

## Directions to Death Valley from Southern California or Las Vegas

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**ALWAYS bring a map and water, plus drive a well maintained car with a full gas tank!**

**DIRECTIONS TO FURNACE CREEK FROM LAS VEGAS AIRPORT:** Take I-15 south several miles to exit for Nevada Rt. 160 and go west toward Pahrump 55.8 miles. There, make a left on Bell Vista Rd. and go to dead end (Amargosa Opera House) and make a right. Then go just 1/10 mile and make a left on Stateline Rd. (becomes CA 190 once you enter CA) and continue straight to Furnace Creek.

**Below is the coolest and most direct route from LA (or anywhere that passes through the town of Mojave on the way to Death Valley): Corresponding Garmin GPS file is at <http://connect.garmin.com/activity/239895461>**

BUY GAS IN MOJAVE, then reset your car odometer to zero and take Hwy 14 north at the intersection at the north end of town where the 58 Business Route meets the 14 at Motel 6.

Mile 20.3: veer right onto Randsburg Road.

Mile 32.5: stay straight (not right).

Mile 40.8: go left at the t-intersection junction with Hwy 395.

Mile 44.0: turn right on Searles Station towards Trona (easy to miss).

Mile 50.3: at this t-intersection, turn left to Trona.

Mile 58.7: another t-intersection, turn right on Hwy 178 towards Trona.

Mile 71.5: Get gas & snacks at the Shell in the town of **Trona**, a town which must have been featured in The X-Files, don't you think? There is also a Valero Gas located at Mile 72.4.

**Note: There's a nice, family-run restaurant in town, just off the main highway, called Esparza Family Restaurant (formerly Blevin's).** Address: 13223 Main Street Trona, CA 93562. Directions: Turn west just one block on Main Street from Hwy 178! Tell them Chris at AdventureCORPS sent you! (Their hours are 530am-730pm, Monday-Saturday, and 530am-200pm on Sunday.) Phone (760) 372-5314.

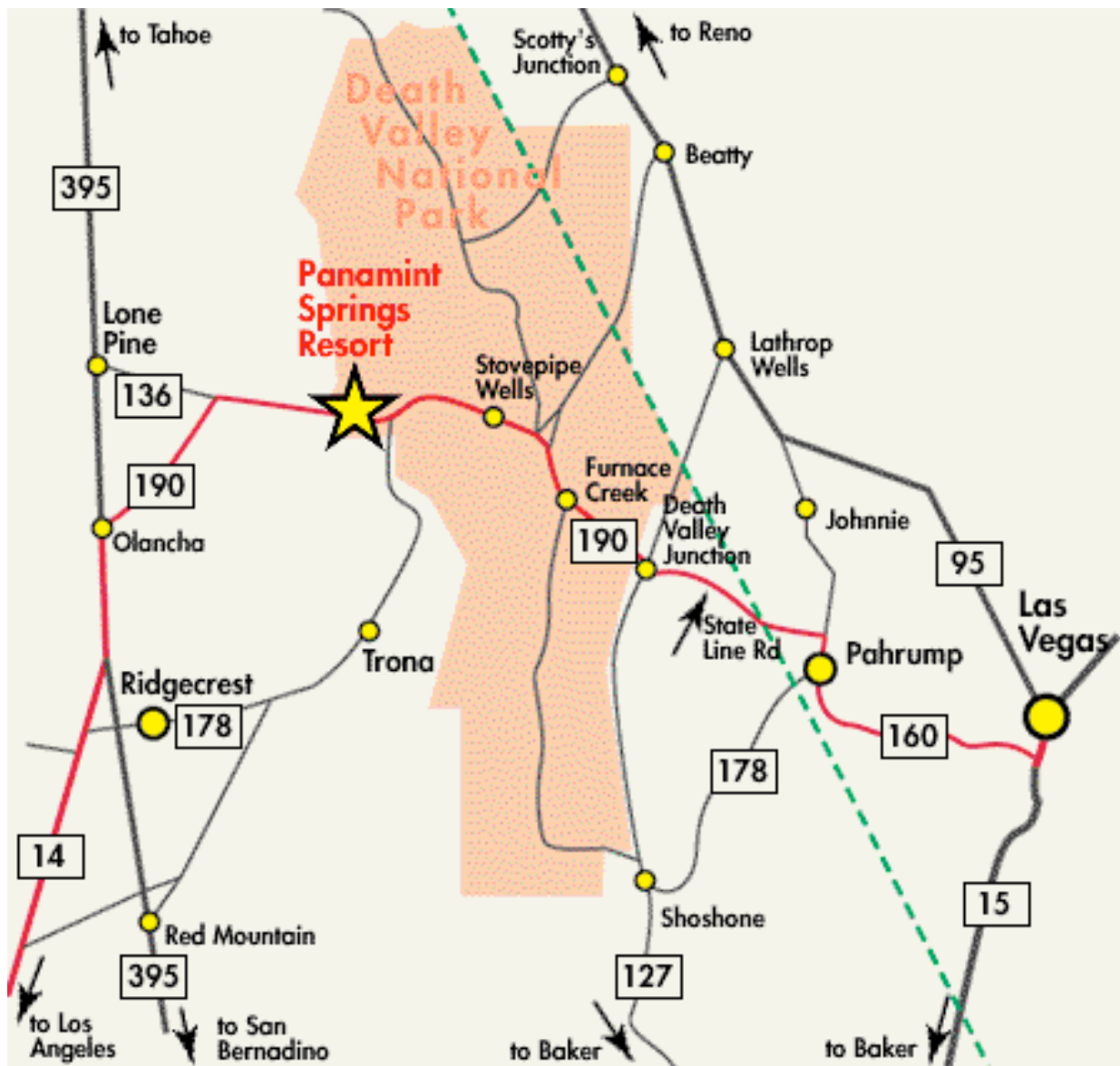
Mile 104.3: you have two options:

**Standard Option:** If it's nighttime or you don't like a little adventure, turn left towards Death Valley via Hwy 190. Then, at mile 118.2, turn right at the t-intersection on Hwy 190 towards Death Valley. You will now ascend the infamous Towne Pass (elev. 4965' sign at Mile 129.4), known worldwide from Furnace Creek 508. After Towne Pass, pass through Stovepipe Wells (gas, minimart, hotel, restaurant) at Mile 146.4, then reach Furnace Creek Ranch at mile 171.

**Adventure Option:** Your second option at mile 104.3 is imore fun and interesting, as well as even quieter. It's truly epic and feels like going back in time a zillion years. So, at mile 104.3, if it's daylight and you have a working spare tire in your car, stay straight towards "Death Valley via Wildrose" instead of veering left as in option one. You'll go over three very short gravel stretches. They are only a few tenths of mile each and are easily passable in a normal car (not to mention on a road bike), unless there's a storm dumping on you. Be sure to check out the neat little oasis-like canyon en route. At mile 113.5, go left at the t-intersection towards Stovepipe Wells and Furnace Creek. At mile 121 you'll summit Emigrant Pass (elev 5318'). At mile 134.3, turn right at the t-intersection with Hwy 190 towards Furnace Creek. You'll pass through Stovepipe Wells at mile 143.8 on your way to Furnace Creek at mile 171.

## Reverse Directions, from Furnace Creek back to Mojave on the Standard Option Route:

- Mile 0.0: Leave Furnace Creek Ranch northbound on Hwy 190.
- Mile 52.8: Turn left on Panamint Valley Road.
- Mile 66.7: Turn right on Panamint Valley Road (SS, T-Int).
- Mile 98.0: Stop for a drink or a meal at Esparza Family Restaurant on Main Street.
- Mile 98.6: Refuel at the Valero on the right or Shell at Mile 99.5 on the right.
- Mile 112.3: Left on Trona Rd. Easy to miss if you are on "auto-pilot"!
- Mile 120.7: Right on Searles Station Cut-off
- Mile 127.0: Left on 395 South (SS, T-int)
- Mile 130.2: Right on Garlock Rd.
- Mile 150.7: Left on Hwy 14 south (SS, T-int)
- Mile 171.0: Left on 14 south (TL, T-int)
- Mile 172.0: Mike's Roadhouse Café on left in Mojave: A great local place to eat!



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