

PETRIFIED FOREST

What does the silence sound like? Where do you go if there are no footsteps to follow? How does it feel to be in a place where day and night are the only times that matter? How does it feel to be totally immersed in nature?

Straight out of a scene from an extraterrestrial alien world - The Petrified Forest is one of the most underrated national parks in the US!

The Petrified Forest National Wilderness area is valued for its underdeveloped and natural qualities. These lands allow for unconfined recreation and opportunities for solitude. These lands are yours to get lost in, find yourself in, or simply take in the view. Welcome to the wilderness!

The Blue Mesa should not be missed. As you walk the trail, you descent into another world. I have never seen anything like it. This alternately paved and gravel trail loop offers the unique experience of hiking among badland hills of bluish bentonite clay as well as petrified wood. Numerous plant and animal fossils have been found by paleontologists in the sedimentary layers of Blue Mesa.



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OUR FAVORITE THINGS TO SEE AND DO

The Blue Mesa

A MUST DO! explore banded Painted Desert badlands and petrified wood.

Ancient village and petroglyphs at Puerto Pueblo

Giant Logs

The largest petrified logs in the park.

WHERE WE STAYED

Wigwam Motel

2728 E. Foothill Blvd.
San Bernardino, CA 92410

If you're looking to capture a bit of Route 66 history, don't miss this collection of concrete wigwams. This unique motel was built in the 1940s, when unusual architecture was springing up all along famous Route 66. Old cars are kept in the parking lot for an added dose of Route 66 character!

HOW MANY DAYS WILL YOU NEED

I recommend a minimum of 2 days in order to explore the Petrified Forest National Park.

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