

Inyo County

The Inyo County Courthouse in Independence.

Part 2 of 4: Ubehebe, Scotty's Castle, Racetrack, Stovepipe Wells, Devil's Cornfield, Furnace Creek, Borax Works, Artists Canyon, Golden Canyon, Zabriskie Point, Dante's View, Death Valley Junction.



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Ubehebe

“Ubehebe” is Indian for basket. These are volcanic craters that blew when magma instantly heated groundwater and it exploded. The crater is 500 feet deep and 777 feet wide. (September 2007)



Scotty's Castle

Scotty's Castle was built by a Chicago businessman as a winter home. It takes its name from a character who lived here as a caretaker. (September 2007)



Scotty's Castle

(September 2007)



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Scotty's Castle

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Road to the Racetrack

Barrel cactus. (December 2008)



Racetrack

The mysterious Racetrack is where stones slide across a dried lake bed. Actually it is not so mysterious. The stones move when the lake bed is wet and there is a strong wind that blows the stones. The day I was there the lake bed was moist from a recent rain. (December 2008)



Racetrack

(December 2008)



Racetrack

(December 2008)



Racetrack

The road to the Racetrack is very rough as this tire will attest. Learned my lesson. Don't drive in the desert alone. I nearly blew out a second tire. It was nearly 20 miles to the next ranger station. (December 2008)



Racetrack

(December 2008)



Racetrack

This is part of a yucca forest. These trees grow at an altitude of 5 to 6,000 feet. (December 2008)



Racetrack

Cholla cactus along the road. (December 2008)



Stovepipe Wells

Bob Eichmann began a hotel here in 1925. Before that there was an old mining road that dated back to 1906. (February 2004)



Stovepipe Wells

(February 2004)



Stovepipe Wells

Highway 190 leaving Death Valley and driving into the Panamint Valley.
(February 2004)



Devil's Cornfield

(February 2004)



Devil's Cornfield

(February 2004)



Furnace Creek

Furnace Creek is the National Park headquarters for Death Valley. The Inn was a Fred Harvey operation. Harvey contracted with the National Park service to operate inns. (February 2004)



Furnace Creek

(February 2004)



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Furnace Creek

(February 2004)



Borax Works

The Harmony Borax Works was established in 1883 and continued to 1888. The borax was transported by "Twenty Mule Teams" to Mojave. (June 2010)



Borax Works

(June 2010)



Borax Works

A twenty mule team wagon. (June 2010)



Borax Works

(June 2010)



Wildrose Canyon

Wildrose is an old road into Death Valley. (June 2010)



Wildrose Canyon

(June 2010)



Wildrose Canyon

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Artists Canyon

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Artists Canyon

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Golden Canyon

(June 2010)



Golden Canyon

(June 2010)



Golden Canyon

(June 2010)



Zabriskie Point

We shot these photos about noon time. (February 2004)



Zabriskie Point

(February 2004)



Zabriskie Point

(February 2004)



Zabriskie Point

(February 2004)



Zabriskie Point

These photos were shot about 6:30 A.M. (June 2010)



Zabriskie Point

(June 2010)



Zabriskie Point

(June 2010)



Dante's View

Dante's View is about 5,000 feet up and overlooks the lowest spot in the U.S. – Badwater. We shot these pictures about 7 in the A.M. and it was cold and the winds were gusting to 50 mph. Miserable. (June 2010)



Dante's View

(June 2010)



Dante's View

(June 2010)



Death Valley Junction

The complex at Death Valley Junction was built as a company town by a borax mining company. Marta Becket, who was travelling through the area, rented the community hall and changed its name to the Amargosa Opera House. (February 2004)



Death Valley Junction

Becket began to put on performances at the Opera House in 1967.
(This ostrich was not friendly.) (February 2004)



Death Valley Junction

(February 2004)



Death Valley Junction

The famous Amargosa Opera House where live performances were put on by Marta Becket. (February 2004)



Death Valley Junction

(June 2010)



Death Valley Junction

On this trip we discovered that the “jungle” in front of the motel had been cleaned out. There was no sign of the ostrich. (June 2010)



Death Valley Junction

(June 2010)



Death Valley Junction

According to Wikipedia Marta Becket gave her last performance in February 2012. (June 2010)

