

# Death Valley – Resources for Research & Reference

## Maps

**Death Valley Nationals 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 and Visitor Center. An OK overview map and information on popular visitor areas.

Oh, Ranger booklet “Death Valley National Park. We have copies for handouts at our Pre-Trip Planning Party. An OK map and overview of certain visitor areas.

AAA Auto Club Map, “Southern Nevada and Death Valley Areas. Not very detailed. Free to members. 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 above “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 iOS, (coming Jan/Feb for Android). An alternative for Android is **PlanIt! for Photographers**
3. **Spyglass Augmented Reality** (\$5), iOS, Android + Desktop. Excellent GPS.
4. **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. More information is included in our club's website.

### 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. \$20. Not enough buyer comments yet so I'm not comfortable to recommend.

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.

**“Oh, Ranger” for Death Valley**, copies available at our Pre-Trip Planning Party.

**Books** All of these are available to “check out” for a week

**Death Valley Photographer’s Guide** – Dan Suzio

**The Photographer’s Guide to Death Valley** – Shellye Poster

**Road Guide to Death Valley National Park** – Robert & Barbara Decker

**The Explorer’s Guide to Death Valley...** T. Scott Bryan & Betty Bryan

**Death Valley Lore** by Lingenfelter

**Death Valley Ghost Towns – As They Appear Today** – Robert C. Jones

**Geology Underfoot in Death Valley & Owens Valley** – Sharp & Glazner

**Death Valley – Ansel Adams - Photographs**, Nancy Newhall - Story and  
Ruth Kirk - Guide (1954 – Collectable)

**Death Valley & the Creek called Furnace** by Edwin Corle + Ansel Adams

**Death Valley – Hottest Place On Earth** – Roger Naylor

**Death Valley National Park – impressions** – Eric Wunrow

**Death Valley National Park** – Jenna Blough –

**Moon Adventure Series – Death Valley**

**Death Valley National Park** – Fred & Randi Hirschmann  
+ “**Environmental History**” by Mark Schlenz

**Red Light Women of Death Valley** – by Robin Flinchum  
The role of “women & saloons” in Death Valley’s history

**SUV Trails of Death Valley – A Guide to 40 Interesting Four-Wheeling  
Excursions** by Roger Mitchell

**Mojave Desert Wildflowers** – Pam Mackay – A Falcon Guide Series

**Hiking Death Valley – A Guide to its Natural Wonders and Mining Past**  
by Michel Dignonnet

**Night Sky – A Field Guide for Shooting After Dark** by Jennifer Wu

**Death Valley Journal – A Treasure-Trove of Lore and Facts**  
from Wordpress (Google to find copies)

**The Voice of the Deserts** by Joseph Wood Krutch