

PINNACLES

Born of fire.

Pinnacles National Park is the result of an ancient volcanic eruption. Rising out of the chaparral-covered Gabilan Mountains, east of central California's Salinas Valley, are the spectacular remains of an ancient volcano. The rock formations of Pinnacles National Park divide the park into East and West Districts which are connected by trails.



OUR FAVORITE THINGS TO SEE AND DO

Juniper Canyon Trail to High Peaks Trail to Condor Gulch Trail viewpoint

We started at the visitors center on the west side of the park. Great hike for kids

Things to remember

The park's two sides aren't connected by a road. The east side is more developed so I'd recommend starting there. More access to trailheads, visitors center, general store and a campground. Cell service is limited and parking lots can fill up early.

Pinnacles National Park is small; the seventh smallest of the 64 national parks.

It's hot! Daytime temps reach up to 105°

You can explore bat-filled caves (closed during global pandemic 2020) and California condors live here.

HOW MANY DAYS WILL YOU NEED

I recommend a minimum of 1 day in order to explore the Pinnacles National Park.