

Directions to Death Valley

Here is the coolest and most direct route from LA (or anywhere that passes through Mojave on the way to Death Valley):

Reset odometer to zero in Mojave and take Hwy 14 north at the intersection at the north end of town where the 58 Business Route comes into town and meets the 14.

Mile 20: veer right onto Randsburg Road.

Mile 32.2: stay straight (not right).

Mile 40.5: go left at the t-intersection junction with Hwy 395.

Mile 43.6: turn right on Searles Station towards Trona (easy to miss).

Mile 50: at this t-intersection, turn left to Trona.

Mile 58.4: another t-intersection, turn right on Hwy 178 towards Trona.

Mile 71.0: pass through Trona, including its **Chevron Gas and Mini Mart** (Refuel here! They are nice people with a super clean bathroom and gas is much more expensive ahead!) Trona must have been featured in The X-Files, don't you think?

Note: you can now buy an espresso, latté, or chai in Trona at the Desert Holly Espresso at 82856 Trona Road. This is a bit after the Chevron, on the left, by the Rite Valu. Halleluhah! Tell them Chris at AdventureCORPS sent you! (Their hours are 6am-6pm, Mon-Sat, and 630am-500pm on Sunday.)

Mile 104: 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 117.5, turn right at the t-intersection on Hwy 190 towards Death Valley. You will now ascend the infamous Townes Pass (elev. 4965'), known worldwide from its presence on the Furnace Creek 508 race route. You will go over Townes Pass, pass through Stove Pipe Wells (gas, mini mart, hotel, and restaurant), and then arrive at Furnace Creek at mile 170.

Adventure Option: Your second option back at mile 104 is infinitely more fun and interesting, as well as even quieter. It's truly epic and feels like going back in time a few zillion years. So, at mile 104, 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 will ascend over Emigrant Pass (elev 5318'). But first 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 you'll pass through. At mile 113.5, go left at the t-intersection towards Stove Pipe Wells and Furnace Creek. At mile 121 you'll summit Emigrant Pass. At mile 134.3, turn right at the t-intersection with Hwy 190 towards Furnace Creek. You'll pass through Stove Pipe Wells at mile 143.5 on your way to Furnace Creek, which you'll reach at mile 168. Voila!

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

- Mile 0.0: Leave Furnace Creek northbound on Hwy 190.
- Mile 53.0: Turn left on Panamint Valley Road.
- Mile 67.0: Turn right on Panamint Valley Road (SS, T-Int).
- Mile 99.0: Get a latté at Desert Holly Expresso on the right, next to Rite-Value.
- Mile 100.0: Refuel at the Chevron on the right. Great bathroom, nice people!
- Mile 112.8: Left on Trona Rd. Easy to miss if you are on “auto-pilot”!
- Mile 121.3: Right on Searles Station Cut-off
- Mile 127.7: Left on 395 South (SS, T-int)
- Mile 130.8: Right on Garlock Rd.
- Mile 151.4: Left on Hwy 14 south (SS, T-int)
- Mile 161.8: Subway in strip mall on left
- Mile 162.0: Right on 14 south (TL, T-int)
- Mile 173.0: Mike’s Roadhouse Café on left: A great local place to eat!

