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## Death Valley National Park News Release

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### **Celebrate the Re-opening of Dantes View**

DEATH VALLEY, CA – Death Valley National Park invites the public to celebrate the re-opening of Dantes View on Wednesday, June 6, from 9 am – 11 am.

At over 5,400 feet, Dantes View offers breathtaking views of Death Valley National Park and a reprieve from the heat of the valley floor. Named after the Italian poet Dante Alighieri, the scenic overlook was established in 1926. Currently open to the public, Dantes View was closed from January 23 – May 11, 2018 to make the site more accessible, while protecting the native landscape.

From 9 am – 10 am, park rangers will showcase an exhibit with historic photos of Dantes View and give informal talks about the fascinating history of this site. At 10 am, there will be a celebratory ribbon cutting for the new, improved overlook and parking area. Visitors can also view a bronze tactile map of the surrounding landscape created by artist Bridget Keimel.

“Park visitors have long come to Dantes View to escape the summer heat,” said Mike Reynolds, Superintendent of Death Valley National Park. “The sweeping vistas of Death Valley and the Eastern Sierras will stay with you for a lifetime.”

The Fund for People in Parks donated more than \$200,000 for this project with assistance from the Death Valley Natural History Association. More than half-a-million visitors make the drive to Dantes View each year.

The Fund has financed 30 projects in 11 National Parks, enhancing the visitor experience at these special places. Bob Hansen, CEO of The Fund, is available to discuss projects that have been completed in parks ranging from Oregon Caves National Monument to Haleakala National Park in Hawaii, and another dozen that are planned or underway.

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*Death Valley National Park is the homeland of the Timbisha Shoshone and preserves natural and cultural resources, exceptional wilderness, scenery, and learning experiences within the nation's largest conserved desert landscape and some of the most extreme climate and topographic conditions on the planet. About two-thirds of the park was originally designated as Death Valley National Monument in 1933. Today the park is enjoyed by about 1,300,000 people per year. The park is 3,400,000 acres – nearly as large as the state of Connecticut. Learn more at [www.nps.gov/deva](http://www.nps.gov/deva).*



A glimpse of the new overlook at Dantes View. NPS photo: Em Hoerner

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