



**Great Outdoors
Los Angeles**

The first thing that you may notice about the Cottonwood Springs campground is that there aren't any Joshua Trees! Our campsites are at approximately 3,000 feet above sea level; Joshua Trees, the park's namesake plant, are restricted to the higher elevation near Jumbo Rocks. This lower swath of desert is marked by creosote bush, yucca, and cactus, and for those who savor a great hike, a lush fan palm oasis. There is, indeed, a spring at Cottonwood. This was once an important stopping place for prospectors and other desert travelers. Today it's a great place to kick back and enjoy sweeping vistas and some great desert rambles.

Our Campsite

We have reserved Group Site 1 in the Cottonwood area of Joshua Tree National Park. Our site is a bit Spartan, but there is water and restrooms. We're limited to fifteen campers and seven vehicles (no RVs). Because of park restrictions, pets are not allowed on this trip. [PDF Map of Park](#)

What to Expect

April in Joshua Tree is magnificent. We're at 3,000 feet, so days will be warm and sunny, and nights mild. Rain is unlikely, but strong evening winds are common.

What to Bring

You'll need your regular camp gear...which would include a tent/tarp/sleeping bag/pad. For camp cooking, bring a propane stove and fuel canister/utensils/food/cooler. Casual camp clothing should suffice, with shorts/hiking boots/sunscreen/water/lunch for day hikes, and something warm for nights. Park admission...\$15...is not included in the cost of registration.

How to Get There ... Carpooling

From Los Angeles take the 1-10 east. Twenty five miles east of Indio, take the Mecca/29 Palms off-ramp and follow it to the national park. Follow the signs to the group campsite area; we're in site 1. You may arrive any time after 1PM. Because this site can only accommodate 7 vehicles, we must carpool. As registrations come in, I will email names of those offering / seeking transportation so you can coordinate carpooling. [Click here for Directions](#)

Activities

Friday (4/9) Arrive at our campsite any time after 1PM. We'll have a get acquainted campfire and games after dinner (please bring a bundle of fire wood).

Sat (4/10) 9:30 AM - Hike to Lost Palms Oases. This is a 7.5 mile (roundtrip) desert ramble. Along the way expect to see barrel cactus in iridescent bloom. Our destination is one of the most beautiful native palm oases; over 110 fan palms are sustained by an underground spring. This is also a habitat for Desert Bighorn Sheep...maybe we'll get lucky! Pack lunch/water/sunscreen/camera.

Sat (4/10) 7 PM - Bring a dish that serves 4 and join a GO potluck tradition. We're reducing our carbon footprint... bring your camp plate and utensils....

Sun (4/11) 9:30AM - Prior to departing, we'll take a brief 3-mile roundtrip hike to nearby Mastodon Peak. This hike provides a good look at the park's geological formations and on a clear day, you may view the Salton Sea.

Sun (4/11) Noon - Check out time.

Registration and Cancellation

Because of the small number of vehicles allowed on this trip, it will fill up, so register early. I will confirm your registration with an email or phone call. To receive a full refund, you must cancel two weeks prior to departure (3/26). Otherwise, refunds will be made only if a suitable replacement is found.

For question or more information, contact me, Timothy, at ts709@roadrunner.com or by phone at (323) 913-3386



Joshua Tree- Cottonwood (4/9-11 '10)

	Members	Non-members
Single	\$20	\$40 (includes GO e-membership)
Couple (two people/1 tent/1 car)	\$35	\$60 (includes GO e-membership)

Make check payable to **Great Outdoors** and mail to:

Timothy Stirton
1328 N. Occidental Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90026

Trip Leader's Use Only	
Received: _____	Cash: _____
Check #: _____	Amount: _____

Personal Information: (Couples, please register on one form)

Name 1) _____ Name 2) _____
 Great Outdoors Member? **Yes** or **No** If Yes, Chapter: _____ Membership # _____
 Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ **E-mail address** : _____

Do you have a carpool companion? Yes or No If yes, who? (name) _____

WAIVER, MEDICAL RELEASE AND ASSIGNMENT

I am aware that my participation in the GREAT OUTDOORS may include potentially hazardous activities, and I am voluntarily participating in these activities with that knowledge and understanding that I will use my best judgment to avoid injury to others and myself. 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 GREAT OUTDOORS 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 GREAT OUTDOORS. I hereby agree to assume full financial responsibility for any 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 be best determined under the circumstances.

Signature(s) 1 _____ 2 _____

Date _____ In case of emergency contact: _____ Relationship _____

Phone _____ Your Medical Insurance Carrier _____

Group/Policy No. _____ Physician _____ Phone _____

Health problems / allergies _____

Prescriptions that you are presently taking: _____

Questions? Call Timothy Stirton at (323) 913-3386 or email ts709@roadrunner.com