



Camping



A Rewarding Experience

Camping in Mojave National Preserve is an enjoyable and rewarding pastime for visitors of all ages, backgrounds, and experience levels. Developed campgrounds are ideal for families and groups, while roadside camping areas and nearly 700,000 acres of wilderness offer more primitive camping opportunities.

Developed Campgrounds

Two developed family campgrounds are available year-round at Mid Hills and Hole-in-the-Wall (see reverse side of brochure for map, directions, and further descriptions).

Facilities

Pit toilets, trash and recycling receptacles, potable water. Fire rings and picnic tables at each site. No utility hookups. Dump station available at Hole-in-the-Wall Campground, only.

Fees & Reservations

\$12 per site per night, \$6 for America the Beautiful Senior/Access Pass holders. Reservations not accepted; campsites available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Pets

Allowed, but must be leashed and never left unattended. Pet excrement must be collected and disposed of in garbage receptacles.

Campfires

Permitted only in provided fire rings. Do not leave fires smoldering or unattended. All firewood must be brought into the preserve; cutting or collecting any wood, including downed wood, is prohibited.

Sanitation

Store all food in a manner that will prevent access by wildlife. Garbage and foodscraps must be placed in provided trash receptacles.

Campsite Limits

Maximum of 8 people with 2 vehicles (including a camping unit—i.e., trailer, motor home, converted van, etc.) per site. Stays are limited to a maximum of 14 consecutive days per visit/stay and 30 total days per year. Quiet hours: 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Firearms

Shooting or hunting is prohibited within 1/2 mile of campgrounds. All firearms must be unloaded, cased, and broken down.

Telephones

Public telephones are available at the Hole-in-the-Wall Information Center and the Hole-in-the-Wall Fire Center (located just across Black Canyon Road). *In case of emergency, dial 911.*

Information

Call 760 928-2572 or 760 252-6100 or visit us online at www.nps.gov/moja. Park rangers are on-duty at information centers.

Other Camping Options

Roadside Camping

Roadside vehicle camping is permitted in areas that have been traditionally used for this purpose: sites with existing rock or metal fire rings should be considered suitable for roadside camping.

Do not camp along paved roads, in day-use areas, on private property, or within 1/4 mile of any water source or cultural site. Bury (or pack out) human waste in catholes 6–8 inches deep, at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Pack out all toilet paper and hygiene products.

Providence Mountain State Recreation Area

16 miles north of I-40 on Essex Road, the campground at Mitchell Caverns offers six sites available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$12 per night. For more information, call 760 928-2586.

Backpacking & Horsepacking

Campsites must be at least 1/2 mile from developed areas and roads and 1/4 mile from any water source. *There is no permit or registration system, so be sure to notify others of your travel itinerary.*

Horses and/or other pack animals are permitted on all trails, backcountry roads, and open country (including wilderness). Free-trailing or loose-herding is prohibited. All feed must be brought into the preserve; ranging/grazing is prohibited. Manure should be raked out and spread over a large area. Developed camping facilities are available at the Black Canyon Equestrian & Group Campground. Reservations are required; call 760 928-2572 or 760 252-6104.

Other Camping Options (cont.)

Group Camping

The Black Canyon Equestrian & Group Campground (located on the east side of Black Canyon Road at Hole-in-the-Wall) is ideal for larger groups. Campsites feature vault toilets, trash and recycling receptacles, potable water, fire ring, grill, and picnic shelter with tables. The fee is \$25 per

group per night. Reservations are required; call 760 928-2572 or 760 252-6104.

Groups of at least 7 vehicles (or 7 horses) or 15 people require a Special Use Permit for backcountry camping; call 760 252-6107 for more info.

Hole-in-the-Wall Campground

Location & Description

20 miles north of I-40 via Essex and Black Canyon roads. At 4,400 feet in elevation, the campground is located in an open grove of Mojave yucca at the base of a sculpted wall of volcanic rhyolite.

Hole-in-the-Wall Temperatures

Average Day and Night (°F)

April to May	Day	55°F to 75°F
	Night	45°F to 60°F
June to August	Day	70°F to 105°F
	Night	65°F to 75°F
September to October	Day	55°F to 80°F
	Night	50°F to 70°F
November to March	Day	40°F to 60°F
	Night	20°F to 40°F

Many of the 35 campsites are large enough for motorhomes and trailers; two walk-in sites accommodate tents, only.

Nearby Attractions

Hole-in-the-Wall Information Center

Winter hours (Oct.–Apr.): Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Summer hours (May–Sept.): Friday through Sunday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

A nature trail connects the campground to the information center. Nearby are trailheads for the Rings Loop Trail, the Mid Hills to Hole-in-the-Wall Trail, and the Barber Peak Loop Trail.

Mid Hills Campground

Location & Description

7 miles north of Hole-in-the-Wall on Black Canyon Road, then 2 miles west on Wild Horse Canyon Road. At 5,600 feet in elevation, campers are

treated to cooler temperatures and outstanding views. Many of the 26 campsites are surrounded by pinyon pine and juniper trees. Motorhomes and trailers are not recommended on the unpaved campground access road.

Mid Hills Temperatures

Average Day and Night (°F)

April to May	Day	45°F to 65°F
	Night	35°F to 50°F
June to August	Day	60°F to 100°F
	Night	55°F to 80°F
September to October	Day	45°F to 70°F
	Night	40°F to 60°F
November to March	Day	30°F to 50°F
	Night	10°F to 30°F

Nearby Attractions

The northern trailhead for the Mid Hills to Hole-in-the-Wall Trail is located just south of the campground entrance across Wild Horse Canyon Road.

Map of Campgrounds

