

California Great Outdoors Palm  
Springs/Coachella Valley  
**Calico Ghost Town 2014**  
*Camp/RV/4 Wheel*  
February 28 – March 2, 2014



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Camp in an Old West silver mining town dating back to 1881! Calico Ghost Town is a restored old West mining town established during the height of the silver mining period in California. With its 500 mines, Calico produced over \$20 million in silver ore over a 12-year span. When silver lost its value in the mid-1890's, Calico lost its population. The miners packed up, loaded their mules and abandoned the town that once gave them a good living. It became a "ghost town." Walter Knott (of Knott's Berry Farm) purchased Calico in the 1950's and restored all but five original buildings to

look as they did in the 1880's. Calico is designated State Historical Landmark #782 and is now part of the San Bernardino County Regional Parks. The park offers visitors an opportunity to share in its rich history and enjoy the natural beauty of the surrounding desert environment. Along with interesting historical exhibits, Calico Ghost Town has shops, restaurants, a walk into an abandoned mine and a ride on a restored mining train. The surrounding area has many 4-wheel and OHV roads, and hiking trails.

### CAMPGROUND INFORMATION

We will be camping within the park area, within walking distance of the ghost town attractions. We will have a large tent area at the end of a loop, three adjacent RV spaces with full hookups, and four spaces without hookups. Overflow parking is nearby. Maximum RV length is 41 feet for all sites. Water and dump stations are available for RVs without hookups. There are hot showers and flush toilets nearby. There are heated cabins available nearby, if you don't fancy tenting (reserve at [www.sbcountyparks.com](http://www.sbcountyparks.com) ) .



Calico Ghost Town. Camp area can be seen at top left, and the mining train on the left. We hope it won't be raining, like the day we visited, but we had a good time anyway.

### HIKING

Just north of Barstow, the Rainbow Basin Natural Area features multi-colored rock formations and is notable for the fossil beds, which have provided scientists with valuable information about life during the middle Miocene epoch, between 12 and 16 million years ago; to the northeast is the Calico Early Man Site. We will be hiking in nearby Owl Canyon, which features rugged rock formations and a slot canyon. The last three miles road to the area is a washboard dirt road, passable by passenger car, but 4 wheel drive vehicles preferred.



**WHAT TO BRING**

You'll need to bring shelter (tent, van or RV), 2 bundles firewood per vehicle, sleeping gear (sleeping bag & pad), food, cooking gear (gas stove, etc), flashlight, rain gear, warm clothes, and the 10 essentials listed at [www.greatoutdoorsla.org/essen.html](http://www.greatoutdoorsla.org/essen.html) . Bring a dish for the Saturday night potluck to feed 4 people. Night temperatures are expected to be in the 40s, with day temps in the high 60s.

**DIRECTIONS**

Calico is located near Yermo, CA, about 12 miles east of Barstow, and about 136 miles from Palm Springs. Coordinates: 34.941533,-116.867047. Check-in times as listed below. Your camping fee includes the \$8.00 per vehicle admission fee at the gate – give them my name and space number. If you have an RV, the fee includes a towed vehicle. If you have any problems at the gate, pay the fee and we will resolve it later with the management. Click [here](#) for a link to Google Maps and directions.



**PETS**

From the website: "Dogs: \$1/dog (excludes disabled assistance dogs.) Must be on 6' leash at all times." We will probably not get charged this fee because we have booked a group rate. The leash rule will be enforced.

Itinerary

**Friday, February 28**

12:00 - 2:00 pm ..... Check-in.  
3:00 pm .....Explore Ghost Town Attractions. Scenic walk - East Calico Hiking Trail (0.5 miles)  
5:30 pm .....Optional dinner at Calico House Restaurant (inexpensive) [www.calicohouserestaurant.com](http://www.calicohouserestaurant.com)  
7:00 pm ..... Group campfire

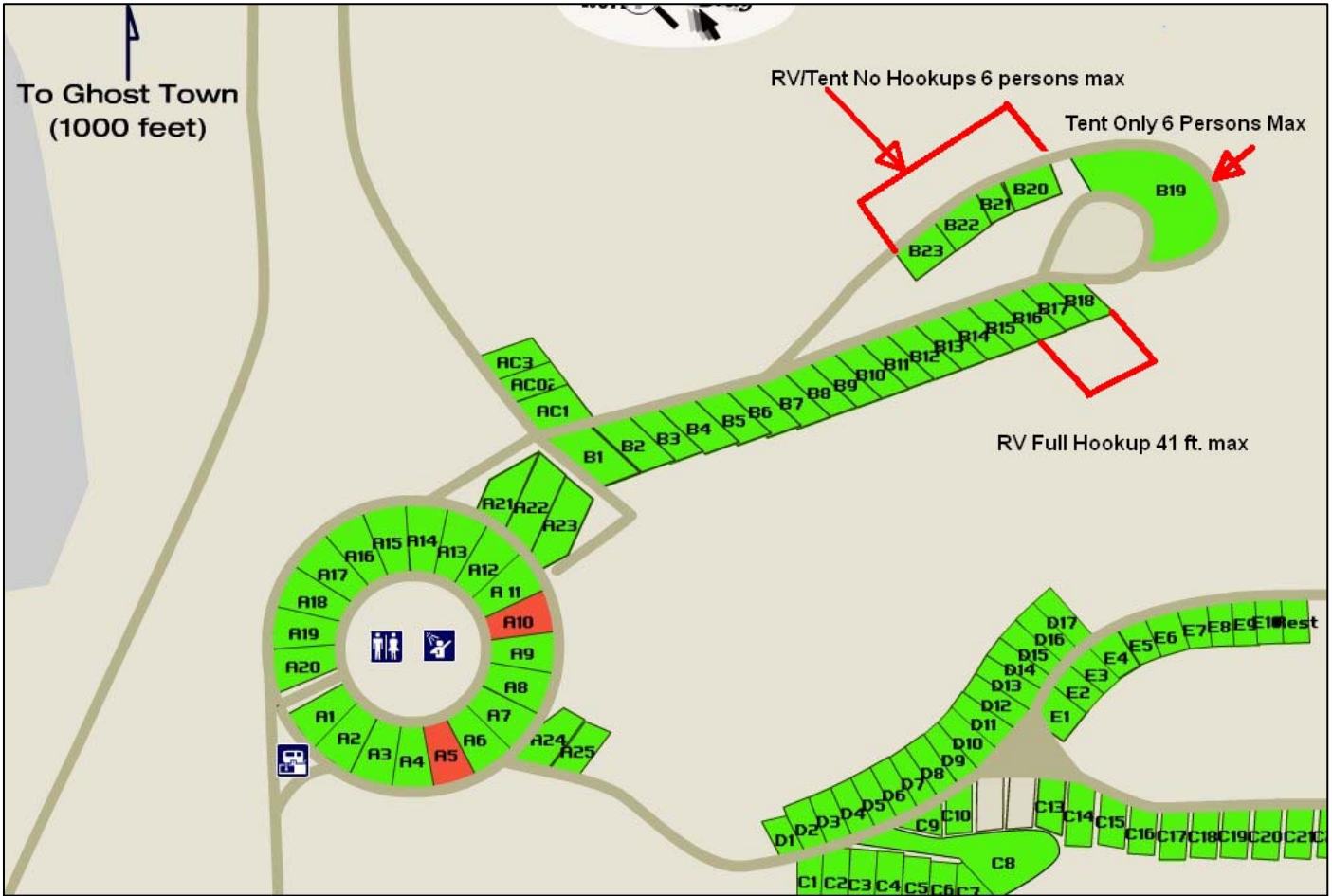
**Saturday, March 1**

Any time ..... Explore Ghost Town Attractions (on your own)  
9:00 am ..... Drive to Rainbow Basin Natural Area (14 miles – rough dirt road)  
9:45 am ..... Hike Owl Canyon in Rainbow Basin Natural Area (2 miles, moderate, some climbing, no sneakers) Parking coordinates: 35.02458,-117.022575 . Map Link: [Click Here](#)  
1:00 pm .....4-Wheel trip (TBD)  
4:30 pm .....Afternoon Tea  
6:30 pm ..... Potluck  
7:00 pm ..... Campfire

**Sunday, March 2**

8:00 am ..... Breakfast and coffee (On your own)  
11:00 am ..... Check out

# Campsite Map



**Registration Form**  
**Calico Ghost Town Car Camp**  
*Calico Ghost Town, Yermo, CA* February 28 to March 2, 2014

Send registration and check (payable to Great Outdoors) to:  
 Byron Postma, 1311 E. Amado Rd, Palm Springs, CA 92262 Phone: 760-459-0142 (Cell and Home)

**PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PERSON,  
 FILL OUT ON COMPUTER OR BY HAND, PRINT, SIGN AND MAIL**

**Deadline: February 15, 2014**  
 (After this date, call for availability)

**Fee Schedule  
 PER PERSON**

Type	Fee
Tent	\$25.00

**RV Sites Sold Out – See  
 Instructions Below**

- Non-member add\* \$20.00
- Non-camping gate entrance fee \$8.00
- RV – Make your own reservation \$5.00  
 (\*Includes 1-Year G.O. Membership)

**Your camping fee includes entrance to  
 the Ghost Town and its attractions.  
 There are \$2.00 additional fees for the  
 optional mine walk, train ride and gold  
 panning.**

**Trip Leader Only:**  
 Check No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check Amt: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

G.O. Member Chapter (Check one):  PS/CV  OC/LB  LA  SBVC  SD

Phone: (Cell preferred) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (will be kept confidential): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Grp/Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

(Individual travel and accident insurance is available from your local travel agent)

Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

- I can offer a ride to \_\_\_\_\_ people.
- I need a ride, please contact me.
- I/we are camping in an RV. The le

RV Sites are sold out, but you may make  
 direct reservations for an adjacent (B15,  
 GB14, B13, etc.) full-hookup site at  
[www.sbcountyparks.com](http://www.sbcountyparks.com). Please submit Reg.  
 form to Trip Leader.

**Health Problems/allergies: It is the responsibility of participants to carry on their person a record of significant allergies, medications and medical history in the event of a medical emergency.**

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY, MEDICAL RELEASE AND ASSIGNMENT**

I am aware that my participation in this GREAT OUTDOORS Inc. trip may include potentially hazardous activities, and I am voluntarily participating in these activities with the 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 Inc. including its officers, trail or trip leaders, agents or other persons working with GREAT OUTDOORS Inc. from any liability for injuries, physical or mental, which I may suffer by reason of participation in these activities. I recognize in waiving this liability that I assume sole responsibility for my actions and cannot blame any injuries or losses on any other persons connected with GREAT OUTDOORS Inc.

I hereby agree to assume full financial responsibility for any bills incurred by me for medical treatment as a result of my participation in this GREAT OUTDOORS Inc. 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 hospitalizations and surgery, as may be determined under the circumstances.

Sign by the X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_