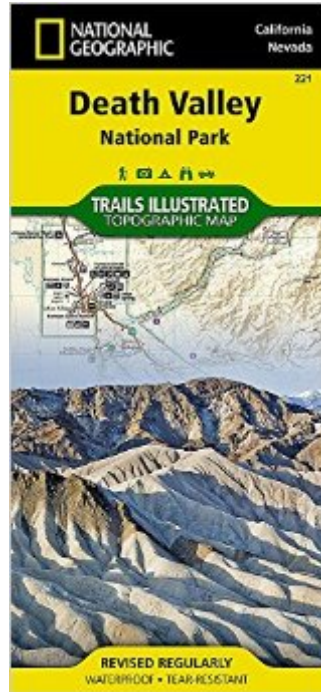


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Death Valley National Park (National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map)



Synopsis

â€¢ Waterproof â€¢ Tear-Resistant â€¢ Topographic Map Despite its foreboding name and the fact that it is the hottest, lowest, and driest area in North America, Death Valley National Park maintains a great diversity of life in its dramatic terrain of salt-flats, canyons, mountains, valleys, sand dunes, and badlands. National Geographicâ€™s Trails Illustrated map of Death Valley National Park delivers unmatched detail and valuable information to assist you in your visit to this land of extremes. Expertly researched and created in partnership with local land management agencies, this map features key areas of interest including Badwater Basin, Furnace Creek, Scottyâ€™s Castle, Panamint Springs, and Stovepipe Wells. With miles of clearly marked trails that include mileages between intersections, this map will prove invaluable in your exploration of the park. A list of backcountry roads and trails complete with descriptions, lengths, and starting points will help you choose a route thatâ€™s right for your activity level and recreation use. The map base includes contour lines and elevations for summits. Hot weather tips, a temperature chart, regulations, and safety suggestions are included as well. Every Trails Illustrated map is printed on "Backcountry Tough" waterproof, tear-resistant paper. A full UTM grid is printed on the map to aid with GPS navigation. Other features found on this map include: Amargosa Desert, Amargosa River, Badwater Basin, Bare Mountain, Black Mountains, Cottonwood Mountains, Death Valley, Eureka Valley, Funeral Mountains, Gold Mountain, Grapevine Mountains, Greenwater Range, Inyo Mountains, Inyo Mountains Wilderness, Inyo National Forest, Last Chance Mountain, Nelson Range, New York Butte, Owens Lake, Owens River, Owlshhead Mountains, Panamint Range, Saline Valley, Sarcobatus Flat, Searles Lake, Telescope Peak, Towne Pass, Tucki Mountain, Ubehebe Peak. Map Scale = 1:165,000 Sheet Size = 37.75" x 25.5" Folded Size = 4.25" x 9.25"

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Customer Reviews

The scale of this map is 1:165,000; if anyone can direct me towards a UTM roamer, slot or grid tool for that scale, I'll be unbelievably grateful, because I couldn't find one. The UTM grid and "GPS compatibility" are the selling points of the map, but in the absence of actual UTM tools they are but useless. The UTM grid lines are 5 kilometers apart, so I can put a position obtained from my GPS unit on the map only very approximately, say, within a half-kilometer circle, which may put me on the wrong side of a narrow canyon. Other than that, the map is beautiful. Shading is nice, roads are well marked and road condition warnings are put at many points.

The fact that this map is done through National Geographic says it all. All of the Trails Illustrated Maps are the golden standard. Sure you can get the USGS topographic maps, but you'd need dozens for an area the size of Death Valley and beyond that, they won't give you 'the big picture.' This map is especially designed for outdoor recreation. You get a road map at the visitor center but this is for hikers and off-roaders. The outdoors can be a rough place and Death Valley can be especially difficult. This map is built to survive America's hottest and driest weather. It is waterproof and tear resistant. For years, the 1996 edition has accompanied me on countless backpacking trips and 4x4 adventures. While it's now dirty as heck, it's as intact and functional as ever. This 2006 edition is a snazzy upgrade. For starters, it's significantly easier to read. Not just a bare-bones topographical map, mountain ranges are shaded under the contour lines. Additionally, roads are much easier to see. Paved roads and significant backroads are shaded in a way that makes them much easier to visually follow. I had to write all over my 1996 version to make sense of the roads and trails. Such customizing is mostly unnecessary with this new version. Since the 1990s, personal GPS units have become all the rage. In response, this new edition has a full UTM grid. The Park is split between the front and back of the map. Because of this, the scale is 1:165,000, so it's pretty easy to read. As with its predecessor, it gives good jurisdictional boundaries and icons show which services are available at particular locations. It also gives names and descriptions of backcountry roads, general rules, an annual temperature chart and list of important phone numbers. The 49ers found out that getting lost in this place could be deadly. If they had this map, they wouldn't have been lost and the area probably would have been given a different name. Don't repeat their tragedy.

Bring the Trails Illustrated map with you into the Death Valley backcountry.

Planning a trip to Death Valley from Italy is not simple. It is not obvious where all points of interest are and how to plan the right way to see them. This Map is the best map and guide I found about it. It is easy to read and very detailed and you can find all information you need on it. A very good purchase.

The fact that this map has been coated makes it easy to use. Certainly for hard-core hikers, this map would be a 5. However, the free map given out at the Death Valley Visitors' Center in many ways was easier to use and had better information about the national park. The casual visitor or the hiker doing the basic trails would not need this map.

Death Valley has a lot of trails and mining roads. Modern GPS systems have recently misled travelers, some at the highest expense. I imagine that there are USGS topographicals, especially from earlier in the 20th century, that would be better for all the nuance and detail that is in this desert, but for general tooling around and basic safety I felt this was the best, most current, and reliable map on the market. In my travels I would say it is the map that I most commonly see among others. The park is very well maintained, but some roads are not designated by signage. I have not found roads that were not marked on this map - including smaller roads that flash floods have eviscerated. The valley is well represented through this map and its legend. Everything I have wanted to find with this map, I have been able to. This map was recommended to me by members of the park service, but speak with rangers in Death Valley yourself before traveling into its wilds. There is a facebook page for current road conditions in the park.

Not only does this map provide adequate information for hiking and 4-wheeling, it lists many of the best trails and roads to spend your time on. It also provides park regulations and travel tips. The map is printed on plastic rather than paper so it is waterproof and tear-resistant. This came in very handy on our President's Day trip as an inordinant amount of rain and snow fell while we were in Death Valley. At least we didn't have to worry about destroying the map while we were locating ourselves in the whiteout conditions.

It is not good, I got to say nothing more. It had trails that were not normally visible as you drive through the park and some of them were phenomenal. If somebody takes this map and does a companion guide hiking all that is in the map, it would be awesome.

I found this map really handy when used in conjunction with the book "Hiking Death Valley: A Guide to Its Natural Wonders and Mining Past by Michel Digonnet" I would read the book and then look at the map. The details in the book were great, but sometimes did not get a great impression about distance or road conditions. The map gave a great perspective of both as well as alternate routes not described in the book (I should have consulted the map more often - one day it would have saved an hr or more on a long drive on a dirt road). Map itself is really sturdy and can take punishment. Highly recommend.

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