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The Explorer's Guide to Death Valley National Park

By T. Scott Bryan and Betty Tucker-Bryan

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A truly comprehensive guide to one of the hottest places around. The guide has all the usual stuff, with campground and accomodation info, but it also covers the sights quite well. If you've never been to Death Valley, you may think it's a pretty dangerous place and you need a 4wd to safely see it. Not true at all. You can spend **many days** seeing all the spots that are easily accesible with a little rental econocar. Of course, if you have a 4wd there are even more options. Most people are quite surprised on their first visit, as the place usually doesn't match their preconceived notions. Of course if you really want fun, drop by in July or August and watch the hordes of German tourists melting in the sun. -- *tm*

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average High Temp	64.6	72.9	80.8	88.4	99.5	109.7	116.2	113.5	106.0	91.3	75.4	65.9
Avg Low Temp	39.3	46.2	53.9	61.6	71.4	81.6	88.5	85.5	77.8	61.9	48.4	40.3
Record High Temp	87	91	101	109	120	128	134	126	120	110	97	86
Record Low Temp	15	27	30	35	42	49	52	65	41	32	24	19
Avg Rainfall (inches)	0.21	0.33	0.15	0.12	0.06	0.02	0.11	0.06	0.10	0.11	0.19	0.19

From the Book Cover

This is the first complete guidebook available for the spectacular and most recent addition to the U.S. park system -- Death Valley National Park. It covers the park's geologic history and also reviews the human history of the valley, from the indians and first western explorers to the prospectors, miners, and present-day visitors. *The Explorer's Guide* contains short walks, day hikes, backpacking trips, and numerous descriptive road logs that lead explorers into the wilderness backcountry of mines, ghost towns, cactus gradens, incredible scenic vistas, and desert mysteries.

Written by two acknowledged desert naturalists, explorers, and conservationists, *The Explorer's Guide* is the only book you'll need for an all-encompassing experience in Death Valley National Park.

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About the Author

The authors met in Death Valley over 20 years ago. This book is the result of those years and more, wonderful times spent exploring and learning the secrets of this great desert.

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Betty Tucker-Bryan was the first woman to solo hike the 140-mile length of Death Valley. She spearheaded the mapping and hiking of the proposed border-to-border Desert Trail between Mexico and Canada, and is the founder of the Death Valley Hikers Association. She has served on the board of directors of the Desert Protective Council, and as director of the Roadrunner District of California Garden Clubs. As a free-lance writer, desert conservationist, and outdoors woman, she has been published in many national magazines. She contributed to The Mountaineers' book *Gorp, Glop & Glue Stew*, and to the Sierra Club book *Adventuring in the California Desert*.

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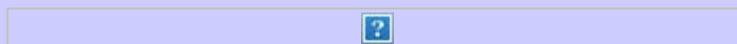
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