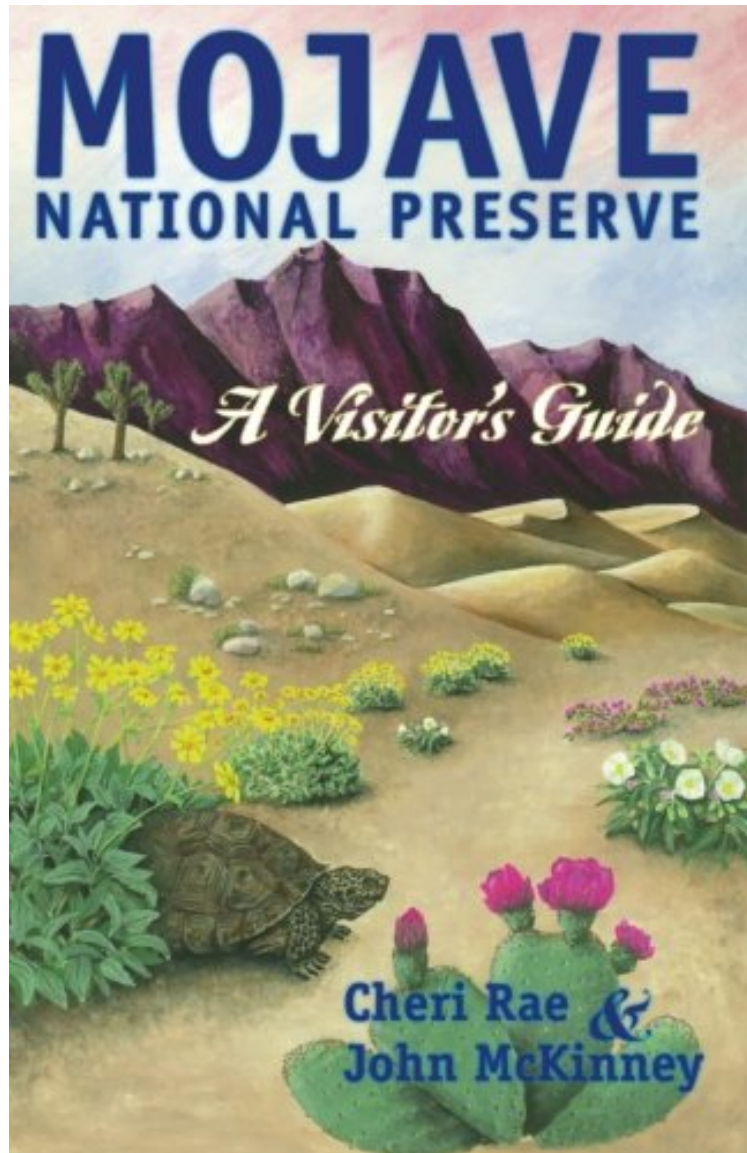


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John McKinney, Cheri Rae : Mojave National Preserve: A Visitor's Guide (Travel and Local Interest) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mojave National Preserve: A Visitor's Guide (Travel and Local Interest):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Pricey guide may not be necessary. By George D. Smith If you go to the website for this National Preserve, you can get just about all the information contained in this pricey guidebook. But it is nice to have a small guidebook to tote in car or in the pack if you are out exploring. I have only camped in the Mitchell Cavern State Park, which is now closed. Those caverns are worth a visit, and I hope they open again. The camping at the State Park is little more than a flat area adjacent to the parking lot. Not very fancy but a great place to view the stars. I intended to go back and visit some of the other campsites in the preserve and do some hiking. But be forewarned: Check the roads before embarking...they were washed out when I made my trip last fall 2013- and I was unable to get to the campground. I ended up in a motel in Needles. So the preserve is still on my list of places to visit, and it makes a convenient stop en route to Grand Canyon. For the price, this guide should have some maps. It has none. Download and print them up from the Website. I do think the history in this little guidebook makes it worthwhile, but you can get that online now too.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good overview, lacks maps. By Linda Lou In general, this book is well written and provides a nice overview of the Mojave National Preserve and its treasures. Unfortunately, although it includes many photos, none of them are in color. This is a disservice to the beauty of the MNP and the wonder the authors describe. However, as a geographer and adventurer, the biggest problem with this book is the lack of maps, both of the MNP in general, and of the more specific regions the authors explore. Although there are some maps, they are more like sketches and provide no geographic guidance or reference points. Without prior knowledge or a plethora of maps from outside sources, one could easily become lost, and there is no way to really visualize the vastness of the MNP and territory it encompasses. It is a shame. With better maps and color, this book could be a real jewel.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Good info! By Backpacker This book has some great information about the Mojave National Preserve area, including not only well known sites but sites that few people have heard of. There is also a great section on the history of the area, on the animals in the area, desert survival tips, etc. It's a book that every visitor who plans on spending quality time at the Mojave National Preserve should read before going. When I say "quality time", I mean that you plan on getting out of your vehicle and walking around, really noticing what the desert has to offer (i.e. plant life, rock formations, etc).

Discover the wonders of Hole-in-the-Wall, the Kelso Dunes and Mitchell Caverns. Tour the world's largest Joshua tree forest. Visit Kelso Depot, charming Nipton, and just plain weird Zzyzx. Get your kicks on old Route 66. Hike a dozen mountain ranges. What you won't find are hordes of tourists. Enjoy the best-kept secret of the California Desert, a magnificent national park just for you. Engaging auto tours, great hikes, clear maps and directions. Discover the best picnic sites, campsites, and lodging. Get to know the landplants and wildlife, mountains and valleys. Updated in cooperation with the National Park Service, this book, the only comprehensive guide to Mojave National Preserve, offers a great introduction to this wondrous desert land and plenty of suggestions for follow-up visits.

A lively and detailed description of attractions, habitats and issues. --Sunset Magazine A wonderful concentration of mining, history, exploration, desert flora/fauna, mountains and everything that makes a desert a desert. Great Guide. --Books of the Southwest About the Author John McKinney is the author of 30 books about hiking, parklands and nature, including *The Hiker's Way* and *Hiking on the Edge: Dreams, Schemes, and 1600 Miles on the California Coastal Trail*. For 18 years, John, aka The Trailmaster, wrote a weekly hiking column for the Los Angeles Times, and has hiked and enthusiastically described more than ten thousand miles of trail across America and around the world. The intrepid Eagle Scout has written more than a thousand articles about hiking plus numerous trail guidebooks, including *HIKE Southern California: A Day Hiker's Guide* and *Day Hiker's Guide to California's State Parks*. One of the nation's top hiking experts, John is particularly passionate about sharing the trails of his home state of California. John solo-hiked the entire California coast while pioneering the California Coastal Trail and is the only one to have visited, hiked - and written about - all 270 California State Parks. When John McKinney says, Take a hike! people do. Many people - hikers and not - credit John's talks and books with inspiring them to hit the trail to a better life. John and his team created The Trailmaster Pocket Guides to share the best day hikes around California, and to give hikers the information they need in an engaging and easily accessible way. A passionate advocate for hiking and our need to reconnect with nature, John McKinney shares his expertise on radio, TV, online, and as a public speaker. John has been featured or interviewed in major media from the Los Angeles Times to NPR to ABC World News, and appeared on numerous regional talk shows and news programs. Organizations that ask John to share his tips, trails, and inspiring tales include: schools and colleges, churches and retreats, the health and wellness community and conservation and trails organizations. As John explains it, I've walked a lot of life trails, happy and sad, easy and challenging, and, frankly, more than one path to nowhere. What I've learned along the way I want to share and help others enjoy the benefits of hiking.