

49 Palms Oasis Trail

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The 49 Palms Oasis Trail offers a three-mile round-trip hike to a fan palm oasis. It requires two to three hours and is rated moderately-strenuous, ascending about 300 feet each way.

This well-maintained trail climbs to a ridge where large numbers of barrel cacti dot the landscape. After winding around the ridgetop, the trail descends steeply to the oasis located in a rocky canyon. Towering palms create a canopy over clear pools of water. Large boulders provide a place to rest and enjoy the sights and sounds of this small ecosystem.

Trailhead

From the Oasis Visitor Center travel five miles west on HWY 62 and turn left on Canyon Road. From the Joshua Tree Visitor Center, travel 11 miles east on HWY 62 and turn right on Canyon Road. Canyon Road turns slightly to the left and becomes Fortynine Palms Canyon Road. Follow it to the parking area.

Day Use

Fortynine Palms is a day-use area. The road is closed and gated from sundown to sunrise to protect wildlife, such as bighorn sheep, that depend on water supplies at the oasis. Please return to your vehicle and exit this area by sundown.

Pets

Pets are prohibited on trails and beyond 100 feet from legally open roads and campgrounds.
Leaving a pet unattended or tied to an object is prohibited.

Resource Protection

Feeding, touching, teasing, frightening, or intentionally disturbing of wildlife involved in nesting, breeding, or other activities is prohibited.
Firearms may not be used in the park. Fireworks, traps, bows, BB guns, paint-ball guns, and slingshots are not allowed in the park.

A Note Of Caution

Last year there were five helicopter rescues and eight carryouts from the 49 Palms Oasis Trail. Only one was because of injury. The remainder were due to medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, or heart trouble. Please assess your fitness for this hike and if you have doubts, choose a less strenuous hike. If you have health issues, be certain to have proper medications with you and do not hike alone.
While the oasis offers shade, this 1.5-mile trail does not, and you will need to travel it twice, climbing 300 feet each way! Be sure that you are carrying adequate water and wear sunscreen and a hat.

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