Student Logistics

Wilderness First Responder

Sponsored by *Joshua Tree Desert Medicine School* & NOLS Wilderness Medicine

Dates: *October 12th - Oct 21st 2020*
Cost: *$800.00 Tuition only*
Location: *Black Rock Nature Center, Joshua Tree National Park, California*
9800 Black Rock Canyon Rd. Yucca Valley CA 92284

Parking for the Black Rock Visitor Center is clearly marked. Please follow the signs.

A National Park pass is _not_ required to visit the Black Rock Nature Center.

A National Park pass is _required_ to enter the park and camp within the National Park. These passes can be purchased either at the Visitor Centers or the entrance kiosks to the National Park

This course will be taught _entirely or mostly outdoors_. Tables and chairs will not be provided in the outdoor environment. Students are advised to bring a folding or backpacking chair with them as well as clothing suitable for the weather. Indoor space for will be available in case of inclement weather and to allow students to store personal gear during the day. Access to restroom facilities and potable water will be available at the course site. Please remember NOLS's new COVID-19 policies require students to bring at minimum two face masks and a pair of googles or sunglasses for eye protection. In addition, students will be supplied with exam gloves and hand sanitizer to reduce communicable disease transmission.

Travel, Meals, and Lodging
Meals and Lodging

We do not offer a meals and lodging package for this course. Students are required to arrange all lodging and food.

There are many options for camping or lodging in the Joshua tree area. Many visitors stay in Airbnb's or VRBO's There are also many hotels in the area including the surrounding towns of Yucca Valley, 29 Palms, Desert Hot Springs or even as far away as Palm Springs. The drive from Palm Springs to the Black Rock Nature Center about an hour. A good place to start when searching hotels in the Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley area are Kayak.com, Bookings.com, and tripadvisor.com

Some approximate drive times to the Black Rock Visitor Center.
Joshua Tree 15 to 20 minutes
29 Palms 30 to 40 minutes
Desert Hot Springs 30 to 40 minutes
Palm Springs 50 to 60 minutes
https://www.airbnb.com
https://www.vrbo.com

Camping is also very popular. Ideally finding a campsite at Black Rock Campground would be closest, but there are other sites within the National Park that are either by reservation or first come first serve (not guaranteed) Outside the National Park, Camping can be found at the Joshua Tree Dry lake bed (BLM land) or you can find some fun camping options through Hipcamp.com

https://www.hipcamp.com
https://www.nps.gov/jotr/planyourvisit/campgrounds.htm
https://www.nps.gov/jotr/planyourvisit/camping-outside-of-the-park.htm

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There are many dining options in the town of Yucca Valley and Joshua Tree. There are no food services near the Black Rock Nature Center. It is highly recommended to pack a lunch each day. There is a 60-minute lunch break each day but the drive to the nearest restaurants, purchasing food and consuming it would challenge an hour break. Other dining options in Yucca Valley and Joshua Tree include everything from most of the fast food chains, Indian, Chinese, American, Thai, Organic and many others

Travel
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https://www.nps.gov/jotr/planyourvisit/visitorcenters.htm

Registration
How to Register
 NOLS is collecting tuition and enrollment information for this course. Please register on the NOLS website."

Cancelation Policies
NOLS is taking all registration for this course. Please visit their **policies page** for an overview of cancelation and transfer policies."

For Questions about location, logistics, and registration, contact:
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