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Joshua Tree: National Park Tour

The **NATIONAL PARK TOUR** is a straight forward experience. You have to imagine that you will be driving on a National Park Service controlled road through a National Park. There aren't many areas you can go on your own. They lead you through the Park along one path they want you to travel.

If you plan on driving through the entire Joshua Tree National Park (JTNP), it will cost you \$30 at the gate and take you 171 minutes **WITHOUT STOPPING ONCE** (with zero traffic)!

Let us warn you now. There is a possibility of making 54 stops inside the JTNP. **YES!** Fifty-Four stops **INSIDE** the Park! If you did a little bit of simple math, and stopped for 10 minutes at **ALL** of them, you're looking at 540 minutes **PLUS** the 171 minutes of driving. That's 711 minutes (12 hours)!

We did our best to cut that time down a **LOT**.

We created this stop-by-stop checklist for you to have "in-hand" as you make your way through this **MASSIVE** National Park. Print or view the **PFD** on your device. We chose the most notable and photogenic locations for you to experience. If the location is **BOLD**, it is one of our chosen 24 total stops! Our list will help you know where you are throughout your day as well so you can gauge how far you are into the park and how much longer you will be without cellular service.

ENJOY THIS GLORIOUS NATIONAL PARK! We think it is the most beautiful of the 61 National Parks across the United States of America. Remember the miles and minutes we list on this checklist are as if you drove non-stop. You will be making stops along the way and solving clues and puzzles and ciphers at the stops we direct you to. Add to that all of the stops **YOU** make on your own and it is a **VERY FULL DAY**. Have plenty of water and snacks to keep your energy up!

-The Secret Tours Team

SPOILER ALERT: If you want to visit two **FREE** areas inside the National Park, read on. To see an absolutely **STUNNING** area of Joshua Tree type rocks and boulders, visit the Indian Cove Campground. We suggest it no matter what. It is not listed on any of our tours. To see an absolutely **GLORIOUS** amount of Joshua Trees, and we mean a solid packed full plethora of tons of trees, visit the Blackrock Campground. It is also not listed on any of our tours. Both of these areas are open 24/7/365 and are **FREE**. The normal National Park is \$30 at the gate. Of course we suggest going into the Park no matter what, but these two **FREE** areas are just additional options.

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TheSecretTours.com Step-by-Step Guide to the Joshua Tree National Park (JTNP):

1. **JTNP VISITOR CENTER ON PARK BOULEVARD (START 0.0 Miles @ 0 minutes)**
2. **JTVC THE AGE OF A JOSHUA TREE (0.0 Miles @ 0 minutes)**
3. **COACHELLA PARTY GOD (4.0 Miles @ 8 minutes)**
4. *** JTNP West Entrance (6.0 miles @ 15 minutes) ***
5. Maze Loop Trailhead
6. EXHIBIT: Barren or Beautiful
7. EXHIBIT: Memorial Fire
8. **QUAIL SPRINGS PICNIC AREA (14.6 Miles @ 24 minutes)**
9. Boy Scout Trailhead
10. **HEMINGWAY (16.5 Miles @ 37 minutes)**
11. EXHIBIT: Woodland Bounty
12. **HIDDEN VALLEY PICNIC AREA (17.5 Miles @ 40 minutes)**
13. **INTERSECTION ROCK (ON LEFT) (17.5 Miles @ 40 minutes)**
14. *** INTERSECTION BARKER DAM ROAD ***
15. BARKER DAM RD: Hidden Valley Campground LEFT LOOP
16. BARKER DAM RD: Hidden onto Valley Campground RIGHT LOOP
17. KEYS RANCH RD: Echo T Trailhead
18. KEYS RANCH RD: Keys Ranch Locked Gate (Ranger Led Tours Only)
19. **BARKER DAM RD: BARKER DAM (19.1 Miles @ 42 minutes)**
20. BARKER DAM RD: WALL STREET MILL
21. (BARKER DAM RD becomes QUEEN VALLEY ROAD)
22. (If you take Queen Valley Road, you will miss ½ of the park.)

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23. *** GO BACK TO PARK BOULEVARD ***
24. EXHIBIT: Apostle of the Cacti & Long Horse Valley Trail
25. *** INTERSECTION TO KEYS VIEW ROAD ***
26. **CAP ROCK (23.3 Miles @ 45 minutes)**
27. EXHIBIT: Rapid Fire
28. EXHIBIT: Tree of Life
29. EXHIBIT: Mojave Desert
30. **KEYS VIEW (28.7 Miles @ 53 minutes)**
31. *** BACK ONTO PARK BOULEVARD ***
32. Ryan Campground
33. **RYAN'S RANCH TRAILHEAD (38.8 Miles @ 66 minutes)**
34. (OYSTER BAR) EXHIBIT: We Have Contact
35. **HALL OF HORRORS (39.6 Miles @ 67 minutes)**
36. **RYAN MOUNTAIN TRAILHEAD (40.2 Miles @ 69 minutes)**
37. Sheep Pass Campground
38. EXHIBIT: The Bighorn Domain
39. **EXHIBIT: THE ADVENTUROUS YUCCA (45'-tall Joshua Tree)**
40. *** Intersection at Park Boulevard and Big Horn Pass Road (LEFT)
41. *** Intersection at Park Boulevard and Geology Tour Road (RIGHT)
42. *** Intersection at Park Boulevard and Desert Queen Mine Road (LEFT)
43. **JUMBO ROCKS CAMPGROUND (45 Miles @ 75 minutes)**
44. **SKULL ROCK (45.7 Miles @ 76 minutes)**
45. EXHIBIT: The Intruder
46. *** Intersection at Park Boulevard and Split Rock Road (LEFT)

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47. ***Intersection at Park Boulevard and Live Oak Campground (RIGHT)
48. EXHIBIT: A Distinguished Yucca
49. ***INTERSECTION TO SOUTH ENTRANCE - PINTO BASIN ROAD*** (48.5 Miles @ 81 minutes)
50. EXHIBIT: Tree of Life
51. Twin Tanks & Arch Rock Trail Head
52. **WHITE TANK CAMPGROUND SPACE 15 to ARCH ROCK (51.5 Miles @ 87 minutes)**
53. EXHIBIT: We Have Contact
54. EXHIBIT: Where 2 Deserts Meet
55. Silver Bell Mine (2 buildings)
56. **THE CHOLLA GARDENS (58.4 Miles @ 94 minutes)**
57. EXHIBIT: OCOTILLO PATCH
58. Turkey Flats (3 signs)
59. Parking Area
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61. Porcupine Wash
62. EXHIBIT: Pinto People and Only A Visitor (2 signs)
63. EXHIBIT/INTERSECTION: Old Dale Road and Black Eagle Mine Road
64. EXHIBIT: A Desert Wash
65. **SOUTH EXIT: JTNP COTTONWOOD VISITOR CENTER (78.1 Miles @ 119 minutes)**
66. *** THIS IS THE SOUTH EXIT TO INTERSTATE 10 (I-10)
67. *** IF YOU WANTED TO EXIT TO I-10, IT IS 7-MILES FROM HERE
68. *** TURNAROUND AND TURN RIGHT BACK ONTO PARK BOULEVARD
69. EXHIBIT: Mojave Symbol
70. EXHIBIT: Barren or Beautiful

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- 71. EXHIBIT: Contact Mine Trail & Viewing Desert Life & JTNP
- 72. EAST EXIT 29 PALMS UTAH TRAIL: (106.2 Miles @ 148 minutes)
- 73. JTNP OASIS VISITOR CENTER (29 PALMS - UTAH TRAIL) (76.4 Miles @ 119 minutes)
- 74. 29 PALMS SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM (76.9 Miles @ 120 minutes)
- 75. 29 PALMS INN (77.0 Miles @ 121 minutes)