

# 2015 Death Valley Fine Art Photography Summit Road Conditions update

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Hi Everyone,

Some of you have emailed us regarding the roads in Death Valley. The Fine Art Summit will proceed as planned and is unaffected by the recent road conditions. The Furnace Creek Inn where the Summit will be held is on top of a hill and the road to it and to the Furnace Creek Ranch where most of you are staying is not affected.

- 1.) **Unique photo opportunities:** We are excited by the unique photo opportunities offered by the recent weather conditions in Death Valley. Death Valley does not get much rain and we will get unique photographs during the Summit. Expect to capture beautiful photographs of reflections !
- 2.) **Welcome & orientation of Friday evening:** On Friday evening after going over the logistics we will go over where we can photograph. We will also have photographs of Death Valley displayed for you to see.
- 3.) **Plastic boots:** If you plan to photograph reflections you will have to walk in the water. Because the water in Death Valley is very salty, shoes and clothes soaked in water in Death Valley will dry stiff. Your shoelaces will also become stiff when they dry. if you have plastic boots or a pair of shoes that you do not mind getting wet, muddy and covered with salt, bring them with you. Also bring extra socks and pants if you can.
- 4.) **Road Conditons link:** Here is the link to the road conditions in Death Valley. Debbie Wehmeyer, the ranger who issue my permits is keeping me updated regularly.  
<https://www.facebook.com/DeathValleyRoadConditions>
- 5.) **Driving Directions from Las Vegas:** The shortest and most direct route from Las Vegas to Death Valley is Highway 190 which goes through Pahrump on the way from Vegas to Death Valley. This road is open. Below are the driving directions and the link from the NPS. <http://www.nps.gov/deva/planyourvisit/upload/Routes%20from%20Las%20Vegas.pdf>

Here are step by step directions:

- 1 - From Interstate 15 South , EXIT on NV Hwy 160 West
- 2 - Drive 60 miles to Pahrump, Nevada. TURN LEFT on Bell Vista Road (3 miles north of Hwy 372)
- 3 - Drive 30 miles to Death Valley Junction, California. TURN RIGHT on CA Hwy 127.
- 4 - Drive about 300 feet. TURN LEFT on CA Hwy 190.
- 5 - Drive 30 miles to Furnace Creek Visitor Center.

6.) **Weather:** We can expect the weather to be Sunny and in the high 70's to 80's during the day and in the 40's at night during the Summit. Below is the link to the weather in Death Valley, so you can check it before you leave for CA.

<https://weather.yahoo.com/united-states/california/death-valley-23509346/>

We look forward to seeing you in Death Valley, at the Furnace Creek Inn in the Marquez Conference Room at 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time on Friday, November 6th!

Sincerely, Natalie & Alain Briot