

Joshua Tree Escapes

Hiking Recommendations

Easy to Moderate

Hidden Valley

This is one of the first hikes off the main road from the Joshua Tree entrance. There is a parking lot and picnic area here as well. A tight trail through boulders leads to an open valley that holds some pretty amazing views of the park. The total hike is only about a mile loop and it's decently flat, but you can explore the boulders and the views are hard to beat.

Skull Rock

This one literally looks like a skull. You can park right off the main road and walk right up to the boulders. There is a longer trail too.

Barker Dam Loop

A 1.5 mile hike that winds through amazing boulders. It is popular for hikers, strollers and rock climbers alike. The path is easy, the elevation gain is negligible and the scenery is outstanding.

Wonderland Ranch

This 3 mile round-trip to the Wall Street Mill and Wonderland Ranch highlights some of the prospecting history of Joshua Tree National Park and includes a visit to Bill Keys' Wall Street Mill – the best preserved gold stamp mill in the region.

Cholla Cactus Garden

Located inside Joshua Tree National Park, this small area contains awesome man-sized cacti that grow in profusion.

49 Palms Oasis

In the direction of 29 Palms, this hike has awesome elevation gain and you can do the whole thing in 2-3 hours. Spectacular vistas and when you come upon the oasis, it's pretty breathtaking.