

Directions to Burning Man from Arizona

No matter where you come from, your goal is to get on Nevada Highway 447 to Gerlach Nevada. This is the shortest route we have found. Some Map Apps may direct you through California. If you are towing or in an RV or a cargo truck, speed limits are 55 mph 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 Gas or Diesel is \$2.00 a gallon higher than Arizona or Nevada.

You can get a free Nevada Road map mailed to you at this link.

<https://www.dot.nv.gov/travel-info/maps/map-request>.

Do not leave your camp garbage in the dumpsters in these towns. Those dumpsters are not there for our use, unless otherwise marked.

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. A few miles north past the traffic circle there is a gas station with pump islands big enough for an RV. 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. Once on 93 North of Kingman there are gas stations in town and out by the Dolan Springs exit. Gas is cheaper in Kingman.

Hwy-93 will connect to Interstate 11 near the Dam and Boulder NV. bypass, it then rejoins US-95 at a junction in Las Vegas. 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. 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. US-95 is the road you need to be on when you leave Vegas.

We recommend topping with gas on the North side of 95 in Las Vegas at Ann or Durango roads. 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.

The next gas stations are in Indian Springs and Beatty.. There is 24 hour fuel in Tonopah. Warning! Tonopah is a well known speed trap. The speed limit through town is 25 mph. Do Not speed. You should observe the speed limits at all times from here to Burning Man. Next stop is Hawthorne Nevada. It has a reputation for heavy enforcement of traffic laws which also tend to include demands for vehicle searches. BE CAREFUL in this town! There is RV and truck parking at both truck stops north of Hawthorne. They have clean hot private showers.

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 stops 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. Parking as of 2023 for Burning Man attendees is now very limited.

In Fallon, 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. There is a 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 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 is 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 Love's 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. The Paiute reservation on this road. They have zero tolerance for speeding. Your ultimate goal is Nevada Highway 447. This will take you to Gerlach Nevada. Shortly after leaving Gerlach, follow HWY 34. This will take you to Burning Man about 12 miles down the road. There will be signs.

As always. 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 by state and local police to justify stopping people going to and from Burning Man.