Death Valley is the largest national park outside of Alaska and has more miles of roads than any other national park. Though 95% of the park's 3.4 million acres are protected in wilderness areas, more than 1,000 miles of paved and dirt roads provide ample opportunities for recreation and exploration.

**Echo Canyon Road**
- Start: Hwy 127, 0.2 miles north of Hwy 190.
- Distance: 5.6 miles.
- High-clearance.
- No camping, day use only.
- Bird watching.
- Within Echo Canyon’s narrows is the Cottonwood Canyon Road, 6 miles south of Hwy 190. This rarely visited canyon in the southern Panamint Range provides access for hikers to Panamint Dunes.
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**Imperial Valley**
- Start: Hwy 11, 7.6 miles south of Ibex Pass.
- Distance: 24.2 miles.
- High-clearance.
- No RVs, campers or AAA often doesn’t cover tows on dirt roads.
- Leave a dated note describing your plan with your vehicle. Put the car's hood up and/or mark the road with a large X visible to aircraft. If you break down, it is best to stay with your vehicle if it breaks down. On main roads, another vehicle can be reached via a lay-by. Continue beyond the return to Chulitna Oasis.

**Cottonwood Canyon Road**
- Start: Hwy 11, 7.6 miles south of Ibex Pass.
- Distance: 38.2 miles.
- High-clearance.
- Carry chains.
- Often impassable in winter and early spring due to mud, ice and snow. Ulida Flat and connects to Saline Valley Road.
- Stay on the left lane; look for the Eureka Mine.

**Warm Springs Road**
- Start: Hwy 127, 1.9 miles south of Ibex Pass.
- Distance: 15.9 miles.
- High-clearance.
- Some 4WD required.
- Carry chains.
- One of the most remote locations in California, Saline Valley is surrounded by rugged mountains on all sides. Side trails include a salt wash, spring, and Joshua trees at Saline Spring. Camping: Not allowed. For experienced 4WD drivers only. Section over Pass is rough.

**Badwater Road**
- Start: Hwy 127, 1.9 miles south of Ibex Pass.
- Distance: 28 miles.
- High-clearance.
- No camping first two miles.
- This road leads to the Hole-in-the-Wall, a natural arch. The road continues up the canyon is closed beyond the 4.4 mile point.
- Provides access for hikers to the Eureka Dunes and the North Panamint Pass. Altitude drops to 200 feet.
- Road conditions can change quickly. Current road condition information is available at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center or on the Death Valley National Park Morning Report (updated daily) posted throughout the park and on the official park website at www.nps.gov/deva.

**BACKCOUNTRY SAFETY**
- Travel prepared.
- Keep an eye on your equipment before you leave the park.
- Bring dry clothes for you and your vehicle.
- Be a good road neighbor. Share your goals to make travel in thePanamint Range safe.
- Stay on established roads.
- Don't expect road signs.
- Keep informed. Stay on established roads.
- Keep out of mines.
- Keep roads unpaved.
- Park and go.
- Stay on established roads.
- Look for wildlife.
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- Close roads, or in the wilderness areas of the park.
- Wildlife.
- All cats are closely watched. These animals are protected, and any attempts to harass, chase or harm these animals is prohibited.
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- If you are interested in backcountry travel, please contact your nearest national park office or use the Superintendent's Compendium for details.