



Great Outdoors Joint Chapter Event
Palm Springs & Orange County/Long Beach Chapters

Salton Sea - New Camp

Salton Sea State Recreation Area (SRA)
Fri to Sun, Dec. 2-4, 2011 (3 days / 2 nights)



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In 1905 after an unusually wet winter, the Colorado River broke through poorly constructed canals and gates for about 18 months, the rivers entire volume poured unchecked into the nearest low spot - the Salton Sink. The lake it created is 35 miles long and 15 miles wide. It has no natural outlet flowing to the ocean. Whatever flows in including agricultural runoff, does not flow out.

It is a myth that the Sea has toxic levels of selenium and pollution. Testing has proven the Sea is cleaner than Lake Tahoe. The most important water quality problem is deposited salt from agricultural runoff and evaporation.

WE WILL BE CAMPING AT THE NEW CAMP CAMPGROUND -- NOT MECCA BEACH

Nearby Attractions: Dos Palmas Preserve, Walls of Painted Canyon, Ironwood Trail. Bat Cave Buttes, Bombay Beach, Salvation Mountain, Slab City, Mud Volcanoes & Mud Pots, Sony Bono Wildlife Refuge Area Visitor Center and more.

Tent Sites: We have reserved several sites for tents – these will be shared sites and carpooling is highly encouraged.

RV Sites: We have also reserved two RV sites with partial hookups (water & 30 amp service). These two sites are available on a first come, first paid basis. A handicapped RV partial hookup site may also be available and reservable.

Dry RV sites without hookups may be available near our tent sites for \$20 per night – but they are on a first come, first serve basis at the campground. We don't anticipate the campground being full, but that's always a possibility. There is a free dump station nearby with potable water. RV sites with full hookups are available for \$30 per night - near the Visitors Center which is approximately .3 miles from our campground. Those sites can be reserved at:

www.parks.ca.gov





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Campground Amenities: are shade ramadas, picnic tables, fire rings, water and paved parking stalls. Restrooms have electricity, flush toilets, running water and solar heated showers. Cell service is available at the campground and WI-FI service is available at the nearby Visitor Center.

Directions: I-10 east to 86-S, exit East on Ave 66 then south on Hwy 111 to Park HQs. GPS coordinates are: Campground Entrance: N33 30.529 W115 55.092

Pets: Dogs are allowed, but must be on a leash no longer than 6' or confined to an enclosed vehicle, tent or pen.

What to bring: Please also bring at least one (1) bundle of firewood per person for the group campfires on Friday and Saturday nights and enough food and ice to last the weekend. There is a small store on Hwy 111 on the way to the campground for emergencies. Don't forget to bring your twelve essentials (listed on Great Outdoors Palm Springs website - [click here](#)).

Weather: The weather should be mild upper 70s low 80s during the day and upper 40s low 50s at night. Bring appropriate clothing.

Refund Policy: No refunds on this trip. Rain or shine, we're going!

Register: Complete the registration form on page 3 and send with your check (payable to Great Outdoors) to: GOPS, P.O. Box 361, Palm Springs, CA 92263-0361

Itinerary

Friday, Dec 2nd:

- 1 pm Check-in
- 3:30 pm Provided snacks, meet & greet
- 6:00 pm Dinner on your own
- 8:00 pm Group campfire

Saturday, Dec 3rd:

- 8 am Breakfast on your own. Club will supply coffee & danish
- 10 am several nearby hikes and area attractions – see camp postings for details
- 3 pm Board games, cards, etc.
- 6 pm Potluck – bring a dish to share
- 8 pm Group campfire

Sunday, Dec 4th:

- 8 am Breakfast on your own. Club will supply coffee & danish
- Noon Check-out

Also at noon: there will be free kayaking supplied by the park for those that are interested. We have a limited number of spots reserved, but might be able to get more. If interested, please contact John at 1-760-864-0055 to reserve a spot.



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Registration Form - One Form Per Person Please - Deadline Nov. 28, 2011

FEES / INFO (Circle All That Apply)

CAMPING In GOPS Site:

Person In A Tent \$ 20
 Parking Per Car \$ 5
 In GOPS RV Site (1st person) \$ 65
 In GOPS RV Site (extra person) \$ 5

CAMPING - NON-MEMBERS:

Non-Members <18 (add to above) \$ 5
 Non-Members 18+ (add to above) \$ 10

DAY USE VISITOR ONLY:

Member * \$ 5
 Non-Member* \$ 10

*This fee is in addition to the Park's day use fee of \$5 per car which you pay direct to the park upon entering.

I am carpooling with: _____

Sharing a tent/RV with: _____

Can you offer a ride?	Y	N
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Do you need a ride?	Y	N
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Trip leader's use:

Date: _____

Check #: _____	Amt: _____
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Name (please print): _____

G.O. Member #: _____ Chapter: _____

Cell (preferred)/Land Phone: _____

Email (will be kept confidential): _____

Mail address: _____

Emergency contact: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Medical Insurance Carrier: _____

Group / Policy # _____
 (Individual travel and accident insurance is available from your local travel agent)

Physician: _____

Physician's Phone: _____

Please circle your best estimate of arrival and departure day and time:

I will be arriving on: _____ In the: AM Afternoon PM

I will be departing on: _____ In the: AM Afternoon PM

Notes: (1) If registrant has any **medical conditions** that we should be aware of, please write them on the back of this form or communicate them to the Trip Leader at the event; (2) **Carpooling** is encouraged; (3) **No refunds for this trip**

Health Problems/allergies: It is the responsibility of participants to carry on their person a record of significant allergies, medications and medical history in the event of a medical emergency.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY, MEDICAL RELEASE AND ASSIGNMENT

I am aware that my participation in GREAT OUTDOORS may include potentially hazardous activities and I am voluntarily participating in these activities with that knowledge and the understanding that I will use my own best judgment to avoid injury to myself and others. I agree to follow the directions of the trip leader and abide by the rules of the facility I am using. I hereby release GREAT OUTDOORS, including its officers, trail or trip leaders, agents or other persons working with said organization from any liability for injuries, physical or mental, which I may suffer by reason of any participation in these activities. I recognize in waiving this liability that I am assuming sole responsibility for my actions and cannot blame any injuries on any other persons connected with the GREAT OUTDOORS.

I hereby agree to assume full financial responsibility for any and all bills incurred by me for medical treatment as the result of my participation in this GREAT OUTDOORS activity. In the event that I am unable to consent to medical care, I hereby authorize the trip leader to consent to emergency medical treatment for me, including hospitalization and surgery, as may best be determined under the circumstances.

Sign by the X _____ Date: _____

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