

# Mojave Desert

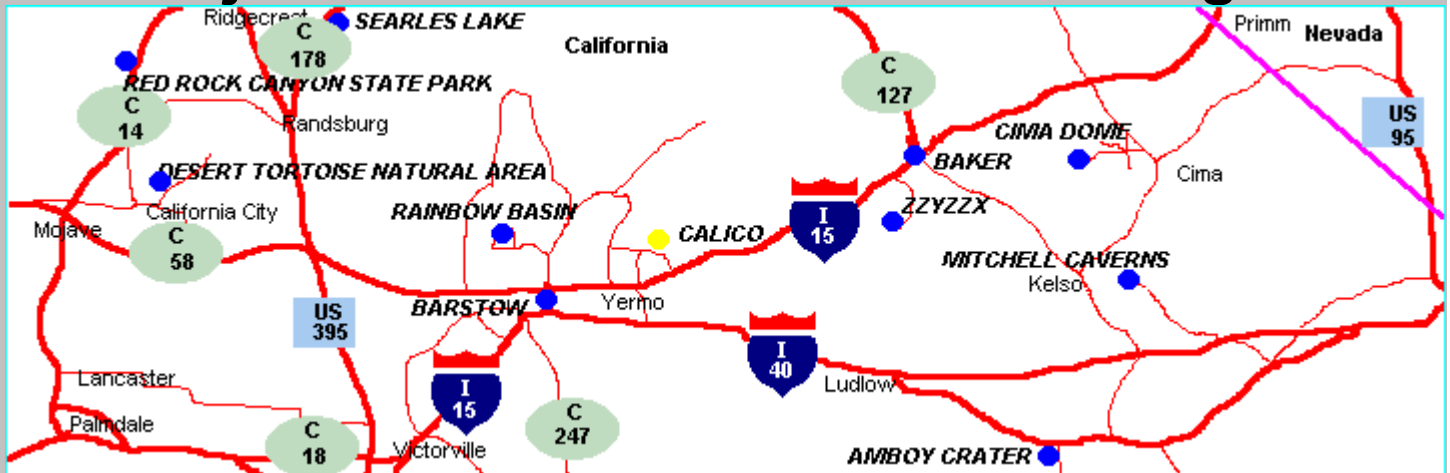
Nestled in the southeastern part of southern California and in southern Nevada is the Mojave Desert. Although this place may seem very desolate, there is much beauty in the area. The wonder of this area includes the interesting geology, the flora, the fauna, the ghost towns and the people.

The Fauna of Mojave Desert and Death Valley are very diverse. In the course of the day you may have the opportunity to see many critters. Please, regardless how ugly or dangerous they are, do not destroy their homes or them. They have a right to live as well.

Common critter sightings during the day in the desert are wild horses & burros any time of the year. In the spring through autumn you may see desert tortoise, many species of birds, snakes, lizards and scorpions. In the evening you can see coyotes, fox and bats, as well as tarantulas. Tarantulas are not that common and come out just about dusk.

While hiking and enjoying the desert, be aware that most of the dangerous creatures like to stay out of the direct sunlight. With this knowledge, you will know not to put yourself in any of the shady spots that these creatures rest.

## Notable Locations between Mojave – Barstow – Baker – Las Vegas



Take I-15 runs into Nevada. Travel over the Horsts (mountains) and Grabens (valleys) of Mountain Pass and Halleron Springs and thru the Zzyzx and Baker. There are several roads that you can take to get to different places and this map should help you get your bearing.