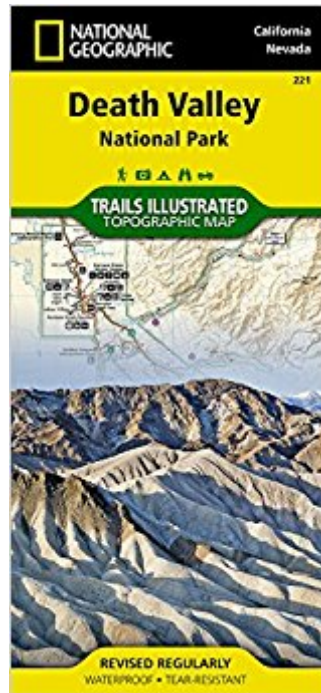


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# Death Valley National Park (National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map)



## Synopsis

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 Geographic'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, Scotty'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 that'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, Owlshead 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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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.

This is a map masterpiece. I could go on and on about the quality of information and illustration, but I will spare you that. If you are going to Death Valley, this is the one to get. For serious 4x4 plans, also search for and download the free pdf map of "Death Valley Backcountry Roads." Together they will get you into (and out of) the most remote trails. Equally important, they mark the tough spots you should think long and hard about trying. For those, I suggest YouTube videos of trucks trying to get through. Know your limits.

In Death Valley, we had a mantra that you could never have enough water, gas and access to this map. Loved this map! It gave us plenty of detail both when planning and when actually on the trip. GPS isn't reliable in the valley, but this map ALWAYS was. Great topographic features, additional information regarding road conditions and highlighting of important sites. I liked that it was tear resistant - it held up to our abuse on our journey. I'll surely save it for our next trip to Death Valley - for we'll certainly be going back!

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 it's 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.

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.

#### Quality map

I love the National Geographic Topo maps. We have several maps for our hiking areas. They are heavy duty, waterproof & tear proof. A must have while hiking. Besides being a map of the terrain, it gives you some hiking routes & information about the area. The map is a great companion to Hiking Death Valley and Hiking Western Death Valley both by Michel Digonnet. We have another Death Valley map but this one is much more detailed.

What can be said. It is as all the other NG trail maps.

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