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Hiking

The mountains and canyons of Palm Springs are ancient and awesome. Lush green palms add contrast to the orange, red and brown shades of the San Jacinto Mountains. The native lands of the Agua Caliente Tribe, the Indian Canyons, are one of the most beautiful and culturally sensitive areas of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians reservation. Even more amazing, these canyons lie just south of the City, and can be accessed for a short morning hike, or for exploring all day. Waterfalls, stone pools, and desert blooms show off their own distinctive beauty.

The mountains themselves have hundreds of hiking trails accessed by trailhead signage throughout the city. A beginning hiker can take a short hike and get beautiful views over the city. More hardy hikers can follow the trails across the San Jacinto and Santa Rosa mountain ranges.

A reason that many visitors come to Palm Springs is to visit Joshua Tree National Park, one hour's drive from the city. Nearly 800,000 acres encompass two deserts that make up the Park, the Mojave and Colorado. A fascinating variety of plants, including the Joshua trees themselves, grow in a land sculpted by strong winds and occasional torrents of rain.

Nights brilliantly displayed with starry skies, a rich cultural history, and surreal geologic features add to the wonder of this vast wilderness in Southern California.

