

Yucca Valley

Sunny Days & Starry Nights

Whether your interests tend toward nature and outdoor adventures, art and culture, or history and heritage, YUCCA VALLEY and it's surroundings offer a wide variety of entertaining options to explore. Experience the desert's incomparable beauty, colorful history, and creative communities. The following is a small sample of ways to enjoy your visit to our unique area by using our very own **(3) California Welcome Center** in the heart of midtown as your resource for detailed information, maps, one-on-one directions and schedules.

Begin the day at **(1) Black Rock Canyon**, located in the Northwest corner of Joshua Tree National Park. This quiet campground is the starting point for multiple hiking trails surrounded by fascinating desert plant life, and where wildlife sightings are frequent. The Visitor Center offers maps, books and nature guides. The 1.3 mile Hi-View Nature Trail is an interpreted walk identifying the desert flora and fauna.

Just minutes from Black Rock Canyon is down town Yucca Valley and the **(2) Hi-Desert Nature Museum**. Enjoy their displays of gems and minerals, natural history dioramas, and Native American artifacts. This family-oriented educational center also boasts a mini-zoo and a Kids' Corner where children can play, read and color. An active schedule of temporary exhibits and programs makes the museum experience truly memorable.



Yucca In full bloom



Hi Desert Nature Museum



Historic Pioneertown

Ready to enjoy lunch? Stop by the **(3) California Welcome Center** and get recommendations, maps & directions to a variety of eating establishments. Choose from ethnic, franchise, family owned & award winning BBQ. Next is shopping in **(4) Yucca Valley's Old Town District**. Take home a souvenir from one of the charming local businesses.

Visit **(5) Desert Christ Park**, an iconic feature of Yucca Valley. Dedicated in 1951, the park is home to more than 40 large-scale concrete statues portraying scenes of Christ's life and teachings by artist Frank Antoine Martin.

Continue on to **(6) Pioneertown**, built in 1946 as a movie set for western movies starring Gene Autry, Judge Roy Bean & others. Take a walk along scenic Mane Street and on the weekends you may even see an old-time shoot out! End the day at legendary **(7) Pappy & Harriet's Pioneertown Palace** for a dinner of mesquite BBQ while enjoying live music in this historic wild west watering hole. Musical entertainment includes diverse styles from bluegrass to country to rock 'n roll.



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Gift Shop at the California Welcome Center



World renowned Desert Christ Park



Barker Dam is a local watering hole for many of the Park's desert wildlife.

Start your day with breakfast at a popular local eatery before setting off for an outdoor adventure in Joshua Tree National Park. Be sure to pick up water & snacks before venturing into the Park. Start your JTNP experience with a stop at the **(8) Joshua Tree Visitor Center** where you can find maps and useful information on hiking and driving tours of the park's fascinating landscapes and where to go for the best wildlife viewing. Barker Dam, Hidden Valley, and the Cholla Gardens are some recommended highlights. A ranger led tour of historic Keys Ranch is popular with visitors.

For those less interested in desert ecology and more focused on cultural foraging, the Joshua Tree Gateway Communities maintain an active community of artists. Local art galleries and the **(9) Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council** enhance the regional art scene with a variety of shows, programs and vents. The annual Hwy 62 Art Tours, held the last two weekends in October, provide tourists the opportunity to visit working studios throughout the desert.

Downtown Joshua Tree is home to a variety of eclectic venues and Saturday mornings Joshua Tree hosts a certified Farmer's Market.

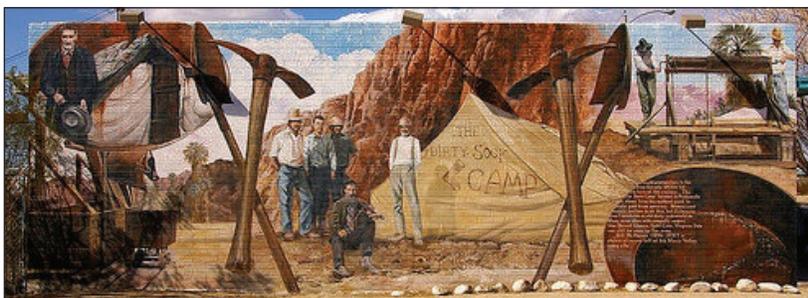
Joshua Tree is also home to **(10) Noah Purifoy's Outdoor Desert Art Museum**. This 7.5 acre property displays Purifoy's assemblage sculptures. He came into prominence during the 1960's as an installation artist and co-founder of the Watts Towers Art Center.

Once in 29 Palms be sure to keep on the lookout for the more than 20 world class murals that make up the **(11) "Oasis of Murals"** painted on their city's buildings. While in town don't miss the **(12) Old Schoolhouse Museum**, operated by the local historical society. The museum includes local history exhibits, a gift shop and a library. Joshua Tree National Park's

(13) Oasis of Mara Visitor Center displays exhibits with information on the park's history, plants, wildlife, and fascinating granite geology. End your day with a delicious dinner at the historic **(14) 29 Palms Inn**. Enjoy a cocktail while lounging by the pool and view the rotating art shows on the dining room's walls.



Oasis at 29 Palms Inn - an early home of the Serrano & Chemehuevi Indians



One of 20 World Class Murals in 29 Palms - "The Dirty Sock Camp"



The Old Schoolhouse Museum

Heading north of Yucca Valley on Old Woman Springs Road (SR247) stop to view the (15) **“Rhythms of Life” geoglyph** by Australian artist Andrew Rogers. This amazing artwork is part of the largest contemporary land art undertaking in the world, forming a link in the chain of 48 massive stone sculptures around the globe. Yucca Valley’s sculpture is the only one located in North America.

Continue north to (16) **Gubler Orchids** in Landers where you can find a jungle paradise in the desert. They offer personal tours of their greenhouses with colorful displays of orchids and exotic plants. Gubler’s is host to the annual Orchid Festival, held the first weekend of October, which includes food, music, orchid classes, and fun activities for the whole family.

Landers is also home to the world famous (17) **Integratron**. This domed structure was built by George Van Tassel based on the research of Nikola Tesla. Originally designed as a rejuvenation machine, it was never completed and today the all-wood, acoustically perfect sound chamber is used for soothing sound baths, by appointment.

Continue heading north and you will see (18) **Giant Rock**, considered the world’s largest free-standing Boulder. Weighing approximately 25,000 tons and standing 7 stories tall, Giant Rock was revered by Native Americans. UFO Conventions were held at Giant Rock from the 1950’s through the 1970’s.

The desert offers a number of off-highway vehicle areas, and (19) **Johnson Valley**, north of Landers, provides a varied landscape for every skill level. The Means Dry Lake area of Johnson Valley is the location of the annual “King of the Hammers” off-road race in February, which combines desert racing and rock crawling.

For those interested in history, the (20) **Morongo Basin Historical Society Research Center** in Landers is open Tuesdays or by appointment. After arriving back in Yucca Valley enjoy a tasty meal at one of the various local restaurants. While driving through Yucca Valley keep watch for pieces from their public art collection, on display throughout the town.

Ready for a cool, dark break from the desert sun? You can take in live theater in one of three venues in the hi-desert or see a movie at the local cinema.



“Rhythms of Life” geoglyph from the air



Giant Rock in Landers



Greenhouse grown orchids at Gublers



Rare & exotic varieties of orchids



The Integratron Time-Life Energy machine



Rock climbing & off-roading in Johnson Valley

The Hi-Desert's stunning desert landscapes provide many opportunities for outdoor activities. In Morongo Valley visit (21) **Big Morongo Canyon Preserve and Covington Park**, well known for their excellent bird watching, with 254 recorded species. Big Morongo Canyon Preserve is one of the largest riparian (stream) habitats in California and protects rare and endangered wildlife. There are numerous trails to hike, including a wheel chair accessible boardwalk.

An information kiosk at the entrance of the preserve provides trail maps and identification handouts on local wildlife and plants.



Depending on your vacation preferences and special interests, a wide variety of entertaining options appeal to diverse tastes in the Hi-Desert.

Whether it's natural science, history, art, culture, music, golf or horseback riding, rock climbing or guided hikes, get your free information packets from the (3) **California Welcome Center** or the (27) **Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce**.



Red-naped Sapsucker



Guided tours year-round



Viewing platforms and rest stops along the trails



Another oasis in the desert



Raised trail system throughout the Preserve.

The (22) Desert Institute is an adult education program offering one and two-day classes in a variety of naturalist subjects. If you are seeking rest and relaxation, the calendar of programs for meditation, tai chi, yoga classes, and drum circles can be found at the (3) California Welcome Center.

The high desert is famous for dark, clear skies and astronomy has become a popular pursuit. (23) Sky's the Limit Observatory and Nature Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing hands-on learning opportunities for the people of and visitors to the Joshua Tree Gateway Communities.



Simi Dabah sculpture art is displayed at the California Welcome Center



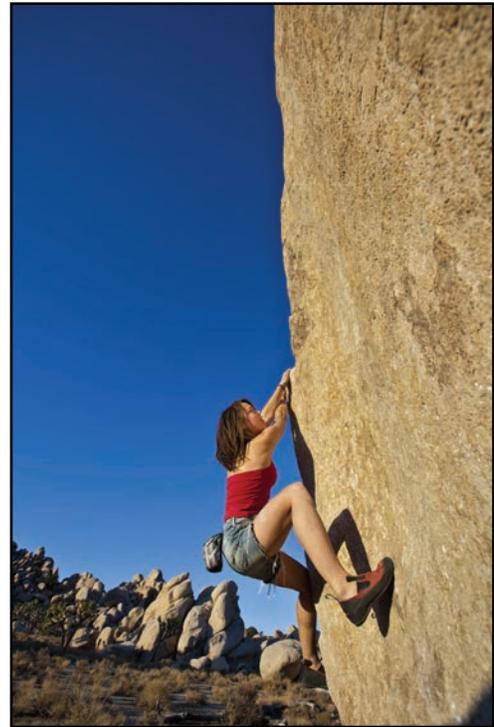
Town of Yucca Valley summer pool, party



Saber tooth tiger sculpture



Free summer concert program



Rock climbing in the Joshua Tree National Park

The JTGC enjoy a colorful wild west history including mining, cattlemen, and homesteading. The (24) Jackrabbit Homestead Project book and downloadable car audio tour is the historical legacy of the Small Tract Act in the region. The self-guided tour explores the homesteads in Wonder Valley, east of 29 Palms.

If mining history and seeking gold are more to your taste, then head out to the (25) Old Dale Mining District to try your luck at digging up some California gold. Be sure to do your research, carry the right equipment and follow safety precautions!

Music is a thriving pastime in the region and many venues offer live music. Musicians love to live and play in the Hi-Desert. Two music festivals, in May and October, offer eclectic styles and the (26) Town of Yucca Valley's Summer Music Festival has free performances in the park Saturday evenings throughout the summer in a relaxed outdoor setting.

Yucca Valley

A Joshua Tree Gateway Community

Joshua Tree Gateway Communities: Morongo Valley, Joshua Tree, 29 Palms, Homestead Valley, Wonder Valley & Pioneertown



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Inside the California Welcome Center in MidTown

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Locations

1. Black Rock Canyon, Black Rock Canyon Road dead ends at the campground, www.nps.gov/jotr/
2. Hi-Desert Nature Museum, Yucca Valley Community Center, (760) 369-7212, www.hidesertnaturemuseum.org
3. California Welcome Center, 56711 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, (760) 365-5464
4. Old Town Merchants, along the west end of Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley
5. Desert Christ Park, 56218 Sunnyslope Drive, Yucca Valley, (760) 365-3984, www.desertchristpark.org
6. Pioneertown, 4 miles north of Yucca Valley on Pioneertown Road
7. Pappy & Harriet's, 53688 Pioneertown Road, Pioneertown, (760) 365-5956, www.pappyandharriets.com
8. Joshua Tree Visitor Center, 6554 Park Boulevard, Joshua Tree, (760) 366-1855
9. Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council, www.mbcac.org, www.hwy62art.org
10. Noah Purifoy's Museum, 6303 Blaire Lane, Joshua Tree, (213) 382-7516, www.noahpurifoy.com
11. Oasis of Murals, 29 Palms, www.oasisofmurals.com
12. Old Schoolhouse Museum, 6760 National Park Drive, 29 Palms, (760) 367-2366, www.29palmshistorical.com
13. Oasis of Mara Visitor Center, 74485 National Park Drive, 29 Palms, (760) 367-5500
14. 29 Palms Inn, 73950 Inn Avenue, 29 Palms, (760) 367-3505, www.29palmsinn.com
15. Rhythms of Life Geoglyph, Old Woman Springs Road (SR247) and Aberdeen, www.andrewrogers.org
16. Gubler Orchids, 2200 Belfield Boulevard, Landers, (760) 364-2282, www.gublers.com
17. Integratron, 2477 Belfield Boulevard, Landers, (760) 364-3126, www.integratron.com
18. Giant Rock, north of Integratron about 2 miles, follow signs on unpaved roads, www.giantrockproject.com
19. Johnson Valley, enter from Old Woman Springs or Camp Rock Road, www.blm.gov/ca/barstow/johnson.html
20. Morongo Basin Historical Society, 632 N. Landers Lane, Landers, (760) 364-2000, www.mbhs.net
21. Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, East Drive, Morongo Valley, (760) 363-7190, www.bigmorongo.org
22. Desert Institute, 74485 National Park Drive, 29 Palms, (760) 367-5535, www.joshuatree.org
23. Sky's The Limit Observatory, PO Box 125, 29 Palms, CA 92277, 760-367-7222 www.skysthelimit29.org
24. Jackrabbit Homestead, Wonder Valley, www.jackrabbihomestead.com
25. Old Dale Mining District, Visit the California Welcome Center for directions & maps
26. Town of Yucca Valley, 57090 29 Palms Hwy, YV (760) 369-7207, www.yucca-valley.org
27. Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce, 56711 29 Palms Hwy, YV (Inside the California Welcome Center)
www.yuccavalley.org

Yucca Valley Hotels

Americas Best Value Inn & Suites

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Best Western Joshua Tree Hotel & Suites

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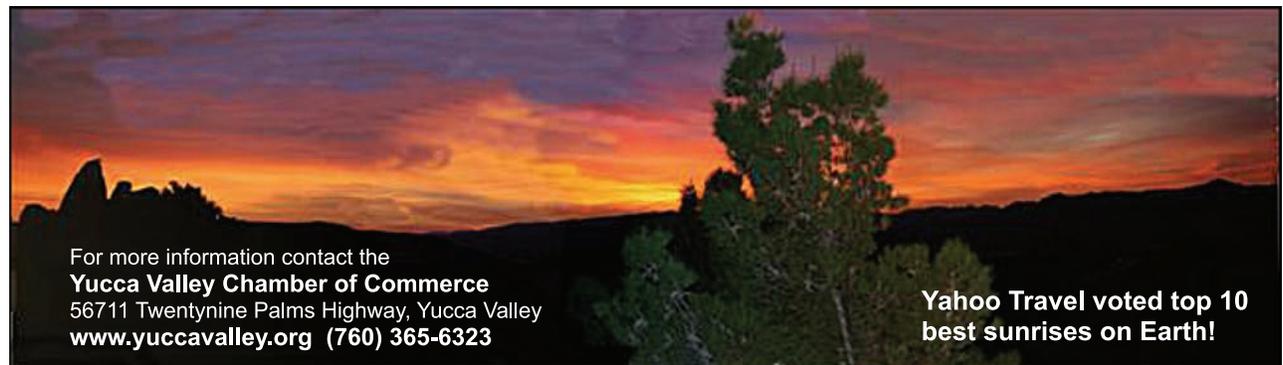
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54850 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley
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