

Looking back at the narrow bend in the canyon, where the first tower is located.



Looking across at an interesting side canyon which takes off to the north from here.



We had hoped to continue down Marble Canyon a little further, but unfortunately it was just too hot. So, we headed back up the canyon to the main road.



This is the dropoff on the other side of the big turn in the main road, where it leaves the canyon. As can be seen from this photo, one would not want to miss the turn.



Looking over at two old tanks here.



The flowers on this flowering plant (brittlebush?) are starting to dry up, showing that we must have just missed the blooms at this elevation.



Looking at upper Marble Canyon from the main road.



This is the view down Marble Canyon and towards the Eureka Valley from the northern ridge above Marble Canyon.



Looking down the wash which becomes the side canyon of Marble Canyon that was mentioned a few photos ago, and out towards the Eureka Valley.



Looking north up the Cowhorn Valley, as we approach the main Big Pine-Death Valley Road.



The road switchbacks up and out of the Cowhorn Valley here; on our trip, there was a switchback and a (rather steep) shortcut here.



This is where the Waucoba-Saline Road ("North Pass Road") joins the Big Pine-Death Valley Road. Notice that the snowy peaks of the eastern Sierras are visible in this photo.



This is the sign at the turnoff for the Waucoba-Saline Road.



The "No Snow Removal" sign has an impressive collection of stickers.



From here, we continued up the Big Pine-Death Valley road towards Joshua Flats (which was our next planned destination for the day). This view is of the Little Cowhorn Valley.



We first continued along this road past Joshua Flats, to just beyond Lime Hill, because we were curious how far we could get along this road before it became hot enough that we didn't want to continue. At this location, we were just starting to get a view into the Eureka Valley, and it was hot enough here that we didn't want to be outside the car for very long.



Panorama from here. Notice there are still a few Joshua Trees on the hillsides in this area.



Looking northwest from near where we stopped. One of these peaks must be Lime Hill, as labeled on the TOPO map.



One last view looking towards the Eureka Valley, which we had seen from multiple locations on this trip but unfortunately had not been able to hike in due to the heat.



These Joshua Trees in the lower part of Joshua Flats aren't nearly as tall as the ones further up the road.



Panorama looking towards the ridge bounding Joshua Flats on the northwest. On the other side of this ridge is Deep Springs Lake.



As we drove further back up the road (southwest), the trees became larger.



Looking up the road at the impressive collection of Joshua Trees which can be found here. Fortunately, there were some clouds in the sky which were providing a welcome break at times from the direct sunlight.



Looking southeast, towards the ridge between Joshua Flat and the upper reaches of Cowhorn Valley on the other side.



Some of the Joshua Trees had a fruit (?) of sorts at the top.



Zooming in on one of these fruit-like bunches.



Three panoramas from the road of Joshua Flats. Photos can't really capture how incredible this collection of Joshua Trees is.





The next four photos should give an idea of just how many Joshua Trees we could see here.





We also spotted a few of these nice pink flowers alongside the road, which I don't recall having seen before.



Further up the road, the Joshua Trees aren't as dense anymore, but they can be seen higher up on hillsides.



Another panorama looking down the road.



There are quite a few interestingly shaped trees just alongside the road.



Notice how here the Joshua Trees can be seen on the flats, and another kind of tree is visible in the washes up on the hillsides.



Looking up the road, towards the Little Cowhorn Valley.



Another panorama of this incredible place. I must have taken a couple hundred photographs in the Joshua Flats area.



Looking northeast again, at the dense collection of trees.



Panorama looking at the ridge to the northwest.



From here, we headed back towards Big Pine. This is of the Little Cowhorn Valley. Notice the many different shades of green in this photo.



Looking out at the eastern Sierras again from near the turnoff for the Waucoba-Saline Road.



This interesting area just north of the Death Valley-Big Pine road shortly before reaching Big Pine reminds me of some of the areas in Death Valley.



Back in Bishop, I took this photo of a sign for the Grand Army Highway, which tells travelers that Provincetown, Massachusetts is only 3205 miles away.

