

Student Logistics

Hybrid Wilderness First Responder

Sponsored by Mountain Rescue Institute & NOLS Wilderness Medicine

Dates: *April 4 - 8th, 2026*

Cost: *\$925 Tuition only*

Location: *Joshua Tree National Park, CA*

Classroom Location

This course is held at the Black Rock Nature Center just inside Joshua Tree Ntl Park. However, to access the classroom, you do *not* have to pass through a Ntl Park entrance station so no passes or fees are required for entry. Please arrive at 7:45 on Day 1 to check in. Every other day, class is held from 8:00 - 6:00 with a lunch break. An evening session will be held on Day 3 and will be discussed in class. A detailed course schedule can be found [HERE](#).

Black Rock Nature Center

9800 Black Rock Canyon Rd, Yucca Valley, CA 92284
(760) 367-3001

Most of the course is taught outdoors. There are bathrooms in the area. You should bring with you proper clothing to be outdoors for an extended period of time based on the forecasted weather. It is also recommended that you bring a camping type chair for lectures, scenarios and debriefs outside the classroom.

Meals + Lodging

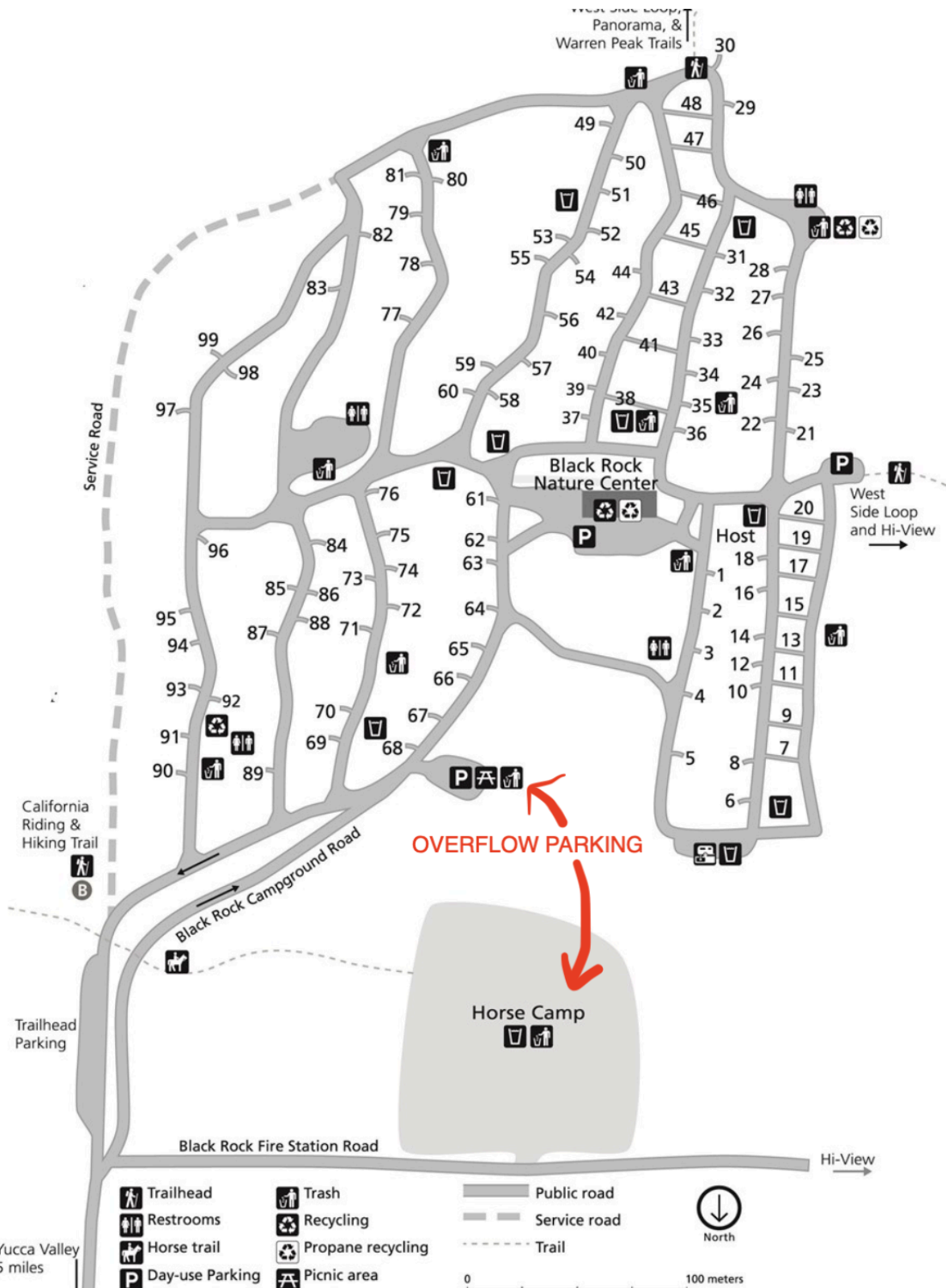
There are no meals or lodging packages available for this course. Students are required to arrange all lodging and food.

- Paid Camping: There are several campgrounds in JTNP. The closest campground to the classroom is the [Black Rock Canyon Campground](#).
- There are an abundance of Airbnb's nearby the classroom location.

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<https://www.nps.gov/jotr/planyourvisit/black-rock-campground.htm>

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Refund, Transfer, and Cancellation Policy

MRI charges a \$75 non-refundable application fee, which will be applied to the course tuition. Refunds and transfer requests will be provided based on course type.

- *Wilderness First Responder/WUMP* - Within 30 days of the course start date, the \$300 course deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable. All other paid tuition will be refunded. The full course tuition is due 15 days prior to the course start-date. Outside of 30 days, refunds will be processed upon request minus the \$75 application fee. Transfers will be subject to an additional \$75 application fee. No refunds will be awarded once the course has begun.
- *Wilderness First Responder Recertification/Wilderness First Aid* - Within 30 days of the course start date, all tuitions are non-transferable and non-refundable. Outside of 30 days, transfer or refund will be subject to the \$75 application fee. No refunds will be awarded once the course has begun.

Course Cancellation - In the unlikely event of a course cancellation, all tuitions will be refunded minus the \$75 application fee.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Admissions questions: admissions@mountainrescueinstitute.com

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Local logistics questions - Dan_Zacks@nols.edu, 760 902 5160

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