



Commercial Use Authorization Conditions for: Backcountry Camping

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following provisions apply to CUAs for Backcountry Camping Trips.

1. Commercial use authorizations issued by Death Valley National Park are only valid for planned and approved activities within Death Valley National Park and are not transferable to other National Park Service units.
2. Groups will notify the Death Valley National Park permits office of all proposed trips and any proposed changes to trip itineraries via a **Supplemental Activity Application** submitted to the Special Park Uses Office at least 7 days prior to proposed trip. Failure to do so may result in the revocation of a commercial use authorization as well as other associated permits.
3. CUA does not imply exclusive use of any area in the Park.
4. Group size is limited to fifteen (15) people per party (maximum), including guides. Groups larger than 15 people must split up and camp at least one mile apart.
5. Holders of a commercial use authorization will be held responsible for assuring that entry fees are paid by all participants and group leaders or guides are required to ensure that hike participants have paid their park entry fees at the individual rate (currently \$10.00 per person, valid for 7 consecutive days).
6. Leave No Trace principles and ethics are in effect for all participants. CUA holder must provide Leave No Trace brochures to all participants.
7. Natural and cultural features are protected by law and must not be disturbed or molested.
8. Non-native or exotic species of plants or animals will not be introduced to the park by any proposed activities.
9. Group leaders and guides must currently be certified in Wilderness First Responder or First Responder for all guided backcountry camping.
10. All backcountry camps must be 200 yards from the nearest water source.
11. Unless an area is closed to backcountry camping, see section 17b below, backcountry camping is permitted 2 miles from the nearest paved road, day use road, or developed area. Roadside camping in these backcountry locations is permitted in previously disturbed areas. The superintendent reserves the right to close any area to commercial activities if conditions warrant.
12. Group leaders will provide initial response to emergency medical incidents.

13. The CUA operator is responsible for notifying the Park of any accident that results in an injury requiring the care of a physician.
14. Off-road vehicular travel is prohibited.
15. Keep all vehicles and trailers on established roadways and shoulders.
16. Maximum speed limit for all dirt roads is 25MPH.
17. CLOSURES:
 - a. **Mining Areas:** All mines, including those without an installed closure.
 - b. **Areas closed to backcountry camping:** Anywhere on the floor of Death Valley from Ashford Mill to 2 miles north of Stovepipe Wells, on the active shifting sand dunes of Eureka Dunes, anywhere in the park below sea level.
 - c. **The following areas are closed to all entry, except when accompanied by National Park Service personnel:** Copper Canyon, Devils Hole, Titus Canyon Cave, Lower Vine Ranch, American Borate Company mines near Ryan, Timbisha-Shoshone tribal areas near Texas Springs Campground, Crystal Cave, Skidoo Stamp Mill, all mines including those without an installed closure, and any facilities or buildings used for the storage, treatment, or transmission of electricity, gas, telephone, waste disposal or domestic water.