

Directions to Burning Man from Arizona

This is the shortest route we have found. Some Map apps may direct you through California. Unless you have a reason to use that route, we recommend not going through California. If you are towing or in an RV or a cargo truck, speed limits are 55mph for large vehicles and all vehicles towing trailers in California. There are no lower speeds required for towing or large rigs in Arizona or Nevada. This difference can add hours to the trip if you use the California route. Fuel in California is considerably more expensive. In some places it is \$1.00 a gallon higher than Arizona or Nevada.

From I-10 in Arizona take I-10 through PHX and follow the signs that say I-10 West-Los Angeles. Continue West of Phoenix. Take the Loop 303 exit from I-10 to US-60 (Grand Ave) and Wickenburg. This interchange is now open and no longer has a detour. Take 303 about 15 miles until 303 intersects at Highway 60 to Wickenburg. Pay attention after you go past the Bell Road exit. There is an overpass at US-60 and a dogleg right turn you must take when you get to the US-60/Loop 303 Junction. This is not marked well, with only one small sign just before the junction. Note, gas prices start going up in Wickenburg. There are a few stations that are cheaper before Wickenburg on US-60. At US-60 turn left to Wickenburg. In Wickenburg, you will have a traffic circle with a bypass route for highway US-93 to Wikiup and I-40 to Kingman.

The next gas is in Wikiup. The area for ten miles on both ends of Wikiup is always patrolled by the Highway Patrol. They have a zero tolerance for speeders. US-93 intersects I-40 east of Kingman. Take I-40 through Kingman. Pay Attention to the signs on the west end of Kingman. You must exit I-40 again at US-93. There is no longer any need to go through Laughlin Nevada to get to Las Vegas, the bridge at Hoover dam is now open. You will eventually end up in Boulder City, then on to Las Vegas. Traffic in Boulder City is slow going through town. If possible, plan your drive through Las Vegas to avoid the morning and late afternoon rush hour.

Follow the signs and go through Las Vegas on I-515 / US-95. Pay attention to where the lanes take you at the Downtown Las Vegas interchange. You need to go to US-95 to Beatty and Tonopah which takes you up the Western edge of Nevada. We recommend either topping off with fuel in Boulder City or waiting until the other side of Las Vegas at Ann or Durango roads. But we try to stop someplace in that area because there is food and gas at the Ann and Durango Road exit. In the past these areas have always been a safe stop. This is the last relatively cheap gas you will find in Nevada. Directions to Burning Man from Arizona

Next stop Beatty Nevada. Bailey's Hot Springs-RV Park is on the far north end of Beatty about 3 miles out of town on your right on the way to Tonopah. You should stop for gas in Beatty before the hot springs or you will have to drive back. The hot springs has rest rooms and showers. The soak areas are rustic, but clean and enclosed. This is an old haunt for AZBurners on the way to Burning Man. If you stop over you will probably find someone there you know. If you arrive at Baileys Hot Springs after the office is closed find a spot and park and pay when they open in the morning. Be advised that the Hot springs are locked after 8pm. There are no facilities to dump RV holding tanks at Baileys Hot Springs but there is power and water for RV's. Get fuel in Beatty, the next stations are 100 miles down the road in Tonopah. In Tonopah there is free truck and RV parking at the Banc Club Casino. There is also 24 hour fuel in Tonopah. Warning! Tonopah is a well known speed trap. The speed limit through town is 25 mph. Do Not speed. At this point, you should observe the speed limits at all times from here to Burning Man. Also Do not leave your camp garbage in the dumpsters in these small towns on your way home. Those dumpsters are not there for our use unless you have permission.

Next stop is Hawthorne Nevada. Warning Hawthorne Nevada has a reputation for heavy handed enforcement of traffic laws which also tend to included demands for vehicle searches. BE CAREFUL in this town! There is a free RV dump at the El Capitan Casino in downtown Hawthorne. There is RV and truck parking at the Shell truck stop north of Hawthorne. They have clean hot private showers for 8 dollars a person. If you decide to park and sleep at this truck stop, this would probably be your last chance for a nice long hot shower for another week! If you want a sit down meal in Hawthorne, El Capitan Casino's restaurant will be on your right as you enter Hawthorne. The last major stopa are Fallon and Fernley. Try to stock up with everything you need in Fallon or Fernley. Don't wait until Empire to buy what you need, or you may have to do without. The small Empire store gets cleaned out pretty quick.

When you come into Fallon you'll take a left at Hwy 50-Williams Road. This will take you to Fernley. Down the road in Fallon is a 24 hour Super Wal-Mart Radio-Shack, Napa, Ace Hardware and Checker Auto supply along that same road as Safeway and Wal-Mart. Note that there is a Super Wal-Mart and Home Depot in Fernley as well. On the way out of Fallon a few miles down the road on the right is The SAGE VALLEY RV Park. Here is where you can get water, propane and a hot shower if you need it. After you leave Fallon you will head out Hwy 50 to Fernley. As you enter Fernley there is a traffic circle. The first exit out of the circle is to the I-80 junction. Located in that two block area between the circle and I-80 are a Super Wal-Mart, Gas and Diesel, AutoZone, tires, and Home Depot. There is a restaurant in the casino and motels.

At the Interstate overpass, Enter I- 80 west and head towards Reno and get off at the very next, which is Exit 46. At Exit 46 and HWY- 427 there is a Loves Truck Stop. They also have an RV dump station. This is VERY crowded with Burners. We suggest getting your fuel and water earlier in the trip to save time waiting in line. Please fuel up and get your food and supplies before leaving Fernley for Burning Man. You have been warned!

Take the I-80, HWY 427 exit (Exit 46) and head to Wadsworth on Hwy-427. A few miles down the road you will turn right onto Hwy 447 and Nixon Nevada. It is now about 100 miles to Burning Man. Due to traffic and low speed limits on the reservation, this last stretch will take you at least 2 hours. WARNING, Obey the speed limit at all times. The local and state police are out in force during Burning Man. Do not give them a reason to pull you over. You will be passing through Indian reservations on this road. They have zero tolerance for speeding. If you get pulled over for speeding it is pretty much guaranteed they will want to search your vehicle. Your ultimate goal Nevada Highway 447. This will take you to Gerlach Nevada. Shortly after leaving Gerlach take HWY 34. This will take you to Burning Man about 12 miles down the road. There will be signs.

Please make sure all vehicle and trailer lights including your license plate light work. Check these again in Fernley and before leaving Burning Man to head home. Also make sure your license plate is not hidden by bicycles or cargo. Non operational lighting and partially hidden plates are common tactics used state and local police to justify stopping people going to and from Burning Man.

These guidelines are not intended to replace good sound trip planning, or recently printed maps. PLEASE use a road map to plan your trip. There are many dead zones in rural Nevada where a map app on your phone may not work. A printed road map will come in handy.