



JOSHUA TREE BACKPACKING TRIP ITINERARY



Joshua Tree National Park is immense and infinitely variable, the confluence of two desert ecosystems, the dry Colorado and the wetter Mojave. “JTree” is a hiker's dream with its mild winter climate and interesting geologic formations, plants, birds and wildlife. Each day we have the opportunity to explore trails and canyon oasis, scramble amongst the rocks, and backpack across lost mining roads, discover outlaw hideouts and summit peaks under bright sun and blue sky, where bighorn sheep and golden eagles add an air of unconcerned majesty to the land. Come join us for clear skies and clean air, and the peace and tranquility, the quietude and beauty, only deserts offer.

It is always best to be dry, well fed, warm at night and comfortable while backpacking in the desert all day. In order for your experience to be a pleasurable one, we ask that you thoroughly read the information in the handouts provided, including the **Itinerary**, the **General Trip Expectations** and follow the recommendations on the **Packing list**. You must supply your own lunches, money for road meals, and personal equipment. (Camping gear rentals are available <http://recreation.sa.ucsb.edu/adventure-programs/outdoor-gear-rentals>) This trip requires that you be in good physical condition. Aside from carrying your own personal equipment, each person will be responsible for carrying water, some group food and group equipment. Please feel free to contact the Adventure Center (805) 893-3737 if you need any additional information and/or our leaders have not contacted you seven days before departure date.

Minimum Experience Level: Hearty Beginner or Experienced Backpacker

***Sample Itinerary:**

Day One: Drive from UCSB to Joshua Tree National Park. Camp at Black Rock Campground. Some trips can start at trailhead depending on trip departure times.

Day Two: Drive straight to trailhead, or head straight out on the trail! Hike along California Riding and Hiking Trail to first camp in backcountry. Dinner under the stars.

Day Three: Breakfast, head out on the trail! Dinner at camp. Star gazing!

Day Four: Breakfast, hike out along trail. Meet van and drive back to UCSB.

*tentative – scheduling, logistics, weather and traffic can change any trip. Always be patient with itineraries.

Departure Location: Adventure Rental Center turnout to the right of the main entrance of the Recreation Center.

Departure Time: Meeting time specified on website, introduction email and receipt so we can load your personal equipment and leave within an hour. As a courtesy to the group, please be prompt. If you are not there on time we will leave without you. No refunds for no-shows.

Approximate Drive Time: 4-5 hours depending on traffic

Approximate Return Time: 7 P.M. on Day 4 depending on traffic.

No Drugs or Alcohol: University regulations and program policies do not allow alcohol or drugs on this trip. Thank you for your cooperation.

Refund Policy: Once an offering is **full**, you will be offered a refund (less **\$20 service charge**) **only** if someone **pays** for your spot. If the offering is **NOT** full:

- **30 or more days** before the course date- Full refund less \$20 processing fee.
- **29 to 8 days** before the course date- 50% refund less \$20 processing fee.
- **Less than 8 days** before the course date- no refunds available.