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Guides



**Amargosa  
River Trail**  
*California*



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official trail. Follow the old railroad right-of-way for about 0.5 mile to the trail. From the China Ranch trailhead you can also do a 2-mile loop to the confluence of Willow Creek and the Amargosa River then head back up the east side of the creek.

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The trail has a mostly level grade and follows part of the Old Spanish Trail, and you're likely to see a variety of wildlife, including many bird species. The trail also passes by a nice waterfall and includes interesting geological features.

On the north end, you can access the trail from south of the Tecopa Post Office, although it's not a part of the



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**States:** California

**Counties:** Inyo

**Length:** 6miles

**Trail end points:** China Ranch Date Farm on  
China Ranch Road to Tecopa

**Trail surfaces:** Dirt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Horseback Riding, Walking

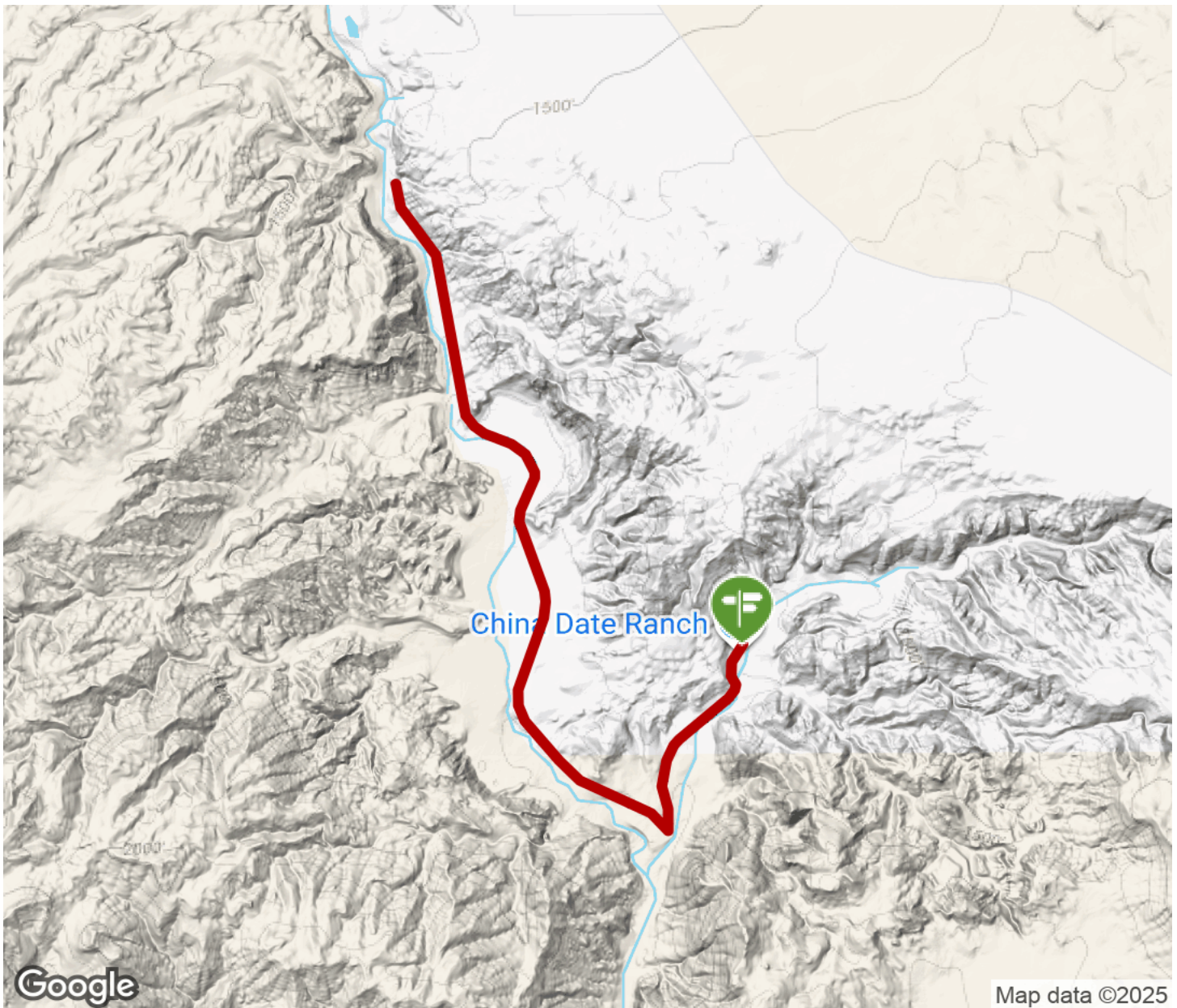
## Parking & Trail Access

To reach China Ranch, take Furnace Creek Road south from Tecopah and turn south on China Ranch Road. You can park at the ranch. To access the northern end point, park by the Post Office in Tecopah and look for the railroad right-of-way, which is now a dirt road. Follow the ROW south to the Amargosa River Trail.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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