1. Sky Village Swap Meet (Yucca Valley)
A world of its own, filled with desert shanties packed with curios, desert junk, and cactus gardens. In the middle of the swap meet, owner Bob Carr has created a series of magical works, including The Crystal Cave Project. Regulars show up at 6AM so come early for best dibs, and bring cash! (closes at 2). Also the site of the HDTS HQ on Saturdays from 9AM-1PM.
7028 Theatre Rd, Yucca Valley, CA 92284
(Behind Barr Lumber off Old Woman Springs Rd)

2. Andy’s Gamma Gulch Site (Pioneertown)
Andy Stillpass’s 100 acre HDTG parcel in the mind-blowingly scenic Pipes Canyon hosts Gradually/We Become Aware/Of a Hum in the Room by Halsey Rodman, Trajectory Object c. 2000-2050 by Karen Lofgren, Trail Registry by Scout Regalia, Sun Clock by Lea Cetera, and Tapwater Pavilions by Tao Urban.
Directions: From 29 Palms Hwy turn RIGHT at Pioneertown Rd. Drive about 7.5 miles. Turn RIGHT on Pipes Canyon Rd. Drive 2.2 miles to Gamma Gulch Rd, turn LEFT (respect our neighbors – do not drive above 20 mph on this road!) Drive 1.6 miles to God’s Way Love (if the sign has blown off look for Dave & Jeannie’s sign), turn RIGHT. Drive .4 miles.

3. World Famous Crochet Museum (Joshua Tree)
The museum, created by Shari Elf, is open along with the beloved Art Queen Gallery. Don’t miss Shari’s studio and store next door, where you can get $10 T-shirts screenprinted with signature Shari Elf designs like “Jesus and His Kittens,” “Naked Lesbian Day,” and “What Would Cher Do?” Museum open daylight hours, shop open daily 9am-5pm.
61855 29 Palms Hwy, just south of Park Drive.
(You can park in back and walk in through the rear gate)

4a. Planar Pavilions at A-Z West (Joshua Tree)
These permanently sited works by Andrea Zittel are open to the public year-round from sunrise to sunset and are located on the northern edge of Zittel’s A-Z West.
Directions: From 29 Palms Hwy and Park Dr drive east one mile to the Bail Bonds Sign (on your right). Turn RIGHT onto Neptune. Take the first left and as you come up on the first intersection, you will see the Planar Pavilions. Continue straight to find two parking areas on the right side of the road.

4b. Behind the Bail Bonds (Joshua Tree)
Sited in the rocks on this 10 acre boulder strewn parcel are several works that may take an afternoon of exploring to divulge: Nathan Lieb, Morongo; Julia Scher, Surveillant Architectures; and Sarah Vanderlip, CA Truck Heads.
Directions: From 29 Palms Hwy and Park Dr drive east one mile to the Bail Bonds Sign (on your right). Turn RIGHT onto Neptune. Drive up Neptune. Road will veer LEFT. Follow along powerlines, park right before turn around area.

5. Dream Wanderer VR Bus (Landers)
Climb aboard the Dream Wanderer virtual reality gallery and immerse yourself in a VR exploration of vivid dreaming, the afterlife and spiritualism based on interviews from member of the Western New York utopian psychic community Lilydale. For appointments and open hours visit www.thedreamwanderer.com or call 716-553-2530.
56221 Reche Rd, Landers, CA 92285
Look out for the multi-color “Dream Wanderer” sign. Park near the corner next to the fence. Follow signs and rock path to the entrance on Reche Rd.

TIPS:
1. Drive with others
2. Ask directions
3. Bring Water (it’s still HOT)
6. Krblin Jihn Cabin (Joshua Tree)
Like many of the cabins in the area, this structure originally housed defeated heretics. Eames Demetrios’ project explores the history of this structure and community, including the remnants of its remarkable compass wheel.

Directions: From 29 Palms Hwy drive north on Sunburst. Turn RIGHT on Crestview. Drive 1.3 miles and turn RIGHT on Border. Drive one “block” – the Cabin will be on your left.

7. Noah Purifoy’s “Outdoor Desert Art Museum” (Joshua Tree)
7.5 acres of open land displaying Noah Purifoy’s assemblage sculptures, created between 1989-2004. The works themselves are great-as is the decay due to the harsh elements of their desert setting. Resisting the ideologies of institutionalized art, Purifoy proposed to find out what role nature could play in the history of an art piece, arguing that “changes are an integral part of life itself.”

Directions: From 29 Palms Hwy drive north on Sunburst. Follow the paved road as it turns RIGHT and then turns LEFT and becomes Border. Turn RIGHT on Aberdeen drive onto dirt road and then turn LEFT on Center and then RIGHT again almost immediately onto Blair Lane.

8. Simi Dabah (Joshua Tree)
A field of 700 plus monumental modernist iron sculptures by artist Simi Dabah, who produces 50 or more a year, even into his early 90s. Simi has donated sculptures to the town of Yucca Valley, 29 Palms, Copper Mountain College, and more.

Directions: From 29 Palms Hwy drive north on Sunfair Rd half a mile to 4th St South. Site will be on your right.

9. The Glass Outhouse Art Gallery (Wonder Valley)
Our favorite desert art gallery slash semi-outdoor outhouse (with one way mirrors so you can see out but your friends can see in). Owner/director Laurel Seidl accepts all exhibition proposals, but the schedule is booked up years in advance. Openings on the first Saturday of every month. Open Tuesday-Sunday 1-5PM.

Directions: Located in Wonder Valley, five miles east of downtown Twentynine Palms. Turn right off 29 Palms Hwy onto Thunder Road. Honk your horn!

10. The Palms (Wonder Valley)
15 miles east of town, but feels like the end of nowhere. Our favorite desert haunt, where you can take time out to play a round of pool, order a Pabst on tap, and buy used cowboy boots (opens at 3 PM, but call ahead of time to make sure they are open: 760-361-2810).

Directions: From Hwy 62 head north on Adobe Rd in 29 Palms. Turn RIGHT on Amboy Rd and drive about 13 miles.

11. Iron Age Road (Wonder Valley)
This 40 acre site is at the most eastern edge of Wonder Valley, in the Sheephole Valley Wilderness area. About a mile north of the crater, on the opposite side of Iron Age Road is a work by Kiersten Puusemp (Untitled) that you will probably need to get out of your car and explore a little in order to find. The parcel is also home to a mostly “invisible” project: Bob Dornberger and Jim Piatt’s Secret Restaurant.

Directions: From 29 Palms continue east on Hwy 62. Drive forever (23 miles) and turn left at Iron Age Rd. Drive a mile or so until you see something. (Iron Age Road connects both Amboy Road and Hwy 62, so you can reach it using either access road.)

BE SMART:
Bring lots of water, food, sun block, and a big hat. Leave no trace- be careful of fragile desert plants while walking through sites. This is a delicate ecology and a community that desires to protect it. Help keep HDTS a positive force.

IF YOU GET STUCK IN THE SAND:
Do NOT gun your car - this will only dig you in further. Place car floor mats under your wheels and try to back out slowly. Another tried and true trick is to let some air out of your tires. If all else fails dig the sand out a little and wait for help pushing the car out. Patience and cooperation can stop the situation from becoming dire.

*If all else fails call a tow truck: In 29 Palms call Bailey’s at 760-367-0089, in Joshua Tree call Hils at 760-228-1020 and in Pioneertown call Lefevre’s at 760-364-2846.