

New & Old Travel Tips

Some to consider: (a.) Notify friends where you are going and when you'll return. (b.) Don't rely on cell phones when visiting remote areas. (c.) Traveling in a group aids with vehicle problems. (d.) Get good atlas or maps or both. Don't rely on Internet maps. (e.) Take lots of water - lots. (f.) Take shade umbrellas or old sheets. (g.) In backcountry hikes avoid red & orange clothing and rock crevices where Africanized bees can now be found. (h.) In vehicles, don't cross running washes just wait an hour. (i.) See 'historic' tips below.

WARNING - DON'T BE A VICTIM OF THE DESERT

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1. **DON'T** forget to tell someone what area you are going to.
2. **DON'T** start out unless your car is dependable.
3. **DON'T** leave your car if you break down. Stay with it.
4. **DON'T** forget to take an extra supply of water, gasoline, food, matches, etc.
 - a. DON'T waste water.
 - b. DON'T forget to build a signal fire.
5. **DON'T** forget to take a white sheet or canvas to spread on the ground. It can be spotted easily from the air.
6. **DON'T** forget to leave some visible sign of direction if you are forced to leave your car.
 - a. Make marks with rocks to point direction taken.
 - b. DON'T forget to take a pencil and paper to write information on.
7. **DON'T** send your partner in for help. We want him to live, too.
8. **DON'T** start walking back under any conditions unless you are POSITIVE you can make it back to civilization. We know from past experience that even a man who is sure of his surroundings seldom gets back alive.
9. **DON'T** get excited or panicky in your desolation. It makes the heat less bearable and the chances are good that we will find you.
10. **DON'T** take any chances. The desert is treacherous and can fool you.
11. **DON'T** forget - We will be searching for you - and your patience is your best virtue.
12. **DON'T** forget all these things and your chances of surviving in the desert are 99 percent better than if you paid no heed to them.