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Winter brings cool temperatures and activities to Death Valley

In Winter, the Hottest National Park Cools Down and Hosts Winter Activities

DEATH VALLEY, Calif. (NOV. 1, 2018) – The holiday season brings visitors from all over to Death Valley National Park. Although most of the year, the park reigns as the hottest, driest national park, winter in the park brings cool days and chilly nights. The park also hosts a few season-specific activities beginning in November for all the visitors to enjoy.

With the cooler temperatures, hikers can enjoy the park trails for longer than in the hotter months. Zabriskie Point, Golden Canyon and trails along the Badwater Road are particularly nice during the winter. Plus, the lodgings and resorts in Death Valley offer activities in the winter including golf, tennis, and swimming. Visitors can enjoy the weather at the Furnace Creek Golf Course, the lowest golf course in the world.

“Regular park visitors know that they can hike, golf, and explore the park any time during the day, not just during the early morning hours before it gets too hot,” Xanterra Parks & Resorts in Death Valley director of sales & marketing Phil Dickinson said. “Plus, with fewer visitors, most people find the park even more relaxed and casual than usual.”

Throughout the month of November, the park hosts nightly night sky exploration events with astronomers in the park. Starting in December and continuing until March, park rangers host daily ranger talks at Harmony Borax Works and hikes at Golden Canyon. Each December, Death Valley hosts the annual Christmas Bird Count.

Rangers recommend visitors travel to Death Valley in the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas, as it is the least crowded time of the year. Reservations are still recommended, but they are easier to come by. The season boasts low-angled winter light throughout the valley, allowing for some majestic shots for photographers. The lighting and temperature make it perfect for visitors to explore the valley.

Death Valley National Park is the hottest, lowest, and driest national park, homeland of the Timbisha Shoshone people. The park and its partners work to provide the nature and culture of the land and its people through learning experiences and preservation of the wilderness and scenery. Learn more about Death Valley National Park at <https://www.nps.gov/deva>.

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