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Press Release

Mojave National Preserve

Silence and solitude survive in a land of contrast

The long slow changes of geology and climate have conspired to create the Mojave Desert, and nowhere is that landscape better exemplified than within Mojave National Preserve. One of our newest National Park Service sites, the preserve protects 1.6 million acres of diverse desert terrain ranging from dry lake bed playas to white fir forests on high mountain peaks.

Mojave National Preserve explores the geologic development of the area and why the region is now part of one of North America's hottest and driest desert areas. Dry lakes, volcanic cinder cones, and water-worn slot canyons are among some of the features that give the area its characteristic appearance. Learn how some of the nation's highest dunes are formed at Kelso Dunes.

Yet people have been coming to the Mojave for thousands of years – first the Mojave and Chemehuevi Indians; later the Spanish and most recently American explorers and miners. Even the railroad had a part to play, building an isolated depot near one of the few reliable water sources along the Los Angeles – Las Vegas rail line.

See how land and climate interact to produce wilderness unmatched in silence and solitude. *Mojave National Preserve* will take you to a place filled with dramatic and subtle beauty.

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