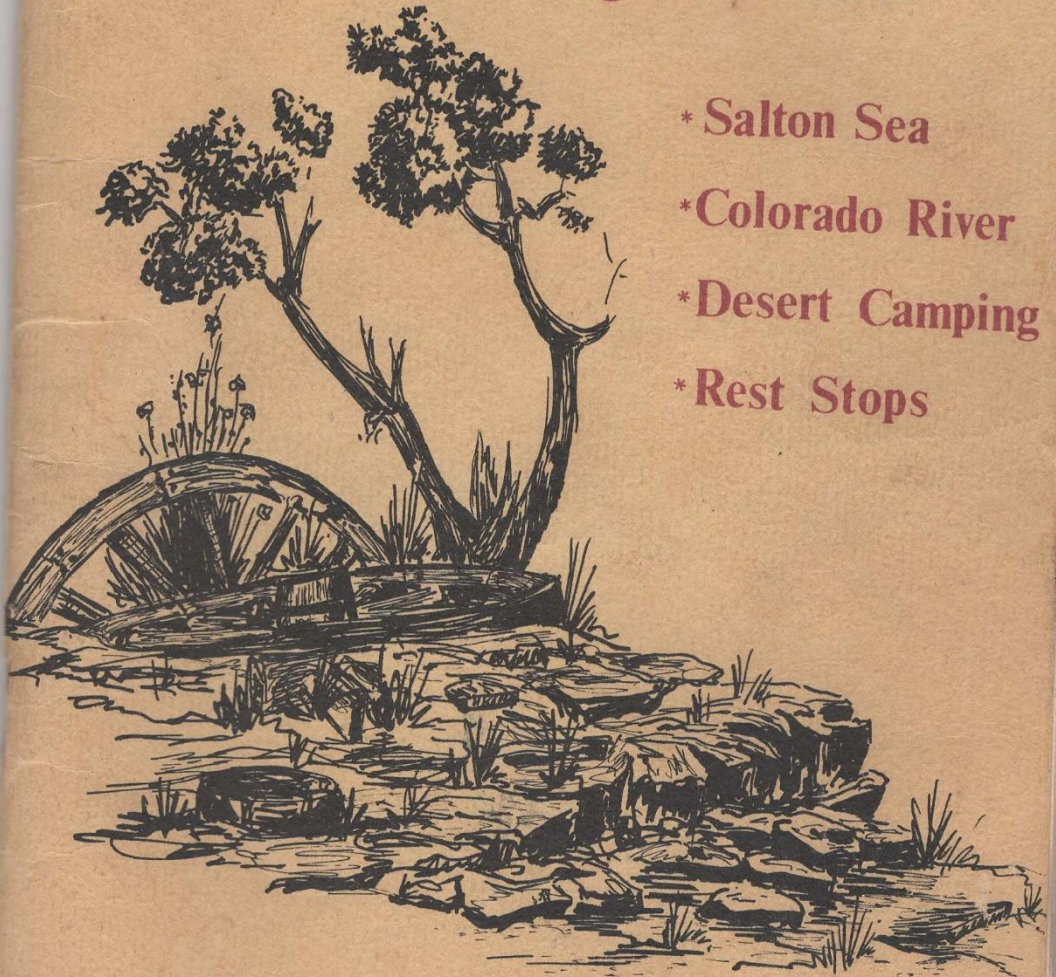


# Camper's Guide To Imperial County Campgrounds



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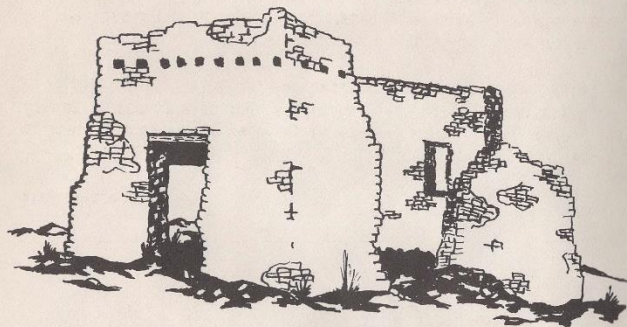
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## Foreword

Imperial County is a fun place to go camping. Generally speaking, a good share of the county is desert country. To the aficionado this is the best type of camping possible. If you have experienced only mountain or seashore vacations, try a weekend in the desert. The clean air, peace and quiet, and the magnificent nights will make you want to return again and again.

Along the Colorado River you will find a unique combination of fishing and boating and rugged desert. The Salton Sea offers a different type of camping, while the hot mineral spas, rockhound country, and just plain desert attract many people.

Whatever is your choice, we know that you will find relaxation and pleasure in Imperial County. The winter months are our favorite time, for then the climate is most ideal.

Enjoy yourself, but please remember to leave a clean camp, and have consideration for fellow campers. Our deserts can be easily destroyed if we use the freedom of the open spaces as a license to litter and destroy.

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## Bashford's Hot Mineral Spa

Bashford's Hot Mineral Spa, for adults, has all facilities for your complete relaxation. They have individual 102 degree baths, a 106 degree whirlpool bath, a steam room, and a completely modern, tiled, 20' by 40' fresh-water swimming pool. (Swim at your own risk, no lifeguard) In addition, in the evening, once a week, they have movies, bingo, and dances.

Of the 100 sites, 60 have water, sewer, and electrical hook-ups. Barbecues are permitted but bring your own as they are not furnished. Dogs are OK if licensed, vaccinated for rabies, and kept on a leash. Motorized Bikes may be operated in washes and on established roads, but riding in the camp area must be kept to a minimum. Flush toilets and hot showers are also available.

The fee is \$3.00 per unit, per day, for 2 people. Each additional person is \$1.00. (Also a weekly and monthly rate) Check-out time is noon. Bashford's is open from October 1st to June 1st, only.

This private camp offers no special group reservation rate. Individuals may write for reservations to Bashford's Hot Mineral Spa, Star Route, Box 26, Niland, Ca. 92257.

They have a small grocery, also supplies of propane, gasoline, ice, and miscellaneous items. It is located on the eastern side of the Salton Sea, 14.6 miles north of Niland, on State Highway 111. Turn east on Hot Mineral Spa Road, for 3.4 miles.



## Ben Hulse Rest Area

This roadside rest is 47 miles northeast of Brawley, on the Ben Hulse Highway. (State Highway 78) This is 18 miles from Glamis. There are no facilities of any kind.

## Benson Landing



This privately owned fishing camp is located on the southern tip of the Salton Sea. Go northwest on State Highway 86, 16 miles from Brawley, to a large sign indicating Benson Landing. Go 2 miles north to the end. This all year camp is at minus 220 feet elevation.

The facilities include chemical toilets and drinking water. The drinking water must be hauled in, so be conservative. There are 2 picnic tables and 1 ramada. No fee is charged for camping, but there is a \$1.00 charge for boat launching.

Campers on pick-ups are allowed at the fish camp. Trailers must go to an overflow area a short distance away. There are no facilities in the overflow area. Tent campers might find it difficult to camp there.

Trail bikes are to be used at a minimum in camp. Dogs are allowed if licensed, vaccinated for rabies, and kept under control. No fires are allowed.

They boast of the 25½ pound corvina which was caught last year, and some say it has the best fishing in the area.

For additional information, write Benson Landing, Box 446, Westmoreland, Calif. 92281. It is operated as a non-profit business by the Westmoreland Volunteer Fireman's Association.

Nearby Westmoreland has supplies which you might need.

## Bombay Marina

This private marina, on the eastern side of the Salton Sea, has room for 51 units. There are 31 located under a frame structure which provides shade. Of these, 19 have electrical hook-ups. Twenty units are in an open area. The marina is located 16.2 miles north of Niland, off State Highway 111. Turn west on "A" Street. Drive to the end, then go left 1 block.

The fee is \$2.00 per vehicle, per day. Electrical hook-up is \$.50 a day extra. The open sites are \$1.50 per day. Check-out time is 8:00 A.M. The camp has piped drinking water at convenient locations, flush and chemical toilets, and cold showers.

The launching fee is \$1.50, and dry storage for boats is \$8.00 per month. Trailer storage is \$15.00 per month. They rent boats and motors. The bait house stocks bait, beer, tackle, and soft drinks. Fishing licenses and gasoline for boats is also available. Charter boats are by reservation.

Reservations are a good idea on holidays. Write to Bombay Marina, Route 1, Box 61, Niland, Calif. 92257. Telephone (714) 348-0396. If you have a civilian band radio, call them on KMX 5155, Channel 11. They can tell you about the weather and fishing conditions.

Dune buggies are always welcome. Trail bike riders are asked to limit their riding at the marina. Dogs are permitted if they are licensed, vaccinated for rabies, and kept under control. No open fires, please.

The jetty, which provides a protected harbor, is also a fine spot to fish from. If you are registered at the marina, use of it is free, otherwise it is \$.50 per person. Swimming is allowed, at your own risk.

## Calipatria Red Hill Marina

If you like fishing and hunting, this county operated park may appeal to you. Hunters will find ducks, geese, dove, pheasant, and frogs in this area. For the fisherman there is Corvina, Sargo, Croaker, and Mullet. The largest Corvina taken here was 27 pounds, while the Sargo (a member of the Perch family) will go up to 3 pounds. The backwaters and rivers provide Mullet up to 16 pounds. Shore fishermen have been rewarded with 18 to 20 pound Corvina. The resident Ranger says that anytime between March and January fishing is good.

The Marina has a protected harbor, and free boat launching. You can store your boat on a trailer, or your travel trailer, for \$10.00 per month. There is a snack bar that is open all year. The Marina sells beer, bait, gas, and fishing supplies. Boats and motors are available to rent. Swimming is not allowed here.

Red Hill can accomodate about 230 units, 80 of these have hook-ups for electricity. There are flush toilets and hot showers, and piped drinking water. Open fires are permitted, but bring your own wood. There are 5 fireplaces and 5 tables. Time limit is 15 days. The fee is \$2.00 per unit, per night.

Near the launching ramp there are 4 tables, 1 shade ramada, and a fireplace for the use of picnickers. Trail bike riding is not allowed in the park. Dogs are allowed if they are licensed, vaccinated for rabies, and kept on a leash.

The Marina does not take reservations. For additional information, write Calipatria Red Hill Marina, Box 26, Calipatria, Calif. 92233, or telephone (714) 355-2766. To reach the Marina go north from Calipatria on State Highway 111 for 3.6 miles,

turn west on Sinclair Road for 4.5 miles. then north on Garst Road for 1.5 miles, then west (just before the canal) for 1 mile.

## Desert Shores Trailer Park & Marina

This private park has all the facilities to make your stay a pleasant one. It is located next to the Salton Sea, and its marina caters to fishermen and boat owners. Water skiing and fishing are both excellent here.

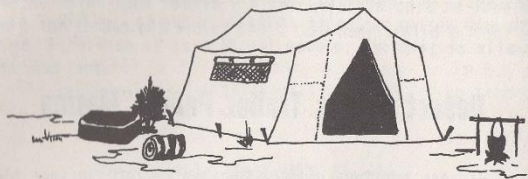
The park has 68 sites; 53 sites have hook-ups for sewer, water, and electricity. The fee is \$3.00 per night, or \$18.00 per week. Boat or trailer storage is available. There are no tent sites. Other facilities include flush toilets, hot showers, laundry machines, and piped drinking water to all sites.

No outdoor fires are permitted. Trail bike use is restricted in the park. Swim in the Salton Sea, at your own risk.

Special group rates may be made in advance, by writing to Desert Shores Trailer Park and Marina, 320 Desert Shores Drive, Desert Shores, Calif. 92274. Telephone (714) 395-5419.

Desert Shores is 22 miles south of Coachella, on State Highway 86 or 9 miles north of Salton City. Desert Shores has all the groceries or supplies you might need.





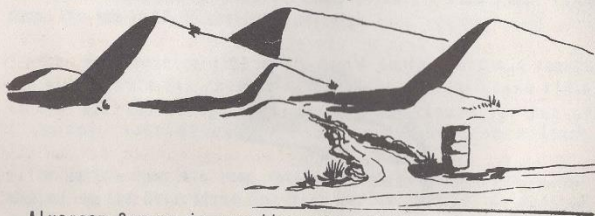
## Earl Walker Park

This county operated park is located next to County Road S-80, just west of the railroad tracks, on the west side of Holtville. Holtville is 47 miles west of Yuma.

Earl Walker Park is open all year, and has drinking water, flush toilets, 2 tables, 1 shade ramada, and 2 fireplaces. Bring your own wood. There is space for about 25 units. No fee is charged; just leave a clean campsite.

Since the park is similar to a rest area, the time limit on your stay is 1 night. Holtville has supplies and groceries.

## Fossil Canyon



Alverson Canyon is usually referred to as Fossil Canyon, or sometimes Shell Canyon. It is located approximately 26

miles west of El Centro. Take Interstate 8 to Ocotillo off-ramp, and go north on the Imperial Highway (County S-2) for 1.3 miles to Shell Canyon Road. Turn right, toward the hills, for 2.6 miles, on the asphalt. Do not go beyond .4 mile on the dirt portion, without investigating road conditions. The road is not recommended for large house cars or trailers over 16 feet long, beyond the mouth of the canyon.

You may camp anywhere off the dirt road. There are no facilities of any kind here, but it is attractive because you can have open fires (bring your own wood) and there are no restrictions on trail bikes. Dogs are OK, but don't let him disturb your neighbor.

Rockhounds will find Fossil Canyon quite fascinating for a variety of shells and fossils can be found. There is no fee but the County asks that you leave a clean camp. The nearest supplies and the nearest telephone are at Ocotillo Store 4.3 miles south. The Ocotillo Bible Church welcomes you.

## Fountain Of Youth

This hot mineral spa attracts many people who wish to take advantage of the baths and healthful desert sunshine.

Fountain of Youth is a large, privately owned camp on the eastern side of the Salton Sea. It has 500 sites, 300 are for trailers, 200 are open desert. They do not accommodate trailers over 60 feet in length. The sites with hook-ups have sewer, water and electricity. Fees are \$4.50 per night with hook-ups and \$3.00 without hook-ups. (There are also weekly, monthly, and yearly rates, with electricity extra.) Check-out time is noon.

Other facilities at the Spa include flush toilets, hot and cold showers, drinking water and non-drinkable water, a laundry room with washers and dryers, and the recreation hall has pool tables and 2 table shuffleboards.

No trail bikes are allowed in the campground, but may be used on established roads nearby, or in washes and dry river beds. Dogs are permitted if they are on a leash at all times, and confined at night. You may use your hibachi, but you cannot have open fires. There are 2 swimming pools, but no lifeguard. Also, there are 3 hot, hydro jet pools.

The season is all year, but the best time is fall thru spring, for then the weather is pleasant and sunny, with moderate temperatures. Movies, bingo, hiking trails, interesting rock collecting, and pleasant companionship are some of the extras at Fountain of Youth.

Barr's Market, at the park, has a very good selection of groceries and supplies. There is no telephone at the Spa. For information, write to Fountain of youth, Star Route 1, Box 12, Niland Cal. 92257.

To reach the Spa, go north from Niland, On State Highway 111 for 16 miles, then turn east at Mineral Spa Road. Watch for the sign indicating Fountain of Youth.

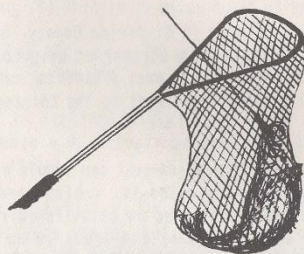
## Glamis

This camping area, in the open desert, has become popular in the last few years. There are almost no restrictions for dune buggies and trail bikes, other than courtesy to your neighbor, and leaving a clean camp. Bill Smith, the owner of Glamis Store, doesn't charge any fees, but does maintain a pit toilet and a faucet with drinking water near the store, for campers.

Open fires are permitted. Wood is sold at Glamis Store, or you may bring your own. Dogs are permitted if licensed and vaccinated for rabies, and kept under control.

Glamis is located 29 miles east of Brawley, on the Ben Hulse Highway (State Highway 78). The Glamis Store has gasoline, ice, groceries, and a restaurant. It also has a post office, and public telephone known as Glamis Toll Station.

## Helen's Harbor



This private camp is located right next to the Salton Sea, with an elevation of minus 232 feet. Helen's Harbor will appeal to fishermen, boat enthusiasts, and water skiers. Some of the facilities available are marina slips, charter boats, boat storage, boat launching, gasoline, liquor, and groceries. A restaurant and cocktail lounge are available, also. Swim at your own risk, as there are no lifeguards.

Trail bikes may be operated on established trails, or in washes nearby. Trail bikes are not allowed to be operated within the camp area. Dogs are permitted if licensed, vaccinated for rabies, kept under control in the daytime, and confined at night. Open fires are permitted, although there are no fireplaces or fire rings. Bring your own wood.

There are 60 sites in all, with 39 for trailers, with water and electrical hook-ups. (No trailers over 30 feet) Other facilities include flush and chemical toilets, and piped drinking water throughout the area. There are 50 tables and 39 ramadas, for your convenience. The fee is \$2.00 per car, per night. Check-out time is noon.

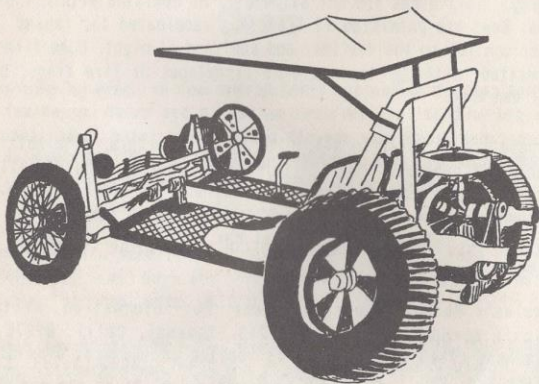
Helen's Harbor is open all year. For information, write to Helen's Harbor, Route 2, Box 213, Thermal, Calif. 92274, or telephone (714) 395-9283. It is located on the west side of the Salton Sea, and 7 miles north of Salton City, on State Highway 86. Then go 1 mile east, and follow the signs.

## Horace Miller County Park

Horace Miller County Park is in Riverside County, but is almost on the county line. Go south from Blythe, on Neighbors Boulevard for 10 miles, to 38th Avenue. Turn east 1.6 miles, on a good dirt road. It is a primitive camp, right next to the Colorado River, and has no facilities.

Open fires are permitted, but bring your own supply of wood. Dogs are allowed if licensed, vaccinated for rabies, and kept under control. Trail bikes may be operated on established roads, and in washes. The park is open all year, and there is no charge. The nearest supplies are at Blythe.

## Hugh T Osborn Lookout Park



This is a primitive county park, in the middle of the Sand Dunes, 24.5 miles east of Brawley, on the Ben Hulse Highway. (State Highway 78) This is 43 miles south of Palo Verde.

The only facility here is a pit toilet. There is no water. Also, no fee is charged.

This park is particularly attractive to dune buggy fans. If you do not have a dune buggy yourself, it is still interesting to watch the action.

There are no restrictions on riding trail bikes or buggies on the dunes. Dogs are OK, but should be licensed and vaccinated for rabies. You can have open fires, but bring your own wood.

The nearest supplies, such as gas, ice, and a limited stock of groceries, are at Glamis, 4.5 miles to the east. Brawley, to the west, has complete supplies of anything you need. The nearest telephone is at Glamis.

## Imperial Dam Recreation Area

This campground is maintained by the Bureau of Land Management. The facilities include pit toilets, piped drinking water and trash cans. A sanitary dump is provided but there is no flushing water. The area is large enough for over 100 units, with no designated sites. It is open all year, and there is a 15 day time limit.

Since this is in Arizona, trail bikes must be licensed, and must be operated by a licensed driver, wearing a helmet. Dogs are permitted, if licensed and kept under control.

To reach this campground go to Winterhaven. Then go .3 mile east on old U.S. Highway 80 to Winterhaven Road (S-24). Stay on County Road S-24 for 18 miles to the dam. Cross the one lane bridge, just before the dam to enter the camp area.

Nearby Imperial Oasis has groceries, a cafe, propane, live bait, tackle, Arizona fishing licenses, gasoline, oil, trailer storage, boat and motor rentals, motor repair, and a free boat launch ramp.

## Imperial Oasis

Imperial Oasis is a private camp, near Imperial Dam, on the Arizona side of the River. Starting at Winterhaven, go east on U.S. Highway 80 for .3 mile to Winterhaven Road. Take Imperial County Road S-24 for 18 miles to Imperial Dam. Just before the Dam, turn right across the one-lane bridge, go 1 mile to another one-lane bridge. Turn left, after crossing this bridge, and go about .7 mile on a dirt road, to Imperial Oasis. This is a pleasant place to come on out and enjoy fun in the sun.

The camp has 153 modern spaces with full hook-ups, and 50 spaces for overnigheters; 10 of these have electrical and water hook-ups. The fee is \$1.25 per unit per night. With hook-ups the fee is \$2.25 for 4 persons, each additional person is \$.25. Check-out time is 3:00 P.M. Facilities include piped drinking water, 5 tables, flush toilets, hot showers, and a laundry room with washing machines.

Open fires are permitted, but bring your own wood. Dogs are allowed if licensed and kept on a leash. Trail bikes must be licensed, and operated by a licensed driver (16 years and up) wearing a helmet. This is Arizona state law. Swimming is permitted at your own risk. No lifeguards are provided.

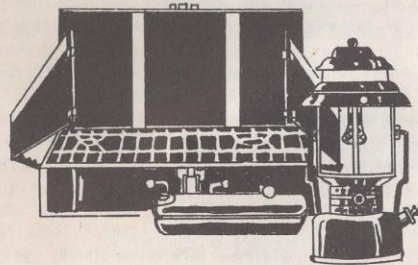
Individual or group reservation information may be had by writing to Imperial Oasis, Inc., S. Route 4, Box 4, Yuma, Ariz. 85364. Or, telephone (602) 783-4171.

Imperial Oasis, Inc. has a general merchandise grocery, cafe, boats and motor rentals, free boat launch, motor repair, ice, beer, wine, live bait, tackle, gas, oil, propane, boat mooring, and fishing licenses. Trailer storage is \$5.00 per month.

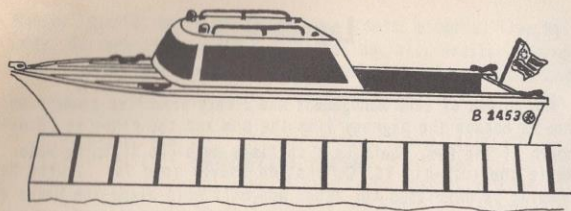
## Laguna Dam

The Bureau of Land Management has 2 very primitive campgrounds. One is across the highway from the Dam and the other is .6 mile north of the Dam. There is a sanitary dump (no flushing water) where the turn-off is. Go east on a dirt road for .2 mile and camping is permitted for about one-half mile along the banks of the river. The campground is open all year but there are no facilities except trash cans.

To reach Laguna Dam go .3 mile east from Winterhaven on old U.S. Highway 80 and turn on Winterhaven Road (S-24). Continue on County Road S-24 for 14 miles to the dam. The nearest groceries would be at Coles Corner 2.5 miles south.



ALWAYS LEAVE A CLEAN CAMP!



## Lido Palms Marina

This large, private marina and camping area is one of the finest on the Salton Sea. It is located 3.6 miles north of Salton City, and 3 miles off State Highway 86. Take Treadwell Boulevard to Camino Drive and follow the signs.

The fisherman, camper, or water skier will enjoy the spacious, clean cafe and grocery. In addition, they have boat rentals, motor rentals, fishing supplies, bait, gasoline, boat launching, and covered slips for your boat. The friendly atmosphere will make your stay a pleasant one, whether sunning, swimming on the sandy beach, or relaxing with a fishing pole on the jetty.

Trailer storage is \$5.00 per month, and camping is \$1.50 minimum per night. There is space for at least 500 camping units. There are flush toilets, hot showers, sanitary dump, and piped drinking water. Also there are 85 tables, hook-ups for water and electricity, plus 24 slabs to park on. Check-out time is 6:00 PM.

Trail bikes are permitted in camp, if they are not abusive in their operation. Dogs are allowed if licensed, vaccinated for rabies, and kept under control. Open fires are OK, and wood is sold at the grocery. There are no fireplaces or fire rings.

Special rates for organized groups can be arranged by reservation only. Contact Lido Palms Marina, Box 78, Salton City, Calif. 92274. Telephone (714) 394-4141.

## Salamander Recreation Trailer Park

If you like to enjoy the desert and have full hook-ups for your recreation vehicle, Salamander Park is the place to go. The parking area is located on a small bluff with a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside. You can fish in the canal next to the campground, or at the Colorado River, a short distance away.

There are 26 sites and an overflow area. The facilities include flush toilets, hot showers, and a laundry with machines. The fee is \$3.50 per night, with hook-ups and 2.00 per night in the overflow area. Check-out time is 4:00 P.M. Trailer storage and monthly rates upon request. Open fires are permitted in designated areas. There are some tables and piped drinking water in the overflow section.

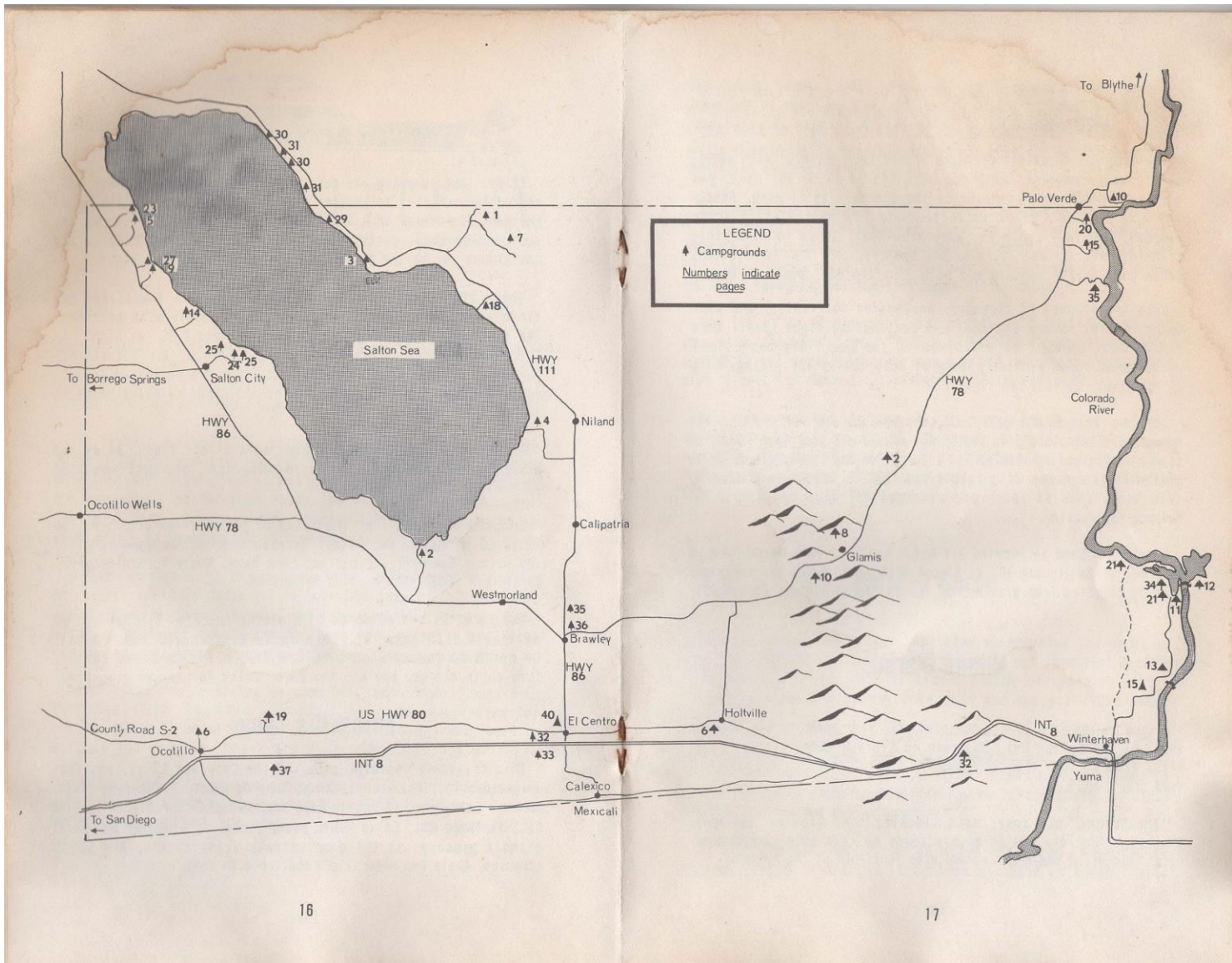
Dogs are OK if licensed and kept on a 6 foot leash. Motorized bikes can be operated in the surrounding area, but must be pushed in and out of the campground.

Groups are welcome, but must stay in the overflow area. The fee is \$2.00 per unit, per night. Reservations can be made by writing Salamander Park, Attention: Edna Pace, Route 1, Winterhaven, California 92283. There is no telephone.

The park is located north of Winterhaven. From Winterhaven go east on U.S. Highway 80, .3 mile to Winterhaven Road (S-24). Go north on County Road S-24 for 11.3 miles to Coles Corner. Turn north and you can see the Park. Coles Corner has groceries.

## Mitchell's Camp

This privately operated camp, on the Colorado River, is ideal if you are interested in fishing, hunting game, or spearing frogs. Channel Cats up to 12 pounds have been brought in, as well as Blue Cat, Flathead Cat, Large Mouth Bass, Bluegill, Crappie, and Carp. A small grocery, at the camp, stocks bait, tackle, and sells licenses. Boats (no motors) are available to rent.



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There is an abundance of dove, pheasant, duck, geese, rabbits and deer. Special mention should be made of the many frogs in the area, some of which measure up to 18 inches. A license is required.

The camp has 52 sites, of which 32 are for trailers, with water, sewer, and electrical hook-ups. The fee is \$2.50 per unit, per night, plus the meter reading on the electricity if used. Check-out time is noon. Other facilities include 18 tables, 2 shade ramadas, and 18 fireplaces (wood provided). There is also piped drinking water, flush toilets, hot showers, and laundry machines. Cabin and trailer rentals can be had by the day, week, or month.

Dogs are allowed if licensed, vaccinated for rabies, and kept under control in the daytime, and confined at night. Trail bike riding must be kept at a minimum in the camp. Dry washes and established roads provide plenty of opportunity for riding. Swim in the River, at your own risk.

The camp is open all year, but reservations are advisable in the summer. Trailer storage is \$10.00 per month, and long term leases on trailer sites are available. For information and reservations, write Mitchell's Camp, Box 111, Palo Verde, Calif. 92266. They have no telephone. Special rates are arranged for camping groups, by advance reservation.

Mitchell's Camp is located 9.1 miles south of Palo Verde, and .8 mile off State Highway 78, on a good dirt road. Watch for the sign. This is 61 miles from Brawley, on the Ben Hulse Highway (State 78).

## Niland Marina

Niland Marina is a county operated, all year park, on the eastern shore of the Salton Sea. Go north on State Highway 111 for 11.5 miles from Niland, then turn west at "The Corner" on a good dirt road, for 1 mile.

"The Corner" has beer, bait, tackle, ice, trailer storage, limited groceries, and is always ready to take care of campers' needs. Groceries and supplies are also available at the marina.

Niland Marina has a free boat launching ramp. The county has built a jetty, to create a small, protected harbor, this offers a good spot to fish from. Corvina, Sargo, and Croaker are the only fish caught here. Summers are pretty hot, but the Ranger says that fishing is the best then.

Approximately 300 units can park at the marina, but only 24 sites have electrical hook-ups. There is no water in the camp. Showers and piped drinking water may be installed in the fall of 1973. At present there are pit toilets. There are only 4 tables, and the 2 ramadas offer the only shade at the marina.

The fee is \$2.00 per unit, per night, with no time limit on your stay. Check-out time is 6:00 P.M. Trailer storage is available at \$10.00 per month. Reservations are not necessary, but if you wish to call and check first, telephone (714) 348-0105.

Dogs are permitted if licensed, vaccinated for rabies, and kept on a leash. Open fires are allowed in a limited area. Bring your own wood. The use of trail bikes in the camp is restricted, but there are a number of established roads and dry washes to ride in. Swim at your own risk; there are no lifeguards.

## Painted Gorge

Painted Gorge is a canyon that offers seclusion for camping. Near the mouth of the Gorge, the land opens out into flat desert with some low hills. This affords a number of spots to make a primitive camp. The county asks that you leave a clean camp.

The only facilities are trash cans. Open fires are permitted, but bring your own wood. Dogs should be licensed, vaccinated for rabies, and kept under control. Trail bikes can be ridden in almost unlimited fashion, but here again, have respect for other campers, and for our desert country.

To reach Painted Gorge, go 14 miles west from El Centro to Dunaway Road off-ramp (on Interstate 8). Then go north 1 mile

to Evan Hewes Highway. Turn west, and go 8 miles. Or, take the Ocotillo off-ramp, and take Evan Hewes Highway (old Highway 80) east for 5 miles. Painted Gorge is 7 miles off the highway, on a dirt road. There are quite a few places you might like to stay, without going the full distance to the Gorge.

Weaver's Chevron, in Ocotillo, will accommodate your service station needs, and Ocotillo Store has groceries. The Community Church will welcome you on Sunday.

## Palo Verde County Park



Palo Verde County Park has no designated sites, but is large enough for at least 40 units. It is next to State Highway 78, and is right on the Colorado River, 2.4 miles south of Palo Verde.

It is a primitive campground, with no facilities except pit toilets. Open fires are allowed, but bring your own wood. Dogs should be licensed, vaccinated for rabies, and kept under control. The park is open all year, with a 7 day time limit and no charges. Trail bikes must be operated on established roads or in dry washes.

Fishing in the River is the biggest attraction, and can be very rewarding. The park also has a free launching ramp for boats.

The nearest supplies are at Palo Verde, 2.4 miles north of the campground.

## Phil Swing Park

Phil Swing Park is located on the California side of the Colorado River, at Imperial Dam, and is operated by the Imperial Irrigation District. This small park has room for about 15 units. They must be parked next to each other, in a row, next to the lawn. Tents may be set up on the lawn.

There is piped drinking water and flush toilets. No fee is charged. No open fires are allowed. A 3 day time limit is enforced. Dogs should be licensed, vaccinated for rabies, and on a leash. Trail bikes must be operated on established roads or in dry washes. The park is open all year.

To reach Phil Swing Park, start at Winterhaven, on U.S. Highway 80, and go .3 mile east to Winterhaven Road. Take this for 100 yards. Turn on Picacho Road (under the railroad tracks) and go 4 miles to Ross Road. Turn right onto Ross Road, and follow the white highway line for 14 miles, to the Dam. At the Dam go straight up onto the bridge, and across the canal. The Park is on the right.

Imperial Oasis, on the Arizona side of the River, and close by, has all the supplies you might need. These include boat and motor rental, for campers who want to fish.

## Picacho State Recreation Area

If you like to hunt and fish, hike, study geology, bird watch, or just plain relax, Picacho State Recreation Area is the place to go. It is on the Colorado River. To get there, start at Winterhaven, and go .3 mile east to Winterhaven Road. Take it for 100 yards. Turn left (under the railroad tracks) onto Picacho Road, and travel north for 23 miles. Nineteen miles of this is rough, washboard, dirt road. Passenger cars can make it easily, except when rain causes flooding in the washes. This can necessitate closing the road for a short time.

Hunting is permitted in season, in designated areas. All Federal and State laws are enforced. Ducks, geese, quail, and dove can be found in this Pacific Flyway.

Fishing from shore or boats brings in Black Bass, Crappie, Bluegill, or Catfish. Adobe, Taylor, or Stewdy's lakes provide some of the best fishing. The launching ramp at the picnic area is free.

The wildlife in the area includes burros, desert big horn sheep, skunk, deer, coyote, and bobcat. Bird watchers will enjoy seeing many varieties, including the Red-tailed Hawk, and now and then a Bald Eagle.

Geologists will be interested in the volcanic upheaval which formed the rugged terrain, here, and which adds so much scenic value to the countryside. Artists and photographers, who like spectacular views, will find a trip to Picacho worthwhile.

The main campground has 42 well spaced units, among tamarisk and mesquite trees. The fee is \$1.50 per night (8 people and 2 vehicles) per campsite. The same fee is charged in the group camp and overflow area. No fees are collected in the outlying areas, nor for picnicking, at this time.

Facilities in the main campground include piped drinking water, wash basins and flush toilets, pit toilets, cold showers at times, 42 tables and 1 fireplace. The picnic area has 2 tables and a fire ring.

For additional fees, rules, reservations, and regulations in State Parks, consult the Salton Sea State Recreation Area. Page 28.

From October to May the Rangers give campfire programs. There is no telephone at Picacho, but in case of emergency contact the Salton Sea State Recreation Area, telephone (714) 393-3052, and they can relay a message via radio. For additional information on Picacho, write to Department of Parks and Recreation, Picacho Area, Box 1270, Winterhaven, Calif. 92283.

Picacho Store, near the campground, has bait, beer, ice, propane, regular gasoline, fishing supplies, and rents boats. They do not stock dairy products, with their line of groceries.



## Rancho Marina

Rancho Marina is located next to the Salton Sea, at Desert Shores. Go to Seaview and Palm Streets. Desert Shores is 22 miles south of Coachella, on State Highway 86, or 9 miles north of Salton City.

The park has 90 trailer sites, with 45 that have hook-ups for sewer, water, and electricity (no trailers over 30 feet). There also is plenty of space for several hundred tent campers. The park has about 200 tables, and 90 shade ramadas. Other facilities include flush toilets, natural warm springs showers, and piped drinking water. The park is open all year.

Trail bikes are not allowed to be operated in the camp area. Dogs are permitted if licensed, vaccinated for rabies, and kept on a leash. Open fires are allowed. Wood is sold, or bring your own. The elevation here is 220 feet below sea level.

Ski or swim at your own risk, in the Salton Sea. Shore fishing from the jetty is very rewarding. Boats may be rented, and there is a boat launching ramp. The well stocked grocery at the marina carries ice, butane, gasoline, tackle, bait, and boating accessories.

The fee is \$2.00 per vehicle, for 4 people. Each additional person is \$.50 extra. Groups are \$.50 per person, per day, by reservation in advance. Check-out time is 6:00 P.M. For more information, write to Rancho Marina, Route 2, Box 486, Thermal, Calif. 92274. Telephone (714) 395-5410.

## Salton Bay Marina & Trailer Park Inc.

This privately owned marina and trailer park has something for everyone. It is located at Salton City, on Salton Bay Drive, at the end of Marina Drive. They rent boats and motors, and have facilities for complete boat and motor repair, also trailer and boat storage, plus a boat and trailer washing facility, and a free fish cleaning area. In addition, experts are on hand to fillet your catch, at a small, extra charge. With all this, fishing has to be enjoyable here, whether you go out in your own boat, or on the charters which are available.

There is also a grocery, delicatessen, and general merchandise store here. They handle ice, gasoline, propane, bait, licenses, tackle, beer, and sports clothes. A game room, snack bar, and a restaurant add to your pleasure.

There are 250 sites for campers. Sixty of these have water, sewer, and electrical hook-ups. The fee is \$3.00 per unit, per day for 4 people. This includes the hook-ups. Each additional person is \$.50 extra. If you do not use the hook-ups, the fee is \$2.00 per recreation vehicle. Check-out time is noon. The campground has 20 tables and 10 shade ramadas, also. Picnicking is \$1.00 per car. Other facilities in the camp include piped drinking water, flush toilets, hot showers, and washing machines in the laundry room.

Dogs are permitted if licensed, vaccinated for rabies, and kept under control. Fires are allowed only in barbecues, or in your container off the ground. Trail bikes must be operated within reason during the day, and no riding is allowed after 9:00 P.M. The park is open all year. Swim at your own risk; no lifeguards are supplied.

Special rates for groups are by advance reservation only. These reservations may be made by writing to Salton Bay Marina and Trailer Park, Inc., Box 16, Salton City, Calif. 92274, or telephone (714) 394-4444.

## Salton City Campground

This campground is especially desirable for those who like to camp next to the shore, with no designated sites. There is room for approximately 500 units. Twelve hook-ups are available. A straight fee of \$2.50 per vehicle, per night, is charged. Check-out time is 6:00 P.M. It is open all year. Summers may be quite warm.

The facilities include piped drinking water, tables, flush and chemical toilets, sanitary dump, and cold showers. There is a fish cleaning area, with running water. The fee for the launching ramp is \$1.50. Trailer storage is offered at \$8.00 per month.

A special section is set aside for campers with trail bikes. Do not ride in the restricted area. Reasonable use is requested in the trail bike section. Dogs should be licensed, vaccinated for rabies, and kept on a leash. Open fires are allowed, on the beach only. Bring your own wood. Swim in the Salton Sea, at your own risk (no lifeguards).

Reservations may be made by writing to Salton City Campground, Box 137, Salton City, California 92274. The telephone at the campground is (714) 394-4152, for information or reservations. There is no extra charge to make reservations.

To reach Salton City Campground, go north for 2 miles from Salton City main entrance, to Marina Drive. Go 2.7 miles and follow the signs. They have a general store and boat rentals.



## Salton City Trailer Park

Salton City Trailer Park is located on Salton Bay Drive By The Sea, in Salton City. Follow the "Corvina Charlie" signs. This modern park has 176 sites with water, sewer, and electrical hook-ups. The overnight sites adjoin the mobile home area. The fee is \$3.00 per unit, per night, for 4 people, with \$.50 additional for each extra person.

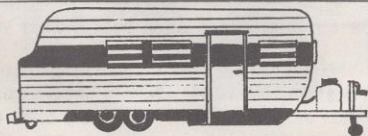
A shuffleboard court plus a large, heated swimming pool (no lifeguard), will make your stay more enjoyable. A special play area for children is provided.

Other facilities include flush toilets, hot showers, and a laundry room with washing machines and dryers. A special area is set aside where you can wash your car or boat.

No unnecessary riding of trail bikes will be allowed. Speed limit is 5 mph., and they must have stock mufflers. Dogs should be licensed, vaccinated for rabies, and kept on a leash. No towels or wearing apparel, or laundry, may be hung outside your travel unit. A drying area is provided. Children under 6 years must be accompanied by an adult to the restrooms and showers.

Special rates for large groups are by reservation only. Individual reservations are recommended for the busy season. Write Salton City Trailer Park, Box 133, Salton City, Calif. 92274. Telephone (714) 394-4133.

The marina, nearby, has boats, fishing supplies, grocery and general merchandise. A championship, 18 hole, golf course and several fine restaurants are open to the public in Salton City.



## Salton Sea Beach Marina



Salton Sea Beach Marina is one of the largest private marinas and camping areas on the south side of the Salton Sea. It is 10 miles north of Salton City, and 1 mile east, off State Highway 86. This is 28 miles south of Indio.

They have approximately 500 sites, with 200 hook-ups for water and electricity. The fee is \$.50 per person, per night, except with electrical hook-up it is an extra \$1.00. Check-out time is 6:00 P.M. Trailer storage is available at \$5.00 per month. For permanent storage (water, electricity, etc.) the fee is \$15.00 per month.

There are 200 tables, also 50 shade ramadas on a reserved basis only. Other facilities include piped drinking water, flush toilets, and cold showers.

Open fires are permitted, but there are no fireplaces or fire rings. Bring your own wood. Dogs should be licensed, vaccinated for rabies, and kept on a leash. There are only two restrictions on trail bikes, no loud pipes or disturbing the peace, and a speed limit of 5 mph.

Fishermen can enjoy good fishing on charter boats. Also available are tackle, bait, ice, beer, boat repairs, launch ramp, propane, and gas. There is also a cafe and grocery to serve you.

Special rates are available, for organized groups, by reservation only. A recreation hall is available to these groups for dinners, if reservations are made. Write to Salton Sea Beach Marina, Route 2, Box 512, Thermal, Calif. 92274, or telephone (714) 395-5212.

## Salton Sea State Recreation Area

### Rules, Regulations, Reservations, and Information

Developed Campgrounds - Fees are \$3.00 per space per night. Only 3 vehicles and 8 people per site. A car and trailer are considered 2 vehicles.

Primitive Campgrounds - Fees are \$1.50 per unit per night.  
Day Use - \$1.00 per vehicle.

Extra Vehicles - A fee of \$1.00 for each extra vehicle (dune buggy, motorbike, or car) brought to your site and used. Motorized vehicles must stay on established roads. They must be licensed, and operated by a licensed driver (California Vehicle Code).

Dogs - Dogs are allowed with a fee of \$.50 for each per night. They must be on a 6 foot leash, and confined inside at night.

All vegetation, wildlife, and geologic features are protected. No hunting is allowed, as is the possession of loaded firearms. Indian artifacts must not be moved or disturbed.

Swimming is permitted, at your own risk. Fishing is permitted throughout the Salton Sea State Recreation Area.

Reduced Off-Season Rates - There will be no reduced rates at any State Park during off-seasons, but to replace these special rates you may now purchase an Off-Season Booklet for \$10.00. Each booklet contains 10 tickets, with each ticket good for one night of non-reserved camping, at designated campgrounds during the off-season.

The off-season for Salton Sea and Picacho areas is June 1st to September 30th. These booklets are available at the State Parks or send \$10.00 money order to: Reservation Office, Dept. of Parks and Recreation, 1416 Ninth St., Sacramento, CA. 95811. The tickets cannot be used for payment for reserved campsites.

Reservations - Write to the above address. All fees must accompany reservations requests plus \$1.50 reservation fee. Or go

to your local Ticketron outlet. In San Diego County they are located at: Broadway Stores, Harris & Frank, Highlander Stores, May Company, and any Sears Roebuck. Ticketron is a state-wide centralized computer reservation system. Fees must be paid at the time of reservation or some stores will honor their credit cards in lieu of cash.

Reservations may not be made over 90 days in advance, nor less than 10 days prior to the date requested. You may cancel 1 to 14 days ahead of the reservation date, with the ranger at the park where your reservation was made. You cannot cancel less than 24 hours ahead of the date of your reservation. Send the Ticketron stub to the ranger at the park where the reservation exists, with a letter stating the day and hour you have cancelled. If you cancel more than 14 days before your reservation date, go to any Ticketron office and they will cancel your reservation. Your money will be refunded, except for the \$1.50 reservation fee plus a \$1.50 cancellation fee.

For additional information, write to Salton Sea State Recreation Area, General Delivery, North Shores, California 92254, or telephone (714) 393-3052. Do not write to them for reservations.



## Salton Sea State Recreation Area

### Bombay Beach

Bombay Beach is a primitive campground. It is at the south end of the park, 16.2 miles north of Niland. Take "A" Street, at Bombay Beach, and go .5 mile to the entrance.

The only facilities are chemical toilets, piped drinking water, and trash cans. You can park at random, since there are no designated sites. The beach front camping area is about 1 mile long and 200 yards wide.

## Salton Sea State Recreation Area

### Corvina Beach

Corvina Beach is 30.9 miles north of Niland, on State Highway 111. At the sign take a good dirt road a short distance to the campground. This primitive beach has chemical toilets, trash cans, and piped drinking water. Park wherever you like on the 1.4 miles of beach.

North Shore, 4 miles north, has a grocery and service station.



## Salton Sea State Recreation Area

### Headquarters Camp

As the name implies, this is the headquarters for the Salton Sea State Recreation Area. It is 34 miles north of Niland, on State Highway 111. This is a developed campground, but has no hook-ups. Facilities include piped drinking water, flush toilets, hot showers, and laundry tubs. There are 50 sites, with tables and shade ramadas. There are no fireplaces in the camping area.

The picnic area has 27 tables and ramadas. Fire rings are available, but bring your own wood. The camp also has a boat launching ramp, at a cost of \$1.00 per day.

Campfire programs are held on Saturday evenings, from March to June, and again in September, October, and November.

The nearest supplies are at North Shore 1.5 miles north on State Highway 111.

## Salton Sea State Recreation Area

### Mecca Beach

Mecca Beach is a developed campground, with 164 designated sites. Reservations may be made for this campground.

Facilities include flush toilets, cold showers and piped drinking water. There are no tables, fireplaces, or ramadas. All sites are on asphalt strips, which is ideal for campers, trailers, and motor homes. Tamarisk trees provide welcome shade. A special area is set aside on the beach for swimming.

Mecca Beach is 32.6 miles north of Niland, on State Highway 111. North Shore is 3 miles north, and has a grocery and service station.



## Salton Sea State Recreation Area

### Salt Creek

Salt Creek is a primitive campground. A fee of \$1.50 per night is charged. This primitive beach camp has chemical toilets and trash cans. There is no drinking water. The 1 mile of beach has no designated sites.

The campground is 27.2 miles north of Niland, on State Highway 111, a half mile west of the highway, on a good dirt road. North Shore, 7 miles north, has a grocery and service stations.

## Sand Dune Rest Area



Sand Dunes Rest Area is between the east and west lanes of Interstate 8, in the middle of the dunes. This is 17 miles west of Yuma.

An important point to note is that this rest stop does not provide access to the Sand Dunes. It has piped drinking water, chemical toilets, and shade trees. It has no tables or fireplaces.

## Sunbeam Lake County Park

Sunbeam Lake is a fully equipped county park. It is .5 mile south of Seely, or .5 mile north of Interstate 8, at Drew Road off-ramp. This is 7 miles west of El Centro.

This fine park has 20 trailer sites, with hook-ups (water and electricity), and 380 tent sites. Many are on lawns. There are 45 tables and 3 large fireplaces. Some open fires are permitted, but bring your own wood. Piped drinking water is conveniently located. There are flush toilets and cold showers. The plan is to have hot showers in 1973. Time limit on your stay is 15 days. The elevation here is -42 feet.

Trail bikes are not allowed to be operated in the park, but may be used in washes and on established trails and

roads. Dogs are OK if licensed, vaccinated for rabies, confined at night, and kept on a 6 foot leash in the daytime. The park closes at 10:00 P.M. No liquor is permitted in the park.

The lake is open to swimming, at your own risk, the year round. Lifeguards are on duty from April 1st to October 1st and skiing is permitted on the lake. Boat launching is \$1.00 or \$5.00 per year. A State fishing license is all that is required to try your luck. The largest recorded catch was a 17 pound blue cat.

The picnic area has shade ramadas and tables located next to the lake. The summers can be quite warm but the winter, spring and fall are quite lovely.

The fee is \$2.00 per unit, per night. The park also has storage for trailers at \$10.00 per month. The group fee is \$1.00 per group, per night. Reservations may be made for individuals or for organized youth groups, without advance payment, by writing to County Recreation Department, Sunbeam Lake, attention H. O. White, Seely, Calif. 92273, or call (714) 352-3308.

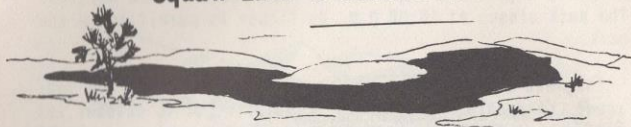
The snack bar is open from April thru October for your convenience. Nearby Seely, .5 mile north, has other supplies you might need.

## Sunbeam Rest Area

Sunbeam Rest Area is on Interstate 8, on the eastbound lane only, 6 miles west of El Centro. It is maintained by the State of California Department of Public Works. The only request they make is that you leave the area clean.

Sunbeam has tiled restrooms, with wash basins and flush toilets. It also has piped drinking water, 12 picnic tables, and 3 shade ramadas. No open fires are permitted. It is not an overnight camping spot.

## Squaw Lake & Senator Wash



Senator Wash and Squaw Lake are two beautiful lakes, separated by a dam, and a campground. Senator Wash is about 1 mile wide, and at least 2 miles long. Squaw Lake is actually a backwater from the Colorado River, but it is clean and large, and is a favorite of water skiers. There are miles of water to ski, or to explore by boat. Fishing is reported to be good too.

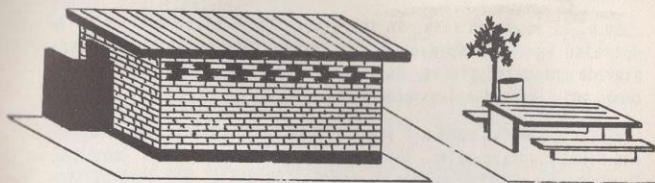
Both of the lakes have areas set aside for swimmers. However, you must swim at your own risk; there are no lifeguards. Life preservers are handy on the shore. Both lakes have a free launch ramp. The one at Senator Wash is cement. Senator Wash has a parking lot (no camping) and pit toilets. Neither of the lakes have shade trees, but the area is clean and inviting. Boat at your own risk.

Squaw Lake Campground will have a fee sometime in 1973. The facilities will include flush toilets and piped drinking water. Showers will be installed possibly in 1974. It has sites for 212 camping units. The camp is open all year, and has a 30 day time limit. About 2 miles from the camp, on the road in, is a holding tank disposal facility. Trail bikes are not allowed in the campground. Dogs should be licensed, vaccinated for rabies, and kept under control.

Imperial Oasis, near Imperial Dam, has groceries, fishing supplies, and just about anything you might need. Check the index for directions to Imperial Oasis.

To reach Squaw Lake, start at Winterhaven. Go .3 mile east, on U.S. Highway 80 to Winterhaven Road. Take it for 100 yards, then turn left on Picacho Road (under the railroad tracks) and go 4 miles to Ross Road. On Ross Road follow the white highway line for 12 miles. On your left will be a large sign indicating Senator Wash. Take this paved road to the campground, which is about 4 miles.

## Two Rivers Rest Area



Two Rivers is 6.8 miles north of Brawley, on State Highway 111. The surrounding country is farmland, with the exception of Ramer Lake, on the north side of the rest area. There is no overnight camping at Ramer Lake, but hunting and fishing is permitted, in season.

This modern rest area has tiled restrooms, with wash basins and flush toilets. It also has piped drinking water, 5 picnic tables and 2 shade ramadas, and a public telephone.

The State of California Department of Public Works asks that you leave the area clean. It is not an overnight camping spot.

## Walter's Camp

This is a privately owned fishing and recreation camp. It is 58 miles east of Brawley, off the Ben Hulse Highway (State Highway 78). Take a good dirt road for 7 miles south to the camp on the Colorado River. Good fishing on the river is the main attraction. The camp has boats and motors for rent, tackle, bait, licenses, and fishing supplies.

Fishermen have caught 28½ pound Catfish, and up to 6 pound Bass. Hunting, in season, is also very good. Deer, rabbits, duck, geese, and quail are the most plentiful. Be sure to bring your own ammunition; they do not sell any here.

Swim, at your own risk, in the River. Trail bikes are not to be operated in the camp proper, but washes and established roads provide unlimited riding. Dogs must be on a 10 foot leash, in the camp, and licensed and vaccinated for rabies.

Walter's Camp is open all year. It has flush toilets, hot showers, and piped drinking water. There is also a laundry with machines. The camp has trailer spaces for about 100 units, and lots of room for tents. Open fires are permitted, but bring your own wood. A beer bar, and limited groceries are also available.

The fee is \$1.50 per vehicle, for 2 people, per night. Each additional person is \$.50 extra. Check-out time is noon. Boat launching fee is \$1.50 per launch. Organized youth groups, floating the River, are welcome to stay overnight at no charge.

Special rates for organized camping groups can be arranged. Write to Walter's Camp, Box 31, Palo Verde, California 92266. They have no telephone. Reservations are not accepted. The relaxed atmosphere will make your stay a pleasant one.

## Wiest Lake County Park

Wiest Lake is a county operated park, located 2.2 miles east of State Highway 111, on Rutherford Road. Rutherford Road is 4 miles north of Brawley.

This is an all year park, and is well equipped with hot showers, flush toilets, and boat launching ramp. The launching fee is \$1.00, or \$5.00 for a yearly permit. Camping fees are \$1.00 per unit, per night, plus \$2.00 per space for electrical and water hook-ups. The water from these hook-ups is not recommended for drinking.

Trailers are restricted to those under 30 feet in length. The campground has space for about 100 units, 50 of which are established sites, with the remainder in an open spot. Twenty sites have the electrical and water hook-ups. The camping area has 60 tables. Time limit is 15 days.

Trail bikes must be operated on established roads; and riding in the park kept at a minimum. The surrounding countryside is all farmland, so bike riding is very limited. Dogs should be licensed, vaccinated for rabies, kept on a leash, and confined at night.

Open fires are allowed, if you bring your own wood. Some wood is available, but has to be chopped. No liquor is permitted in the park at any time. Drinking water is supplied, but must be hauled in, so use it sparingly, or bring your own supply.

Individuals or groups may make advance reservations by writing to Wiest Lake, Attention Clay Williams, Rutherford Road, Brawley, California. Telephone: (714) 344-3712.

The Lake is about 350 yards wide and 800 yards long, and the Rangers say that fishing is usually good. Water skiing is permitted on the lake, but all boats must be off the water by sundown. A special lagoon is set aside for swimming. Lifeguards are usually provided in June, July, and August. Swim at your own risk. The swimming area closes at 10:00 P.M., and the park closes at 10:00 P.M.

Nearby Brawley has all the supplies you might need.

## Yuha Desert (Oyster Shell Beds)

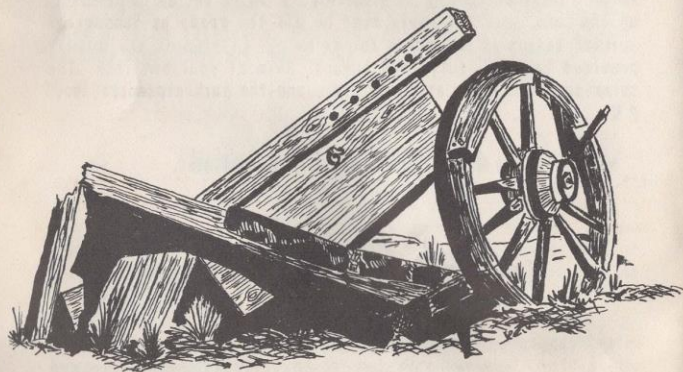
The Yuha Desert is an area between Interstate 8 and State Highway 98, west of the Westside Canal. Although there are many places to stay, nearly all roads are only suitable for 4-wheel drive vehicles, except the one at Dunaway Road, 14.1 miles west of El Centro, off Interstate 8. Just on the south

side of the overhead take the dirt road west (at the stop sign) 2.6 miles, to a graded out parking area.

This is strictly an open desert site, with no facilities of any kind. It is desirable for unlimited trail bike riding. The Oyster Beds lie a few hundred yards west of the graded area. Many oyster and clam fossils can be located here.

There is no fee to stay, but the County asks that you do not leave trash, or the road could eventually be closed. Open fires are permitted, but be sure and bring your own wood; there is no wood available to gather. Dogs are OK if licensed and vaccinated for rabies.

The graded out spot is ideal for families or groups that want to camp in the open desert. The nearest supplies are at Seely, 9.7 miles to the east.



## Desert Safety

1. Carry extra water, concentrated food, matches. Car equipment should include: small shovel, basic repair tools, flares, old blanket or small tarp, old pair of gloves.
2. **STAY WITH YOUR CAR.** Many people have needlessly died because they left their car. Your car horn can be heard for a great distance. If the radiator does not contain anti-freeze, it will supply drinking water. The car lights at night can be used to signal or attract attention. Your car provides shelter from the sun. A blanket on the sun side of the car (draped away from the car to allow all doors to remain open) shelters you from the sun and allows ventilation. An old hat allows movement in the sun.
3. If your car becomes stuck in the sand, immediately start preparing by taking stock of the car items, collecting brush, for a night signal and rigging a tent-car shelter.
4. **DO NOT PARK OR PICNIC IN WASHES OR GULLYS** -- Sudden desert thundershowers in the foot hills often produces rampaging torrents on the desert floor.
5. Conserve your strength, but remain alert for airplane, jeep, horseback, or foot searchers who otherwise might miss you unless you alert them.

**REMEMBER** - Before leaving main highways in the desert, follow the rules for travel in any wilderness area; know the area, advise someone where you are going, be prepared.

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We wish to extend our thanks to the San Diego County Sheriff's office, for allowing us to reprint portions of their fine pamphlet, 'Lost'. These rules for survival in the desert are the result of long years of experience by members of the Sheriff's Office. They endorse these procedures fully.

## Kampgrounds Of America El Centro

Over 500 KOA's are located throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. They are well known for their friendly service and clean facilities. Free reservations can be made from one KOA to the next by requesting them at the KOA office.

El Centro KOA offers the camper a one stop service. Groceries, novelties, ice and soft drinks are only a few of the items stocked in the store. Propane and gasoline are also available.

The facilities include flush toilets, hot showers, and a laundry with coin-operated machines. There are tables, shade ramadas, and barbecues at each of the 160 sites. Bring your own charcoal or buy it at the campground. There is also a large swimming pool to relax in. The fee is 3.50 per night for 2 people, plus \$.25 for each additional person. This is with full hook-ups. Only 12 sites do not have sewer hook-ups. Check-out time is 11:00 A.M. Weekly and monthly rates upon request.

Groups must make reservations, but the fee is the same as the above. Write to Kampgrounds of America, 375 East Ross Road, El Centro, California 92243, for additional details. Telephone (714) 353-1051.

Dogs are permitted if licensed, vaccinated for rabies, and kept on a leash. Motorized bikes must be pushed in and out of the campground. There are no trails for riding in this vicinity, therefore bikes must be street legal and operated by a licensed driver.

The Park is located on the north side of Interstate 8, at State Highway 111, This is just east of El Centro.



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