

Attu's Adventures in
**Joshua Tree National Park
and Mojave National Preserve**



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Welcome to Joshua Tree National Park! This is a very large park with over 800,000 acres of land to enjoy and explore. Joshua Tree was first protected as a National Monument in 1936. In 1994, Joshua Tree became a National Park.



Joshua Tree employs rangers in many different ways.

Some rangers help educate tourists about the park to make their stay more enjoyable and safe. Other rangers are geologists, botanists, and biologists that study the land, plants, and animals that live in the park. Still other rangers work to fix roads, plant trees, and build trails so I can visit the many fascinating sights in the park.

All of the rangers are helpful to the visitors who come here to discover the beauty of Joshua Tree. Do you think that you would like to be a National Park Service Ranger?





Many years before this land became a National Park, people lived in this desert environment. For Native Americans, this area was a good place to hunt wildlife and gather nuts, seeds, and other useful desert plants.

In many parts of the park we can find the artifacts they left behind. I found some small pieces of broken pottery called shards. They also left drawings on the rocks called pictographs.



Mingo told me that when we visit these wonderful sites we should never disturb any of the artifacts we find.



Please leave the shards of pottery where you found them and never damage the rock art.



Many future visitors will be able to see and enjoy what we have seen. Would you like to explore the old Indian relics?

I discovered many true treasures of the earth while exploring the rock formations and mountains of Joshua Tree National Park. Whether I was looking for Native American pottery or exploring the ranch that William Keys called home, Joshua Tree had much to offer a roving bear. I rock climbed and hiked as well as saw some of my animal



friends. I discovered a cactus called the teddy bear cactus and a giant tarantula spider. Camping under the stars and meeting new friends was a special treat. It would be so

much fun if you could explore this park too!

My days in Mojave National Preserve were way too short. I hope Mingo and I come back to this preserve to explore more of this vast and beautiful wilderness desert. I had a wonderful time hiking in the sand dunes and learning about the history of Kelso Depot. I would love to do more climbing and hiking plus see more of the wildlife that call this preserve home. There was so much to see and explore in this huge preserve!



I hope the next time you travel to Joshua Tree National Park and the Mojave National Preserve you will have as much fun as I have had exploring and learning about these two unique desert areas.

