

## 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:** From the 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 1/10 mile and make a left on Stateline Rd. (becomes CA 190 once you enter CA) and continue straight to Furnace Creek.

**Here is the coolest and most direct route from LA (or anywhere that passes through the town of 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 surprisingly clean bathroom and gas is much more expensive ahead!) Trona must have been featured in The X-Files, don't you think?

**Note: There's a great 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: 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 Towne Pass (elev. 4965'), known worldwide from Furnace Creek 508. After Towne Pass, pass through Stovepipe Wells (gas, mini mart, hotel, and restaurant), 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. 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 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 143.5 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: Stop for a drink or a meal at Esparza Family Restaurant on Main Street.
- 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 in Mojave
- Mile 162.0: Right on 14 south (TL, T-int)
- Mile 173.0: Mike's Roadhouse Café on left in Mojave: A great local place to eat!

