



ANTELOPE VALLEY CALIFORNIA POPPY RESERVE

Map and Park Information

WELCOME! Visitors to the reserve can experience the beauty of this 1,800-acre area nestled in the Antelope Buttes west of Lancaster. The Poppy Reserve was established to protect outstanding displays of native wildflowers, particularly the California poppy. Eight miles of trails, including a paved section for wheelchair access, wind gently through the wildflower fields.

The Jane S. Pinheiro Interpretive Center features wildflower and wildlife exhibits, an orientation video, a gallery of the artist and botanist Jane S. Pinheiro's watercolor paintings and a gift shop operated by the nonprofit Poppy Reserve/Mojave Desert Interpretive Association.



**Antelope Valley
California Poppy Reserve
State Natural Reserve**
15101 Lancaster Road
Lancaster, CA 93536



Park Hours: Sunrise to sunset
Interpretive Center:
Open March 1-Mother's Day
10 a.m.- 4 p.m. on weekdays
9 a.m.-5 p.m. on weekends



Day-Use Parking:
\$10/vehicle/day

Buses
Small (9-24 Passengers): \$50
Large (25+ Passengers): \$100



**California State Parks
Passes Accepted:**
Disabled Discount, Distinguished
Veteran, Explorer, Golden Bear,
Senior Golden Bear, Golden
Poppy, State Library



Wildflower Hotline
661-724-1180
711, TTY Relay Service

parks.ca.gov/PoppyReserve



California State Parks supports equal access. For accommodation requests, including alternative formats, please contact Mojave.Sector@parks.ca.gov. For information about accessible features at this park, visit parks.ca.gov/AccessibleFeatures.

ACTIVITIES

Hiking—Explore the Poppy Reserve's beautiful wildflowers, native plants, and animals while hiking on the park's eight miles of trails.

Bird Watching—Fun for the whole family! View the many birds that live year-round within the Poppy Reserve or that visit the area during the spring and fall migrations on the Pacific Flyway.

Agents of Discovery—Download the free educational scavenger hunt Agents of Discovery App on your smartphone and select the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve Mission.

Cell Phone Tour—Discover engaging and interesting stories, people and places at the Poppy Reserve by scanning the QR Code on placards along the trails.

Accessible Features—These include the visitor center, picnic area, restrooms and the paved, 0.6-mile Americans with Disabilities Act trail.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Wear sun protection and layered clothing, and drink water while hiking. Despite the fields of wildflowers, this is a desert, and visitors can unexpectedly become dehydrated and sun-burned. The weather can quickly change, so bring a jacket when you go for a walk on the trails.

There are rattlesnakes in the fields. They will only harm you if scared. Be safe, stay on trails, and look on the ground ahead of you. If you encounter a snake, back away slowly, do not attempt to touch or move the snake, wait until the snake moves away or take another trail. All snakes are important to the environment and protected.

The front gate is the only entrance to the park. Visitors may walk in on the path to the right of the paved entrance road for free. Please check the signs on Lancaster Road for legal parking areas. Do not walk through the fields to enter the park. Entry from anywhere other than the entrance gate on Lancaster Road will result in a citation.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Be a steward of the outdoors and show respect for trails, plants, wildlife and fellow adventurers. These trails are here for all to enjoy — let's keep them sustainable for future generations. All plants, animals, rocks and historic objects are protected by law to maintain the uniqueness of the park.

STAY ON DESIGNATED TRAILS—

Venturing off trail can destroy plants and habitats that take years to recover. Taking a shortcut off trail compacts the soil, causes erosion and damages fragile ecosystems. Do not walk off the trail into the wildflowers.

DO NOT PICK ANY FLOWERS—

Wildflower areas are becoming increasingly rare. This park was created to protect ALL wildflowers. Every flower produces seeds for future blooms. Please protect future wildflower blooms by allowing the flowers to grow and produce seeds.

DOGS/PETS ARE PROHIBITED—

Domestic animals are not permitted in a state natural reserve. They may not go beyond the parking lot and must be accompanied at all times. Emotional support animals and small dog carriers are not allowed. Trained service animals are allowed.

DO NOT LITTER—Litter endangers our environment, wildlife and wildflowers. Remember to take out what you bring in or dispose of trash in a trash can. Please help us keep the park litter-free to protect plants and animals from hazards created by litter.

DO NOT SMOKE, EAT OR RIDE A BIKE ON TRAILS—Smoking is only allowed in parking lots. Dispose of cigarette butts in the trash can; please be sure they are fully extinguished. Eating is only allowed in the designated picnic area and parking lots. Barbecues and open flame are not permitted due to high fire danger. Bicycles are allowed on the entrance road and in the parking lot, but not on trails.

COMMERCIAL AND STUDENT FILMING/PHOTOGRAPHY—A permit is required for any commercial, for-profit, student project, documentary and news feature filming and photography. For permits or information, email GreatBasin.District@parks.ca.gov.

DRONE-FREE ZONE—Drones are prohibited by Posted Order in Great Basin District parks due to negative impacts on protected wildlife and birds. Contact the Great Basin District office for more information.



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