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KEYS TONE VISITOR GUIDE

Red Rock by Car

IT’S NOT CALLED THE SCENIC DRIVE FOR NOTHING...

Welcome to Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area! Whether you are hiking, rock climbing or just enjoying the scenery along the Scenic Drive, Red Rock Canyon has some of the best sights and experiences the Mojave Desert has to offer. The 13-mile Scenic Drive offers several overlooks, parking areas and picnic areas to enjoy. Plan your route carefully, as the scenic drive is a one-way-only roadway. If you miss your intended stop, don’t worry - your amenity fee is good for the full day and you are welcome to re-enter at the fee booth.

PLEASE REMEMBER:
- Maximum speed limit is 35 mph - Please regard all posted signs.
- Share the road - Help keep you and your fellow motorists, bicyclists, runners and wildlife safe.
- Only park in designated lots - If a lot is full, please do not park off the road or stop vegetation as many plants can take decades to regrow if they come back at all.
- Have fun, be safe and enjoy your drive!

Desert Safety Tips

SEARCH AND RESCUE INCIDENTS ARE AN UNFORTUNATE BUT REGULAR OCCURRENCE IN RED ROCK CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA. THE MOJAVE DESERT IS AN EXTREME ENVIRONMENT SUBJECTED TO INTENSE HEAT IN THE SUMMER, AND VERY COLD TEMPERATURES IN THE WINTER ESPECIALLY DURING WINDY CONDITIONS OR AT HIGHER ALTITUDES. YOUR SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

PLEASE READ THE IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS BELOW.

Let friends or family members know where you are going and what time you expect to be back. Don’t rely on cell phones during your visit as coverage in the area can be unreliable or non-existent, especially within canyons. Leave your valuables at home. If you leave your car, take your purse or backpack with you and lock your doors. Never leave valuables in plain sight where they may tempt someone to break into your vehicle.

DESSERT DWELLERS

Watch where you put your hands and feet. Rattlesnakes, scorpions or venomous spiders may be sheltered behind boulders or under rocks and shrubs. Do not touch, collect, feed or harass these animals.

WATER

Drink at least one gallon (four liters) per day if you are hiking. The day is hot or the trail is exposed to direct sunlight. Carry at least one gallon of extra water per person in your vehicle. Bottled water is available for purchase at the visitor center. This is the only location where drinking water is available at Red Rock Canyon.

HEAT

Temperatures in Red Rock Canyon can average more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit during the summer months. The best protection against heat is drinking plenty of water and limiting exposure to the sun. If you feel dizzy, nauseous or get a headache, immediately get out of the sun and drink plenty of water. Dampen your clothing to lower your body temperature.

PROTECTIVE GEAR

For hiking, select shoes that will provide a comfortable fit, ankle stability and protection against cactus spines. Wear clothing that provide protection against the sun (i.e. hats, loose, lightweight long sleeves and pants, etc.) and apply sunscreen.

FLASH FLOODS

Flash flooding is a greater risk at Red Rock Canyon due to the smooth porous sandstone - even a relatively small amount of rain can result in a flash flood. If it begins to rain heavily, steer clear of canyons and ravines and seek safety on higher ground to wait out the rain. Do not drive or cross over flooded roadways.

LIGHTNING

Lightning storms frequently occur in the afternoon during the summer months. To prevent lightning from striking you, avoid high places and seek cover in buildings or in vehicles with the windows rolled up. If caught outdoors, crouch down on both feet with your arms wrapped around your knees and wall out the storm.

STEEP CLIFFS

Falls from cliffs have resulted in death. Loose sand or pebbles on slope are slippery. Never throw rocks; there may be hikers below you.
Rock Climbing at Red Rock

WITH MORE THAN 2,000 CLIMBING ROUTES, RED ROCK CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA IS ONE OF THE TOP FIVE CLIMBING DESTINATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.

There are two wilderness areas in the conservation area: Rainbow Mountain Wilderness and La Madre Mountain Wilderness. All of the major canyons in Red Rock Canyon are in the Rainbow Mountain Wilderness and all of the climbing routes located on White Rock Mountain and many crags near Kraft Mountain are within the La Madre Mountain Wilderness. New, bolted, fixed anchors and/or protection bolts cannot be installed anywhere within the National Conservation Area.

Climbing Permits

- **Late Exit permits (LE)** provide an additional two hours of climbing time after the normal closure of the scenic drive. These permits are for multi-pitch routes and are only available for the following areas: Angel Food Wall, Ice Box Canyon, Juniper Canyon, Pine Creek Canyon and Oak Creek Canyon.
- **Overnight permits (ON)** are only available for routes on the following walls: Mt. Wilson (1-2 nights), Levitation Wall (1 night), Rainbow Wall (1-2 nights), Buffalo Wall (1-3 nights), Hidden Wall (1-3 nights) and Bridge Mountain (1 night). Camping is not permitted at the base of any route.

TO OBTAIN A LATE EXIT OR OVERNIGHT PERMIT, CALL [702] 515-5056. You may call up to seven days in advance or as late as the day of your climb. If your message is not clear, you will not receive a permit and you may receive a citation. Same-day permits are not issued after 4:30 p.m. For your safety and to ensure a permit, the following information must be included in your message:

- **NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER**
- **TYPE OF PERMIT, LE OR ON, AND CLIMBING DATE(S)**
- **VEHICLE PLATE NUMBER AND STATE**
- **VEHICLE DESCRIPTION**
- **CLIMBING ROUTE/WALL AND WHERE YOU WILL PARK**
- **EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Certain types of activities are prohibited, such as target shooting.

Many activities require a permit. These activities include, but are not limited to: overnight or late night exits; providing commercial services, sponsoring commercial and noncommercial guided tours, and commercial filming. Call [702] 515-5350 for more info.

**Passes**

- **DAILY PASS:** $7
  - Daily passes for Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area are valid for the entire day. Include re-admission to the Scenic Loop Drive.
- **RED ROCK ANNUAL PASS:** $30
  - Yearly pass for Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. Does not include overnight stays in the developed campground.
- **AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL ANNUAL PASS:** $80
  - The America the Beautiful pass is an interagency pass that will be honored by the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation. Does not include stays in the developed campground.
- **AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL SENIOR PASS:** Price of Senior Pass going to $80, buy it now for $10

- **AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL ACCESS PASS:** FREE
- **AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL MILITARY ANNUAL PASS:** FREE
  - Yearly pass available for active duty military and their dependents that will be honored by the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Reclamation. Does not include stays in the developed campground.
- **EVERY KID IN A PARK! ANNUAL PASS:** FREE
  - 4th graders and their guests receive free access to federal lands and waters for one year. Visit www.EveryKidInAPark.gov to complete an online activity, and download a personalized paper voucher. The paper voucher also can be exchanged for a more durable, Interagency Annual 4th Grade Pass at certain federal lands or waters sites.
Hiking Trail Descriptions

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Note: The difficulty levels are based on combinations of factors including elevation gain, distance, terrain, and skill level. See the Information Desk for a detailed description.

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Additional Information

HOURS OF OPERATION

- Visitor Center: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- 13-Mile Scenic Drive, Red Rock Overlook on State Route 159 and Red Spring

NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY: 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
MARCH: 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
APRIL - SEPTEMBER: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
OCTOBER: 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Red Rock Campground

The campground is open seasonally Labor Day – Memorial Day and is accessible 24 hours a day. Individual and RV/Group campsites are available on a first come, first serve basis. There are no day-use sites. For more information visit recreation.gov.