

## RULES OF THE ROAD FOR IVANPAH DRY LAKE CASUAL USE

### ACCESS

1. Access on the east side of the dry lake is from the north entrance only — adjacent to the south side of the shopping mall. The preferred access to the west side is from the north — behind Whiskey Pete's Hotel.
2. If any visible signs of water are on the playa or access road, DO NOT ENTER the area. If upon entering the access road your vehicle leaves tracks--go back. The only exception is if there is a small amount of water in the deep ruts — **you may proceed, but do not drive in the ruts.**
3. All staging and camping activities for casual use (not associated with a commercial, competitive or organized event) shall occur within the designated access route. No motorized activities are authorized beyond the confines of the access route. The only exceptions are for medical emergencies or to retrieve non-motorized vehicles that are stranded due to mechanical failure and you are unable to push/pull off of the dry lake by manual power.
4. All motorized vehicles shall not exceed **15 mph** when within 50 feet of a campsite, animals, or pedestrians (38310 C.V.C) or faster than is safe conditions (38305 C.V.V.)

### IN CASE OF WEATHER

Ivanpah Dry Lake is a very valuable resource that has been set aside for the smooth quality of the playa surface for non-motorized recreational activities. Vehicles sailing on the surface of the playa, or motorized vehicles driving on the access road *while wet*, will cause damage to the surface that will take the wind and water years to repair. Therefore, it is imperative that users of the dry lake keep a close watch on the weather prior to their arrival as well as listening to weather reports throughout their visit.

5. In the event of a light rain during the activity, the user must cease all activity on the lake playa and leave until such time that the surface is dry and the weight of the non-motorized vehicles will not leave impressions in the playa. The user is requested, although not required, to refrain from leaving the staging/camping area until such time that the access route is dry and can support motorized vehicles without damage to the route.
6. In the event showers are predicted or look like they will be more than a quick light rain, the user should leave the dry lake with all their equipment as quickly as possible, before it starts to rain!
7. You can call the Ivanpah Dry Lake Hotline for a status of the dry lake 24/7. We will update the recording at least weekly, depending on the weather conditions and staff availability. You must always use your best judgment regarding weather conditions. **The hotline number is: 760-326-7030.**

### CONDUCT

8. Keep vehicles at least 50 feet from the vegetation/shoreline. Exceptions to this are the larger staging areas on the east side. They are delineated by white or brown triangular fiberglass markers.
9. Parents and/or other adult supervisors shall be responsible for ensuring that minors know and follow the rules.
10. Small campfires are permitted in a fire pan, stove or grill. Ashes should be taken with you when you leave. Do not burn pallets or anything else that has metal.
11. Mineral claim stakes, well casings, and other potential hazards occur on the lakebed. Proceed with your activities with caution.
12. Leave No Trace Principals should be followed at all times. (See LNT Principals on page 2). For more information on LNT, go to [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org).
13. The use of piloted aircraft (i.e., take-off, over flights and landing) is prohibited.
14. Access via Yates Well or from the southern lakebed area is strictly prohibited (applies to the east side).

15. Disposal of "black water" is strictly prohibited.
16. Disposal of grey water or other water to discard (e.g. water from ice chest) is discouraged on the playa surface. Walk ice chests into the vegetation to drain, if necessary.
17. Permanent markers, digging, trenching, or other such disturbances to the lake's surface or improvements are not permitted.
18. You are fully responsible for trespasses on and/or damages to private or public land, resulting from your activity. It is your responsibility to obtain permission from the private landowner to cross private property.
19. No person may excavate, remove, damage, or otherwise alter or deface any historic or prehistoric site, artifact or object of antiquity located on public lands.
20. The desert tortoise is listed as a threatened species. Handling or harassment of tortoises is prohibited as a result of its protected status. Check for tortoises under any parked vehicles before moving any vehicles.
21. Commercial, competitive or organized groups should contact the local BLM office regarding any proposed activity that might require a Special Recreation Permit (SRP). For more information on SRP's, please visit our website at <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/prog/recreation/recpermit.html>

## **LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPALS**

### **Dispose of Waste Properly**

- Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter.
- Deposit solid human waste in cat-holes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cat-hole when finished.
- Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.

### **Leave What You Find**

- Preserve the past: examine, but do not touch, cultural or historic structures and artifacts.
- Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them.
- Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- Do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches.

### **Minimize Campfire Impacts**

- Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the backcountry. Use a lightweight stove for cooking and enjoy a lantern for light.
- Where fires are permitted, use fire pans.
- Keep fires small. Burn all wood and coals to ash, put out campfires completely, and pack out your cooled ashes. It is prohibited to use as firewood, or have in their possession, any firewood materials containing nails, screws, or other metal hardware, including, but not limited to, wood pallets and/or construction debris.

### **Respect Wildlife**

- Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them. If a tortoise should wander into the use area, all participants will avoid the tortoise until it has moved out of harms way on its own accord.
- Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.
- Protect wildlife and your food by storing rations and trash securely.
- Control pets at all times, or leave them at home.
- Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, or winter.

### **Be Considerate of Other Visitors**

- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.
- Be courteous. Yield to other users.

White/brown carsonite posts delineate staging areas for the large group activities. Casual users are not required to stay within those boundaries, but must stay on the designated route along the shoreline. No driving or parking in the middle of the dry lake, or in the vegetation on the other side of the route. Any questions, please call 760-326-7000.





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**Call the Ivanpah Hotline at  
760-326-7030 for the 4-1-1  
or visit our website at:**

**<http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/needles/ivanpah.html>**

**PLEASE DISPLAY IN YOUR VEHICLE WINDSHIELD WHILE ON THE DRY LAKE**

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