



JPL HIKING+

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“Hot Hike” to the Lowest Point in the Western Hemisphere

July/August TBD

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CLASSIFICATION: Strenuous **COST:** None **TRIP LIMIT:** Three

DESCRIPTION: Hot-Hot-Hot

If you are going to hike to the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere, you may as well make it a memorable experience. At 282 feet below sea level, a point approximately three miles from Badwater in Death Valley is the lowest point in the North America. Almost anyone can do this hike on level ground across the salt flats in the winter when the temperature is 60 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit, but what about mid-day in July or August when the temperature is 110 degrees of unrelenting sunlight in the middle of a salt plain?

Conditioning and preparation is the key. This hike is safe if approached with proper planning, conditioning and respect.

BRING: Water-water-water, preparation-preparation-preparation, conditioning-conditioning-conditioning, stamina-stamina-stamina.

MEET: The night before the hike will be camping at the Furnace Creek Campground. This is a must for proper conditioning to the heat for the hike the following day

PRE-TRIP MEETING: A pre trip meeting is required; you must also pre-qualify for this by having proven hot weather hiking experience, or accompany me on a test hike.

If you have any questions, please call the Trip Leader.

Hiking + Members: Please make a copy of this flyer and post on your local bulletin board. Thanks!

Fill in and return to Gary Gray at M/S 200-200

Yes! I want to go to _____ Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ Adults only, no Children or Pets need apply