

Joshua Tree Nat'l Park	Twentynine Palms	CA	760-367-5500	www.nps.gov/jotr/	Two deserts whose characteristics are determined primarily by elevation come together here. The Colorado Desert features natural gardens of creosote bush, and cholla cactus. The higher, moister Mojave Desert is the habitat of the Joshua tree, and includes some of the most interesting geologic displays in California's deserts.	21
Cabrillo Nat'l Monument	San Diego	CA	619-557-5450	www.nps.gov/cabr/	On September 28, 1542, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo landed at San Diego Bay. This event marked the first time that a European expedition had set foot on what later became the West Coast of the United States.	22
Channel Islands Nat'l Park	Ventura	CA	805-658-5730	www.nps.gov/chis/	Comprised of five in a chain of eight southern California islands near Los Angeles, this park is home to more than 2,000 species of plants and animals, including 145 species that are unique to the islands and found nowhere else in the world.	23
Cesar E Chavez Nat'l Monument	Keene	CA	661-823-6134	www.nps.gov/cech/	The monument is located on the property known as La Paz: it is the symbol and focal point of the farm worker movement and served as the national headquarters of the United Farm Workers of America. It is where Cesar Chavez lived and worked, and the place he and other leaders met to plan and strategize.	24
Death Valley Nat'l Park	Death Valley	CA	760-786-3200	www.nps.gov/deva/	One of the hottest places on the surface of the Earth, Death Valley's summer temperatures average well over 100 Degrees F and at 282 feet below sea level, it is the driest place in North America.	25
Manzanar Nat'l Historic Site	Independence	CA	760-878-2932	www.nps.gov/manz/	Manzanar War Relocation Center was one of ten camps at which Japanese American citizens and resident Japanese aliens were interned during World War II.	25