore during its lifespan.
- 1904 : Gold found in Leadville area but no road to this area so transportation hard and mining stopped.
- 1904 : Gold found in Bullfrog area (Rhyolite town).
- 1905 : Rhyolite established. Its largest population was 10,000 people during its boom years.
- 1905 (June) : Rhyolite post office opened.
- 1905 : Copper strike in Greenwater.
- 1905 : Greenwater town established. 2000 people lived here. Water hauled in at \$15 per barrell.
- 1905 (July 2nd) : Gold found in Eureka and Cashier mines (Harrisburg)
- 1905: Harrisburg town established. Tent city. Population 300.
- 1905 : Copper and lead found in Leadfield.
- 1906 : Skidoo established when 2 miners found gold. Population of 700.
- 1906 (July) : Skidoo Post Office opened.
- 1909 : Greenwater mines closed, never making a profit.
- 1910 : Harrisburg town closed.
- 1911: Bullfrog area mine (Rhyolite Town) closed.
- 1913: Skidoo water pipe broke and the stamp mill destroyed by fire.
- 1914: Rhyolite post office closed.
- 1917 (September) : Skidoo Post Office closed.
- 1917 : Ballarat post office closed.
- 1926 (April) : Leadfield town established. Population 300.
- 1926 (August) : Post office opened in Leadfield.
- 1927 (February) : Post office closed in Leadfield.