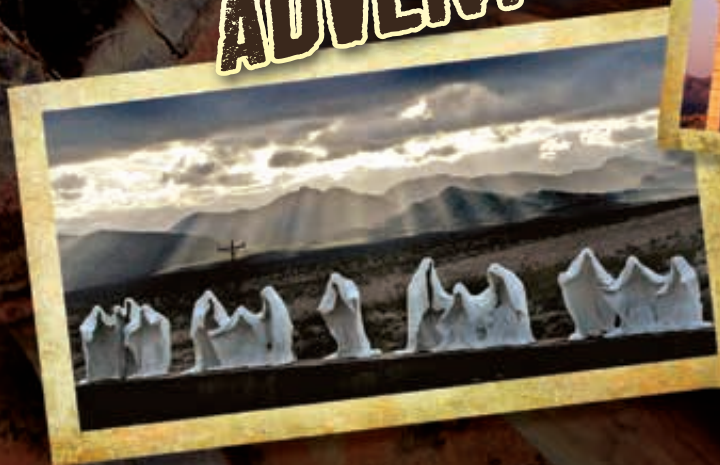


BEATTY, NEVADA

Gateway to Death Valley!™



360°
of
ADVENTURE.



Welcome to BEATTY, NEVADA

Tired of the bright lights of Vegas? Too hot in Death Valley? Looking for a friendlier location with room to breathe? Have a tight vacation budget? If this is you, then come experience Beatty, Nevada.

Located in Oasis Valley, less than a hundred miles northwest of Las Vegas on Hwy 95, Beatty was established in 1904 as a supply center for miners, railroads, and Death Valley travelers. Nestled snugly in the valley, Beatty is surrounded by three peaks; Bare Mountain, Sawtooth Mountain and the Bullfrog Hills. Long known as the “Scenic Gateway to Death Valley.” We are a short seven miles from the National Park border and thirteen miles from the Nevada/California border.

At three thousand, three hundred and eight feet, Beatty enjoys a more temperate climate, and offers many natural wonders of its own. One of the largest underground rivers in the United States, the Amargosa, supplies water to a wealth of trees and wildlife. Beatty’s landscape plays host to bird watchers, hikers, geocachers, rockhounds, history buffs, off-road enthusiasts, herds of wild burros and characters hankering to leave the big city behind. A casino, gas stations, hotels/motels, RV parks, restaurants, saloons, and antique and gift shops provide a wide range of year round services. Budget pleasing room prices abound in Beatty, and a central location makes Beatty the choice for a “Home Base” for your desert explorations!

Watch us grow! We have big plans for our little town over the next few years! A Community beautification project is in full swing, with streetlights in place, park benches and a town square in the works. This will be an ongoing

project for the next few years. Our first mural, depicting our railroad history has been completed and the Clock has been relocated in a prominent area of the new Town Square.

With the cost of living rising in the larger metropolitan areas, small towns such as Beatty are attracting larger numbers of retirees looking for lower costs and simpler ways of life.

So come on by and visit awhile. Perhaps you will find us to your liking and settle in our little valley to become a part of our community. Whatever your choice, we hope you will enjoy our clean, fresh air, friendly people, spectacular scenery and our great quality of life. While you are making your plans check out the gateway tour, Shake Hands With The Devil, on the back page of this guide for some excellent ideas.

8 Reasons to Stay in Beatty While Visiting Death Valley

1. Beatty is the closest Gateway to Death Valley – just 10 minutes away.
2. Experience Hell’s Gate and the alluvial fan – just 11 miles away
3. Visit Rhyolite Ghost Town – just 4 minutes away
4. Closest entrance to Titus Canyon – 5 miles away
5. 20 degrees cooler than Death Valley
6. Just 45 miles from Furnace Creek and 55 miles from Scotty’s Castle
7. Reasonable room rates
8. Visit the Old West in downtown Beatty and catch a glimpse of a shoot-out

THINGS TO SEE AND DO WHILE IN THE BEATTY AREA.

Beatty has long been known as the Gateway to Death Valley, and this entrance to the National Park has exciting offerings for all your senses... and your imagination too! Among the sights and senses you can experience on the 42-mile trip into Furnace Creek, the valley’s cultural center, are:

RHYOLITE—4 miles outside of Beatty. Boom to bust, the story of many early mining towns in Nevada run about the same, but Rhyolite is quite the exception. It certainly boomed and it definitely busted, but what remains of what could-have-been is a must-see for any visitor to Beatty. Just four miles west of Beatty, Rhyolite was born in 1905 when samples of gold-laced rock were found in the Bullfrog Mining District. Such a discovery resulted in the usual real estate boom. By 1907/08 Rhyolite was the third largest community in Nevada. At that time Las Vegas was still a stage stop!

In fact, Rhyolite reached its peak in 1907 with an estimated 8,000-10,000 residents. But even more remarkable than the subsequent population spurt was the potential Rhyolite had-and-embraced – to become the next Nevada metropolis. Built of stone and concrete, the town had three-story office buildings, banks, churches, an opera house, hotels, a school, dozens of streets, all complete with plumbing, electricity and telephone service. The town even had a stock exchange and gained the attention of investors in New York and San Francisco, as stock promoters sold speculative shares in Rhyolite ventures. Not to mention the red light district...

How could a town that seemed set to stand the test of time, crumble to the ghost town status it

proclaims today? Rhyolite has been likened to “the culmination of the gold rush era.” Those who had missed out on earlier booms weren’t going to let this one pass them by, but the fervor was really for nothing as Rhyolite was only able to establish one truly productive mine. And that one, the Montgomery, wasn’t even profitable, only \$2 million in gold had been taken when it closed after 11 years.

Today Rhyolite lay in ruins, with mere shells of the main street buildings remaining. The fall of gold prices spelt the ruin of this once thriving town.

“Legend-Has-It” stories abound about the life and times of Rhyolite. One of these stories is of the mine that missed the main vein of gold by a matter of feet. Later a modern day mining operation located that vein and took out 2 million ounces in 12 years! You pass the remains of that open pit mining operation as you near the turn off to Rhyolite.

GOLDWELL OPEN AIR MUSEUM—You are in the middle of the desert, on your way to visit the area’s premiere ghost town, and suddenly off to the left you see a towering pink woman and a series of ghostly forms. This is the Goldwell Open Air Art Museum featuring the Painted Lady, a ghostly representation of the Last Supper, a ghostly bike rider and others. While you might think that this is a strange location for a modern art sculpture garden, each piece has a tie with the history of the area— even the penguin following the miner!

Legend has it that Shorty Harris, one of the miners that made the first discovery in Rhyolite, drank a bit and in his fuzzy condition was sure that a penguin followed him everywhere he went! The true story is that the man commissioned to build the statue always put something of himself in each piece...in this case he felt about as out of place in the desert as a penguin!

Today you can visit this free attraction any time of the day. On weekends you may find a museum attendant available to tell you about the museum and the artists that have contributed to the collection. The museum holds special artistic showings and events throughout the year. These include plays and displays at the “Red Barn” that is part of the site. For more information visit: www.goldwellmuseum.org.

TOM KELLY BOTTLE HOUSE—While you are in Rhyolite, be sure to visit the famous Tom Kelly Bottle House. Local stories say that there were around fifty thousand bottles used in the building. These bottles are mostly beer and wine bottles gathered from the local establishments. Mr Kelly did not drink them, and he did not wash them either, before setting them in place. This fact resulted in a group of Mormon Crickets being entombed and mummified in one of the bottles!

For more information about this unique house, and Rhyolite itself, visit: www.rhyolitesite.com

TITUS CANYON—5 miles outside Beatty lies a 27-mile one-way track that travels from east to west through the Grapevine Mountains, the ghost town of Leadfield, the Klare Springs Indian petroglyph site and the spectacular Titus Canyon and ends in Death Valley. While it may only be 27 miles, you will need to plan for a minimum of 3 hours drive time from beginning to end. Any faster and you will rattle your vehicle to pieces!

HELL'S GATE—16 to 19 miles from Beatty, beginning at approximately Death Valley MilePost 10. Imagine you are traveling in a wagon, just coming out of the canyon you have been traveling through, only to be hit with a wall of heat that is like opening an oven door.

You can experience this today by opening your car windows, turning off your heater or air

conditioning, and putting your hand out in the air. Within the next 3 miles you should be able to feel the change in temperature! Welcome to Hell's Gate.

This sudden temperature change is due to the inversion layer that lays over the valley at all times. If the weather is calm, the change in temperature can be fairly sharp, but if there is a storm in the area, it can take up to the full three miles.

Just around the corner is the Hell's Gate Rest Area and your first spectacular view of Death Valley opens out in front of you. There are few other locations with such a photographic view of such a large area—be sure to get a picture or two!

There is a wealth of desert experiences awaiting you in the immediate area. You can spend mornings exploring the desert and old mining communities, then escape the afternoon heat in the local shops and casino. Here are some possibilities:

BEATTY MUSEUM—The Beatty Museum and Historical Society that you will visit today is only the latest in what seems like an ever evolving effort to preserve the history of the town, the county and the Bullfrog Mining District. Three women of Beatty who had “played in Rhyolite and roamed the hills of the Bullfrog Mining District” began the museum. The first museum, established in 1995, was just a small cottage.

The collection of documents, books, photos and other artifacts has grown into its current home on Beatty's Main Street. The latest addition to the museum is an outdoor display of equipment used in the old mining district. The Beatty Museum and Historical Society is open Monday through Sunday, from 10 AM to 3 PM. The museum is also host to special events showcasing the history of the area. For more information call: 775-553-2303 or visit www.beattymuseum.com.

BAILEY'S HOT SPRINGS—A former railroad depot (once known as Hicks Hot Springs), was built around 1905. In 1907 Bailey's became a watering stop for the Bullfrog-Goldfield railroad line. Today there are three private bath houses available, seven days a week, with temperatures ranging from 100 to 108 degrees. There is also an RV park with 14 RV spaces on site, free Wi-Fi, tent and teepee rentals, and hiking trails.

Website: <http://www.baileyshotsprings.com>
Phone: 775-553-2395.

BEATTY MUDMOUND—From a distance this fascinating outcropping of limestone, about 5 miles south and east of town is simply an outcropping of pale gray rock. But once up close and personal, the casual rock hound can find a wealth of excellently preserved fossil remains some 480 million years old: sponges, tiny crustaceans-related to barnacles, gastropods and brachiopods as well as others.

These Ordovician mudmounds/bioherms were, in effect, huge underwater mud dunes, able to trap sediments driven by the prevailing sea currents. The mudmound near Beatty probably developed scores of miles from the ancient Ordovician shoreline in seawater shallow enough to allow monstrous algae mats to flourish and enormous quantities of animal life to thrive along the flanks of the mound.

Constant sluffing of material from the rock face has left a great deal of fossil bearing rubble at the base of the wall.

If you visit the Mudmound, we ask that you do not remove anything from the wall, as it is a paleontological site and therefore protected, but be sure to take pictures of any fossils you find.

THE SWISS CHEESE ROCKS—Compared by a National Geographic writer to the limestone formations in Cappadocia Italy, this unusual rock formation can be found a few miles outside of Beatty, near the Beatty Mudmound. Filled with

wind and weather worn holes, this outcropping is an interesting place to explore. You might choose to camp in the area protected by this formation, and if you are quiet enough, you just might be treated to a sighting of a bighorn sheep during your visit.

BIRDING—A true oasis from the harsh environments of the Mohave and Great Basin Deserts—the trees, wetlands and open spaces along the Amargosa River also give habitat to year-round resident birds and nesting seasonal birds, regularly supporting 21 species that have been identified by NV Partners in Flight as conservation priorities.

Surveys have recorded some 100 species of Neotropical migrants that make use of this area during spring or fall migration. The area also hosts a significant number of single-specie concentrations, with more than 25,000 individuals from four groups of the Wood Warbler family passing through each spring.

For optimal viewing, birders should check out areas along the Amargosa River, Species Springs, Vanderbilt Springs and Little Indian Springs.

MARTA BECKET'S AMARGOSA OPERA HOUSE—Located at Death Valley Junction, is an adventure that encompasses dance, theater and art in a way that you may see nowhere else in the world. An entire audience adorns the walls, filled with characters who might have attended an opera back in the 16th century. Even the ceiling boasts a mural with cherubs, clouds, ladies playing music and white doves. Reservations are suggested for the seasonal theatrical events, but even if you cannot make a show, the Opera House itself is worth a visit. There are no tours on Saturdays during the performance season. Call 760-852-4441 or visit: www.amargosaoperahouse.com.

THE AMARGOSA RIVER—Considered by some to be the largest and longest underground river in the world, surfaces 10 miles north of Beatty, flows through town and south to the Amargosa Narrows. Past the narrows, the river dips, taking the water deep underground, and it doesn't resurface again until it reaches Amargosa Valley 30 miles away where it surfaces for a short while. Then it is back underground until the Shoshone, California area, where it resurfaces to go through a series of waterfalls. The largest of these is accessible via a railbed trail.

Breaking all the rules of river flows, they nearly always flow to the south, the Amargosa actually flows north for a number of miles, feeding into the ancient aquifer at Badwater's Lake Manly in Death Valley.

The Spanish word Amargosa is translated as bitter, and it is believed that the river's name is actually a shortened version of Agua Amargosa, or Bitter Water.

VANDERBILT SPRINGS and **BOMBO'S POND**—are south of town, right next to Highway 95. This watering hole is enjoyed by many for catch-and-release fishing and swimming.

SPECIES SPRINGS—is another watering hole located in Tarantula Canyon about five miles northeast of Beatty. Prime wildlife and bird watching area.

LITTLE INDIAN SPRINGS—is four miles northwest of Beatty. Prime wildlife and bird watching area.

DESERT ADVENTURES OFF-ROADING

Think you're tough? These proving grounds put the extreme in extreme possibilities. So maybe your scene is hang-gliding or endurance racing,

sandboarding or rock climbing, mountain biking or ATV exploration. Or maybe you just like taking your aggression out on a long, lost weekend. No matter. Prepare to get up-close and personal with a whole new level of punishment when you take it up against the most hostile and demanding rival you'll ever encounter! Beatty, Death Valley and the ocean of public lands surrounding the back country roads that crisscross the desert offer excitement to the adventure traveler visiting the Beatty area. These roads require, at a minimum, a vehicle with high ground clearance, but four-wheel drive is necessary to maneuver through the rougher passages. Be sure to stock up on emergency provisions and water in Beatty before you hit the backcountry.

If you are into challenging the desert on foot then consider BEATTY'S RIVERS & TRAILS PROGRAM OFFERINGS. This ongoing program outlines a **proposed** Beatty Trails Network currently being developed by a coalition of partners including the Nature Conservancy, the Beatty Habitat Committee, US Fish & Wildlife Service, the NV Department of Wildlife, the NV Heritage Pro-gram, Storm-OHV, and the Beatty Town Advisory Board. Individual trails will eventually include viewing areas, picnicking and rest areas, and information kiosks.

One such area can be found immediately behind the Stagecoach Hotel & Casino where The Nature Conservancy (TNC) has started the trail and created habitat for the Amargosa Toad, Speckled Dace and other aquatic creatures. The Speckled Dace and the Amargosa Toad are native to the area and the Toad is found in no other place in the world.

The Habitat Trail will connect with TNC's trail, which will eventually extend along the river through Beatty as one of the trail offerings.

CHLORIDE CITY GHOST TOWN—a 14-mile route to great panoramic views of the valley and one of the earliest mining sites in Death Valley.

TORRANCE RANCH TRAIL—Beatty to Torrance Ranch Highlights: Nature walks, boardwalk, bird watching, toad habitat.

WEST PARKER RANCH LOOP—Sober Up Gulch to State Route 374 at Old Railroad Grade into Beatty. Highlights: Old railroad grade, burros, petroglyphs. Good for mountain bike use and low impact 4x4.

TARANTULA CANYON LOOP TRAIL—Amargosa Narrows, Flourospar Canyon, Secret Pass, Species Springs, Tarantula Canyon to Steve's Pass and U.S. Highway 95. Highlights: burro viewing, scenic, active mining, and a chance to see the elusive bighorn sheep.

RHYOLITE TRAIL—West from Beatty along an old railroad grade to Rhyolite.

MUD SPRINGS/SARCOBATUS FLAT/ BONNIE CLAIRE TRAIL—South of Rhyolite at State Route 374 into Death Valley, Bullfrog Mountain, Bonnie Claire and State Route 267.

MONTGOMERY MOUNTAIN TRAIL—Highlights: Old railroad grades, historical mining site, Montgomery Paradise Mountain.

BEATTY TO LATHROP WELLS / AMARGOSA AND BIG DUNE—Beatty through Gold Center. Highlights: Entrance to Chloride City and Cliffs, Old Railroad Grade, and Big Dunes.

BEATTY TO UPPER AND LOWER INDIAN SPRINGS TRAIL—Travel north from Beatty to Little Indian Springs with connection to Rhyolite Rail Trail. Highlights: Riparian and burro viewing, Indian Springs.

BULLFROG HILLS—Highlights: Scenic vistas and burro viewing.

CISTERN SPUR—Cistern Spur off Tarantula Canyon Loop. Highlights: Cistern developed by outlaws or Spaniards.

TORRANCE MOUNTAIN BIKE LOOP TRAIL—Trail starts at U.S. Highway 95 and loops through Sober Up Gulch. Highlights: Geologic features and scenic loop.

STROZZI RANCH TRAIL—Trail travels through open desert and canyon to historic Strozzi Ranch, crossing railroad grade. Highlights: Riparian scenic, historic ranch.

BEATTY MOUNTAIN—Trail starts in Beatty and loops around the Canyon on old mining road. Hiking and bike trail only. Highlights: Mining ruins.

PERLITE CANYON—Highlights: Scenic geological features and spring desert flowers.

GEOCACHING

So you like it all? Want to add a new level to your adventure? Try Geocaching. This relatively new international "treasure hunting" sport requires a GPS unit, a method of transportation, and a sense of adventure. There are approximately 137 Geocache points within 30 miles of Beatty, according to one popular site.

Check out the following sites for general information, and information on the nearby sites. www.geocaching.com, or <http://brillig.com/geocaching/nevada.shtml>. Good Caching!

MOTOCROSS AND SANDBOARDING IN THE BEATTY & AMARGOSA AREA

AMARGOSA BIG DUNES/BEATTY

DUNES — a magnificent, five-square-mile playground of dunes, some reaching 500 feet in height; Amargosa Valley via U.S. Highway 95 to Valley View Road, two miles west, then follow the dirt road to the dunes.

Small and steep, long and fast, an endless ocean of crescent, star and linear dunes with jumps, slopes, dips, dives and more than a few suicide runs invite you to come carve it up in hell.

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

Rightly judged the most extreme environment on the North American continent—this valley gives summons to geology enthusiasts and nature lovers alike with 3.3 million acres of pristine and intensely complex desert terrain, and rare flora and fauna uniquely adapted to the Mohave Desert.

Before visiting Death Valley, be sure to call their visitor center to gather roads and weather information that will make your visit safer and much more enjoyable. Their phone number is: 775-786-3200, or you can visit their website at: nps.gov/deva.

CLIMATE: Hottest, driest in North America, witnessing the second-highest recorded temperature—134 degrees Fahrenheit—in 1913.

ELEVATION: Lowest in North America, with a 550-square-mile area measured below sea level; contains the lowest point recorded in the Western Hemisphere – 282 feet below sea level in an area near Badwater. Also contains high-level elevations such as Telescope Peak, which measures over 11,000 feet.

HABITAT: From barren saltpan (an area defined by a lack of vegetation) to sub-alpine (an area defined primarily by spare cover but capable of sustaining an abundance of vegetation where water is available).

Hosts three biotic life zones—lower Sonoran, Canadian, and Arctic/Alpine; microhabitats provide further zone division of the valley floor.

WILDLIFE: 51 species of native mammals, 307 species of birds, 36 species of reptiles, 3 species of amphibians, and 5 species and a single subspecies of native fish. Large mammals include the desert bighorn, coyote, bobcat, mountain lion, and mule deer.

VEGETATION: Scrub, desert woodland and coniferous forest. At lower elevations, desert contains creosote bush, desert holly, and mesquite; at increasingly higher elevations, sage, shadscale, blackbrush, Joshua tree, pinion-juniper, limber pine, and bristlecone pine. Over 1,000 plant species, including 13 species of cactus and 23 varieties endemic to Death Valley. Peak blooming times for wildflowers are mid-February to mid-April on the valley floor; early April to early May at 2,000 to 4,000 feet; late April to early June above 4,000 feet.

SCOTTY'S CASTLE — Just a short drive away you can view a castle “built on lies.” A fantastic blend of self-supporting technology and luxurious furnishings, this desert mansion is a stop you must make during any trip to the Beatty area and Death Valley. Today you can take guided tours through this legendary castle in a desert oasis on the northern edge of Death Valley. Living History tours of the castle are presented hourly every day. Call 760-786-2392 for more information.

DEATH VALLEY DAY HIKES

From one-quarter mile to eight miles, you won't have to cover a lot of ground to find yourself in the midst of Death Valley's colorful canyons and badlands, salt pinnacles, borax mines and endemic plant and wildlife. For more information about these hikes, visit the Death Valley National Park Visitor's Center at Furnace Creek.

THE HEBE CRATERS — a one-mile round-trip along the west rim of the Ubehebe Crater to Little Hebe and others.

TITUS CANYON NARROWS — a three-mile round-trip hike through canyon narrows; a 13-mile round-trip hike to see the petroglyphs at Klare Springs.

SAND DUNES — a four-mile trail-less romp through gorgeous desert dunes.

SALT CREEK INTERPRETIVE TRAIL — an easy half-mile self-guided trail to view Death Valley's pupfish and other wild creatures.

HARMONY BORAX WORKS INTERPRETIVE TRAIL

— an easy quarter-mile round-trip hike along a paved trail around the ruins of a borax plant.

MOSAIC CANYON — a four-mile round-trip walk along the polished marble walls of this ancient canyon.

DESOLATION CANYON — a two-mile round-trip hike up-canyon through colorful badlands.

GOLDEN CANYON INTERPRETIVE TRAIL — a self-guided two-mile round-trip hike through a beautifully colorful canyon.

GOWAR GULCH TRAIL — a moderate four-mile round-trip hike through colorful badlands and through abandoned borax mines. Not recommended for summertime travel.

DEATH VALLEY ROAD TRIPS

From rough washboard roads that encourage slowing down to take in the sights (and save your vehicle), to Extreme Four-Wheeling requiring an experienced driver, you will find it all in Death Valley.

Be sure to check on road conditions before taking on these roads. Many follow canyons that can become impassable after a heavy rain.

PHINNEY CANYON — a 22-mile route that begins 12 miles north of Beatty and travels through pinion pine woodlands to gather views of the Grapevine Mountains and the Sierra Nevada.

COTTONWOOD & MARBLE CANYONS — travel up the alluvial fan before reaching the Cottonwood Canyon mouth; a side road at the end of the first narrows leads to Marble Canyon; 13 miles through Marble Canyon; 16 miles through Cottonwood Canyon.

LEMOIGNE CANYON — 4.4 miles of fierce 4x4 tracks that cross an alluvial fan to the mouth of the canyon.

ECHO CANYON — this 10-mile deep-gravel route offers views of interesting and colorful geologic formations, such as the Needle's Eye, and the ruins of mines.

HOLE IN THE WALL — a four-mile journey up a gravel wash to the 400-foot-deep gap; a 4x4 is needed to continue through to road's end.

TRAIL CANYON — a 12-mile climb up the Panamint Mountains to an old mining area.

ADVENTURE TRAILS

Got a mountain goat tangled up in your genetic rope? Then select a Trail where you can enjoy a hard scramble on these non-trails inside Death Valley.

RED WALL CANYON — a six-mile round-trip hike up this red mountain canyon along the alluvial fan.

FALL CANYON — a seven-mile round-trip hike through the beautiful narrows of this desert wilderness canyon.

DEATH VALLEY BUTTES — a four-mile round-trip hike along the hills, buttes, and ridges at the foot of the Grapevine Mountains.

LITTLE BRIDGE CANYON — a six-mile round-trip hike reveals the natural wonders of the desert terrain.

DUNES IN DEATH VALLEY

MESQUITE DUNES — a large field of crescent, star and linear dunes, with the highest rising about 100 feet; off U.S. Highway 190, near Stovepipe Wells.

PANAMINT DUNES — star dunes offering a magnificent view down the valley; tough to reach, but worth the effort: Panamint Valley via U.S. Highway 190 to Big Four Mine dirt road, then a three-mile cross-country hike.

SALINE VALLEY DUNES — Located in the northern portion of Saline Valley can be reached by State Highway 190, and by driving north from Death Valley passing the Ubehebe Craters. A rugged desert environment, roads can be in poor condition following storms. Travelers need to prepare carefully for trips into the area where there are no services.

EUREKA DUNES — Accessible by most standard vehicles by the Death Valley/Big Pine road. From the Ubehebe Crater Road you travel 44 miles to the dunes. The last few miles is the narrow South Eureka Road. During bad weather all access to the dunes may be closed.

IBEX DUNES — In the very southeastern part of Death Valley, west of highway 127. These dunes are reached by driving about 1 mile west of Little Dumont, taking a right on the dirt road next to the historical Marker. about 4 miles in you will see the dunes off to the right. then you must hike from the Saratoga Springs Road to the dunes. An old talc mine overlooks the dunes.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT BEATTY

LOCATION: Southwest Nye County
13 Miles from the California Border.
7 miles to Death Valley National Park .
42 miles to Furnace Creek
100 miles north of Las Vegas.
332 miles south of Reno.

COUNTY SEAT: Tonopah, Nevada, 93 miles North of Beatty.

GOVERNMENT: Beatty is an unincorporated township governed by a five member elected advisory board.

TOWNSHIP AREA: From the Death Valley National Monument in the west to the Nellis range on the east, Springdale to the North and US Ecology to the south

ELEVATION: 3,308 feet above sea level.

MEDICAL FACILITIES: One medical clinic with trauma area.

INDUSTRY: Mining, retail trade, public administration, tourism, gaming.

TRAFFIC: A daily average of 3500 vehicles traveled through Beatty on Hwy 95. About 20% were trucks, and another 20-30% were local residents.

POPULATION: 2010 Census: 1,154, currently about 1000

MEDIAN AGE: 40.5; Male 54.4 %; Female 45.6 %; Under 19 years 28.4 %; 62 and older 17.2 %

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE: 2.16

AVERAGE FAMILY: 3.04

HOUSING: Owns home 55.5 %; Rents home 44.5%; Seasonal 27.7 %

MEDIAN PROPERTY VALUE: Owner Occupied \$93,700

MEDIAN RENT: \$368

MEDIAN INCOME: \$41,250

UNEMPLOYMENT: 3.5%

EDUCATION: High school or better: 1.2%; Associate 19.2%; Bachelor 4.9%; Graduate 2.7%

ATTRACTIONS & FACILITIES IN BEATTY

COMMUNITY PARK: swimming pool, tennis courts, horseshoe pits, Skate Park, and baseball field.

BEATTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

BEATTY LIBRARY

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK INFORMATION CENTER, now located at the Beatty Museum and Beatty Chamber of Commerce.

BEATTY COMMUNITY CENTER: Kitchen, meeting, and event facilities, stage, and sound system.

CASINOS/NIGHTCLUBS

RECREATION TRAILS

SENIOR CENTER

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

Death Valley National Park

Scotty's Castle

Rhyolite Ghost Town with Tom Kelly Bottle House

Goldwell Open Air Art Museum with Sculptures, The Last Supper, Painted Lady, and others

Chloride City, Ghost Town

Titus Canyon (high clearance / 4X4 Track)

Amargosa Valley and Sand Dunes

Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

Marta Becket's Amargosa Opera House

Central Nevada Museum, Tonopah

ANNUAL EVENTS IN AND AROUND BEATTY

dates to be announced

Rally the Valley

Death Valley 49er's Encampment

4th of July Celebration & Fireworks Display

Beatty Days

VFW's Hot & Spicy Nights Chili Cook Off

Scotty's Castle Organ Concert

Titus Canyon Run



Beatty Panorama ▲
 Egrit on warm day ▶
 Beatty Museum ▶
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**A New Surprise
 Around Every Corner**
 Amargosa Dunes ▼



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**Fun Events,
 Points of Interest,
 Family Owned
 Diners and Friendly
 Locals Await You.**
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▲ Bailey's Hots Springs
 ◀ ATV Rider at Amargosa Dunes
 ◀ Cottonwood Gallery
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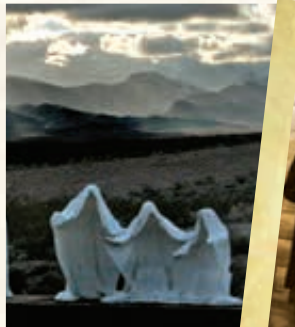
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**Historic Landmarks
 and Intriguing
 Nevada History**



◀ Death Valley Nut and Candy Store
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 ◀ Hooded Oriole
**Stop By and
 Visit Unique
 Local Shops**



◀ Perlite Canyon
 ▶ Nevada Desert Cactus
 ▼ "Last Supper" Goldwell Open Air Museum
 ▲ Beatty Cowboys



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WEATHER

Beatty has a typical Mohave Desert climate with hot summers, cool winters, and less than 5 inches of rain annually. But summertime temperatures are much cooler than the floor of nearby Death Valley.

Monthly Climate Normals: Beatty, Nevada

	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
High °F	76.9	54.4	60.8	65.6	74.4	83.0	92.7	99.8	97.7	91.3	79.3	66.0	57.3
Low °F	29.1	44.0	27.2	30.9	33.8	41.2	48.9	56.7	63.0	61.5	55.1	45.2	34.8
Avg °F	43.2	60.5	40.8	45.9	49.7	57.8	66.0	74.7	81.4	79.6	73.2	62.3	50.4
Rain (in)	.44	4.08	0.53	0.61	0.32	0.44	0.21	0.22	0.21	0.19	0.25	0.16	0.49

<http://www.desertusa.com/Cities/nv/beatty.html#anchor823546>

Las Vegas is a little warmer

	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
High °F	79.5	56	62	68	78	88	98	104	102	94	81	66	57
Low °F	33	52.5	32	37	42	50	59	68	78	73	65	53	40
Avg °F	45	66	44	49.5	55	64	73.5	83	91	87.5	79.5	67	53

Death Valley is just a little bit hotter!

	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
High °F	90	65	72	80	90	99	109	115	113	106	92	76	65
Low °F	62	39	46	53	62	71	80	88	85	75	62	48	39
Record	134	89	97	102	111	122	128	134	127	123	113	97	88
Rain (in)	1.92	.26	.35	.25	.12	.08	.04	.11	.10	.14	.11	.18	.18

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THE GRAPEVINE TOUR

A favorite location for visitors and locals alike is Scotty's Castle, located at the Northern Border of Death Valley. This is a brief guide to the sights of this historic entry to the Valley. We hope you enjoy your trip.

After stocking up on water and other necessities in Beatty you will turn your auto north and travel approximately 40 miles to Scotty's Junction. Here you will take a left towards your first stop of the tour.

If you are a Rock-Hounder, you will be interested in the Apache Tears that can be found along the west side of the road about a quarter mile before the turn. They can be hard to see if you do not know that they are there.

As you traverse the next 20 or so miles, the desert landscape will slowly change. Soon you will enter a winding canyon area and you will be surprised by the lush tangle of greenery that will appear suddenly as you turn one of the numerous corners. This is the beginning of the water source for the Castle.

Your goal is now just around the corner. The Grapevine ranch is the home to the legendary Scotty's Castle, a one time home that came to be through the friendship between Death Valley Scotty and Albert Johnston. You can expect to spend as much as three hours here and might consider lunching on-site.

The daily Living History Tours through the castle allows you to view the wonders of this castle that housed it's time's best technology--including electricity provided by the water source you have been following and a machine known as the Pelton Water Wheel.

You will also see the fantastic pipe organ that once was reputed to be the entrance to Scotty's legendary gold mine. Since no one at the castle could play, the organ was fitted with a player for the enjoyment of visitors. The organ still plays, in part due to the annual Organ Concert, which raises monies to keep the organ in good working order.

Outside the castle you will see an empty pool. Never finished, this pool was built with huge windows in the castle wall so that you could watch your friends frolicing

in the water. You will be able to check this out in the Underground Mystery Tours that are available most days.

Once you leave the castle you might want to take the first right and visit the Ubehebe Craters. They were formed by steam eruptions centuries ago, but today you can hike around the craters, and even to the bottom of the Ubehebe itself.

Back on the main road, as you continue south, you will come across two roadside information stops. These are the Alluvial fan information board, and the wagon roads historical marker.

The Alluvial Fan billboard is a miniature geology lesson that explains how these huge fans form and how they shape the valley. Now look around you. How many Alluvial fans do you see?

If you stand at the Wagon Road Marker, you can still see faint traces of the wagon road that once crossed the valley. After nearly 75 years they are still visible! This is a reminder of how long the "human footprint" remains in the desert.

Your next stop will be Titus Canyon. You can hike a little way into the canyon to get a feel of the power it took to create it. But, be sure to take plenty of water for it is sure to be Hot and Dry.

After leaving Titus Canyon, you can choose to visit the dunes and the Devil's Corn Field or continue on to the Furnace Creek Visitor's Center. Here you can follow a wealth of historical information, and learn about the people who first populated the area and those who came after.

A "must see" stop for most Death Valley visitors is Badwater, about a half hour south of Furnace Creek. Here you are 282 feet below sea level. A sea level sign sits above you on the cliffs across the road. If you turn your back to the cliffs and look to the west, you will be able to see Mt. Whitney, the highest point in the Continental United States, a mere 75 miles away.

We hope you enjoyed this tour. Be sure to check out the other sites you will find here in the most extreme environment most people will ever experience.

SOME GUIDELINES TO OBSERVE

While we wish you to enjoy your time in our backcountry and perhaps take home some mementos of your stay, we also wish to preserve our historic sites for future visitors to enjoy. To that end, there are some guidelines you should observe.

1. Historical sites such as Rhyolite and the other numerous town sites in our area are for your viewing pleasure only. No artifact collection is allowed. Feel free to take all the pictures you wish, but please leave the site as it was when you arrived.
2. Nothing is to be moved from Death Valley National Park lands. This means small rocks and even rusted tin cans. The Park boundary is well marked, so you cannot miss crossing into Park land.
3. If you are a professional in the film or photography industry, and wish to do a shoot in Rhyolite, you should contact the Bureau of Land Management office in Tonopah to receive their OK and rules and regulations. Their number is 775-482-7800.
4. Please stay on existing roadbeds. While “trail blazing” is an exhilarating past time, you can unwittingly cause damage to a historical site and even the desert environment itself. This is especially important in the wetlands you may travel by.
5. Metal Detector use is forbidden inside all historic sites and national parks.
6. Removing samples from recognized paleontological sites is strongly discouraged, and taking specimens from a rock face is forbidden. Instead, consider taking photos of your finds and leaving the item for the next visitor.
7. Please do NOT add your name or drawings to the environment. Petroglyphs (historic native writings and drawings) are destroyed by such additions, lose their historical value, and we can all be “locked-out” if enough damage is done.

8. Practice “No Trace” camping and exploring. This means that if you pack it in—please pack it out, and leave the area as undisturbed as possible!
9. Please, please, be careful with fire! During the late spring through early fall, and sometimes into early winter, fire danger can be extreme. A carelessly discarded cigarette or even a casually tossed rock can, in the right conditions, start a brush fire that can destroy acres of vegetation.
10. Never, ever leave a campfire unattended. It is not only unsafe, it is also illegal! Be sure to douse, stir, and re-douse your campfire each time you leave it. If water is in short supply, put the fire out with dirt, and stir it to be sure that even the smallest ember is out cold. In short, remembering that we are not the only backcountry enthusiasts will ensure that our children’s children will be able to enjoy this land for generations to come.

LEGEND HAS IT

It is hard to imagine, but very, very long ago there were lakes, wetlands and trees where now there is only desert landscape surrounding Beatty.

Around 30 million years ago this area and Death Valley were lush and semi-tropical, with ample water. Many now extinct creatures thrived here, including early horses, dogs, squirrels, fish, and even camels. As time continued, the water dried up and many of these animals died out, leaving only fossilized evidence of their presence.

Legend has it that you can still find camel tracks in exposed rock that once was part of a wetlands area. The Beatty Mud mound just south of town is from this same general time period, though the fossils exposed there are aquatic in nature.

If you should happen to find these tracks, please leave them as they were for the next visitor, but be sure to take a picture for proof!

A WORD ABOUT DESERT SAFETY

Plan as you may, you can never account for all the What-ifs that may arise on an adventure trip into the desert. To protect yourself from all but the worst occurrences there are several things you should do.

1. Any trip into a wilderness area should begin with careful planning that includes letting friends and loved ones as well as authorities know your itinerary. Do not depend on your trusty cell phone! The cell phone may seem to be a valuable safety net, but in many situations and remote locations, a cell phone may NOT have a signal when needed. Do not change your itinerary without informing someone.

Good topographical maps are important if you are hiking across country. GPS units are also great if you are going backcountry. But, be sure you know how to use both.

2. Carry ample water. That means you need an absolute minimum of one gallon of water per person, per day. There are no dependable water sources in the desert, and many that you might find will not be drinkable. If you are planning a hiking trip, you may want to carry more. Never ration your water.

3. If you are planning a backcountry road trip be sure your vehicle is in good condition with a sound battery, good hoses, spare tire (with air!), spare fan belts, emergency tools, and extra gasoline and oil. Extra radiator water is also important.

If your vehicle breaks down, stay with it and wait for help unless you are absolutely sure that you are within walking distance to help.

4. Plan your wardrobe with care. Desert temperatures can reach over 90° F. and drop below 50° F. in one day. Summer temperatures can reach well over 125° F. in Death Valley.

In summer, layered clothing slows dehydration and minimizes exposure. Good hiking shoes, loose

fitting natural-fiber clothing, a wide brimmed hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen are a must.

5. Know the weather forecast for the area you are planning to travel. Flash floods can result from thunderstorms centered over mountains many miles away. Keep an eye on the sky. Flash floods may occur in a wash any time “Thunderheads” are in sight, even though it may not rain a drop where you are. Avoid deep canyons and dry washes during stormy or threatening weather. If you are caught by a flash flood, get to high ground as quickly as possible—and that may mean abandoning your vehicle.

6. Always be aware of your surroundings. Never put your hands where you cannot see. Snakes, rodents, spiders and many other insects hide in shaded out of the way places.

7. Always be aware of fire hazard. While the main fire season runs from summer thru mid fall, in an arid climate fire can be a hazard at any time of the year. Check with Park Rangers before building fires and then build fires only in existing fire rings.

8. Mining tunnels are always dangerous! The least dangerous thing you might encounter could be a snake, but you could also find an animal’s den or even worse a “down-draft” hidden in the dark. Play it safe and Do Not Enter any mining tunnel!

With these thoughts in mind when you visit our area, we are sure that you will enjoy your visit to Beatty without mishap. For more information on safety, visit the Death Valley National Park website at: www.nps.gov/deva.

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SHAKE HANDS WITH THE DEVIL IN BEATTY, NEVADA...

A Sense-ational Trip into the Extreme!

If you find that you need a break from the glitz and glamour of the Strip, turn your car north on 95 and spend some time in Beatty, Nevada. This small town is *the Gateway to Death Valley*[™] and the most scenic entrance. From here, you can tour back into history and rollicking mining towns, and into the Extremes of Death Valley.

Your trip will, of course, begin by stocking up on gas or food, and, even more important, water in Beatty. After the necessities are taken care of your next stop will be in Rhyolite (4 miles west of Beatty on Hwy 374), one of the most exciting historical sites in southern Nevada! Here your sense of adventure will be turned on by ruins of a rollicking town that once was home to around 8,000 people, making it the third largest community in Nevada, while Las Vegas was only a Stage Stop and watering hole. Only surviving 11 years, this town boomed in the early years of last century, and then died out when gold prices dropped.

While you are there, you can explore your sense of whimsy at the Goldwell Open Air Art Museum. This unique art “gallery” is home to the world famous Last Supper sculpture, a ghostly representation of that famous painting. Every sculpture here somehow fits in with the town or the history of the area and state.

From this point, you will climb to nearly 5,000 feet and then begin to drop into the valley, but your next “stop” will excite more than your sense of sight and smell. You are about to shake hands with the devil as you pass through “Hells Gate”!

Near milepost 10, you will want to turn off your heater or air conditioning, roll down your windows, and hold your hands out in the air. Within the next three miles you should feel Hell’s Gate, a distinct change in temperature between the coolness of the mountains and the much warmer desert air.

The inversion layer that causes this change moves from seasons and can be muddied by nearby storms or winds, but by the end of the three miles you will be able to notice a difference in air temperatures between 10 to 20 degrees.

Once you have greeted the devil you will want to take time for a photo opportunity at the Hell’s Gate rest area. Nearly the entire southern valley comes into view here offering great aerial perspective shots of the valley.

If you choose to continue to Stovepipe Wells, you will pass the Devil’s Corn Field and the Mesquite Sand Dunes. If you can schedule the time, you will want to remain in the valley long enough to see the dunes in all their glory at either sunrise or sunset, or even both! The shifting light creates a kaleidoscope of colors and shadows that change by the minute. IN ADDITION, at the entrance to the Stovepipe Wells store you can take a picture below a large thermometer.

Travel further south and you can visit the Death Valley Visitor’s Center where you will find a newly remodeled interactive museum, gift shop, and Park Rangers that can tell you more about the valley. From there you will of course want to visit the Devils Golf Course, and the lowest point in the United States, Badwater.

Badwater, at 283 feet below sea level, is not just the lowest, but also the hottest location on the continent, and if you look to the west from there, on a clear day, you can see Mount Whitney, the highest point in the continental U.S. at nearly 15,000 feet above sea level.

On the way back to the Badwater junction be sure to take Artist’s Drive, a one-way road that will lead you to Artist’s Palette, a very unique location that very much resembles a painter’s colorful paint pallet.

West, from the Badwater Junction, you can visit Zabriskie Point, a scenic point that overlooks Death Valley’s Badlands, and Dante’s View, that, at just under 5500 feet above sea level, looks down on Badwater, nearly 6000 feet below!

Just outside the valley, you can visit the Devil’s Hole and the Devil’s Hole Pupfish that live there.

Hells Gate, Devil’s Cornfield and Devils Golf Course—these names evoke a sense of what you will experience once you shake hands with the Devil at the entrance to the Valley of Death...

...Your senses will tell you the rest!