

# Joshua Tree National Park



Welcome to Joshua Tree National Park! This park encompasses some of the most interesting geologic displays found in California's deserts. Rugged mountains of twisted rock and exposed granite monoliths testify to the earth's tremendous forces that shape and form this land. Fortunately erosion has uncovered miles of beautifully clean, hard rock surfaces, which allow for excellent climbing at all levels.

Joshua Tree has provided climbers with a huge variety of climbs since the 1950's. There are now approximately 6,000 established climbing routes. October to May is the best time to climb. December through February brings slightly unpredictable weather, yet it is usually mild enough for climbing. Joshua Tree receives about half of its annual precipitation during the winter months and the other half is received during the latter part of summer. Temperatures easily reach over 100 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer and can fall below freezing at night in the winter. Joshua Tree is one of the most magnificent winter climbing areas in the United States.

You will meet your guide(s) between 8:30 and 8:45 am at the **PARK CENTER CAFE** parking lot located just off Route 62 in the town of Joshua Tree. Turn off of Route 62 onto Park Blvd (near West entrance of Park) and the Park Center Café will be the third building on your right. (earlier meeting times are available and may be pre-arranged with your guide)

Also to note, there are two excellent climbing shops within walking distance of the Park Center Café; **NOMAD VENTURES** and **COYOTE CORNER** are both excellent

resources for climbing and camping equipment. Uprising encourages all of our customers to support the local businesses in the greater Joshua Tree area. Before your course begins, you will be divided into appropriate climbing groups, sign a release form, and be fitted for climbing equipment. Your group may need to drive to a nearby climbing site appropriate for your particular course. Uprising does not provide group transportation to and from Park center Café'. If you are camping in the park, please let your Uprising representative know when reserving your guide so we may arrange an appropriate meeting place within the Park.

During the day, remember to tell your guide your personal goals and ask plenty of questions. We usually climb until about 45 minutes before sunset. If you feel your guide has facilitated an excellent day of climbing, it is customary to tip her or him.

## Camping info

Camping around the park is simple. Most camping in the Park is free. Camping by reservation is available by calling **Mystics camping reservations 1-800-365-2267**. Campsites are primitive, but do include a picnic table, a fire ring and public rest rooms. Along with your typical camping equipment (food, tents, sleeping gear, cook gear, etc.) you need to bring your own **water** and, if you like, some firewood. It is illegal to collect any vegetation or minerals from the Park. Other numbers that may be of assistance when planning your trip to Joshua Tree National Park  
Indian Cove Ranger station: 760-362-4367  
J-Tree Visitors Center: 760-367-7464

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