Death Valley – Resources for Research & Reference

Maps

Death Valley National Park - _Trails Illustrated Topo Map by National Geographic **best overall map** with road types, mileage markers, good details. Highly recommended. $12 on Amazon. **Get this map and "mark" your bucket list areas before the trip**.

Death Valley National Park, Tom Harrison Maps, ~ $12 buy online or at REI. This is the most detailed hiking trail map available. Recommended if you want to get to the off-the-beaten-path areas (and you will). This is also available as an "app" ($5).

Death Valley, free handout at the Ranger stations & Visitor Center. An OK overview map and information on popular visitor areas.

AAA Auto Club Map, "Southern Nevada and Death Valley Areas. Not very detailed. Free to members. May not be available at your local AAA. Don't count on this to save you.

Maps in guidebooks including great details and GPS for many great places including ghost towns, mines and historical areas. See the "Reference Books" for specific interests. Also many "Apps" have very good maps.

Apps

Photography apps + mapping –

Absolutely Must Have (you're crazy not to have!):

1. **The Photographer's Ephemeris** (free), iOS, Android and an excellent Desktop app
2. **PhotoPills** ($10) for mobile devices only (not desktop).
3.
4. **Spyglass Augmented Reality** ($5), iOS, Android + Desktop. Excellent GPS.
5. **Google Earth** (free).

All of these "must have" apps are excellent for planning photography times, places, etc. and Spyglass for finding your GPS location and compass (if you call for help, you will need to know your GPS, Spyglass

will tell you). All highly recommended to have in your photography bag of tricks. Don't leave home without knowing how to use these.

Apps Specific to Death Valley (Recommended)

Go Explore Death Valley National Park by US Parks app, $1 and very good with maps, photos, GPS and details on many visitor areas. Highly recommended.

Death Valley National Park by Chimani. Free. Maps + GPS navigation without a cell signal. Many highlights and much information. A must to find your way without a cell signal. Highly recommended.

Death Valley Wildflower Search by Steve Sullivan. Free. Over 3,000 plants and wildflowers photos + descriptions, organized by color for easy I.D. in the field or back home. Find the flower and name while in the field with your phone or tablet. Highly recommended.

Tom Harrison Map of Death Valley. $5. Same as printed version. Excellent for hiking detail, handy to have on your phone or tablet. I prefer the old fashioned but reliable paper version for highlighting, etc.

"Just Ahead: Audio Tour Guides – Death Valley". Packed with maps and info. Offline GPS feature: drive up to an area and a narrated story about the site kicks in. For iOS and Android devices with GPS locators either cell phones of pads with cell enabled. $20. Reviews are excellent. Hundreds of descriptions of locations, history, etc.
Can play from home or in car without being in DV, but in DV as you are driving, the descriptions audio-activate as you approach.
Excellent if you have in-car app enabled or on your phone handsfree.
You don't need a cell signal for this to work, just your phone's GPS.

There are many other apps, some good, some not. Be careful, check out the reviews before downloading.

Handouts

Death Valley, a handout brochure available at Park Service Ranger locations, some hotels on site and the Visitor Center. Free.
An OK map and descriptions of places and services.