



October 18th



On this day in...

2015:

Thunderstorms dropped very heavy rainfall in Death Valley. Scotty's Castle measured 2.72 inches of rain in roughly five hours. Major flash flooding hit the Grapevine Canyon area of Death Valley



The visitor's center at Scotty's Castle was only one of many things severely damaged by flash floods on this day in 2015.

National Park . Mesquite Springs Campground and Grapevine Ranger Station were evacuated; eight vehicles full of visitors and three park rangers were stranded overnight near Ubehebe Crater. Trenches up to six feet deep were cut into Scotty's Castle Road. 24 power poles were downed. Mud and debris damaged or destroyed the water supply infrastructure, stables, visitors center, and the cookhouse.

1963: Strong thunderstorms hit the Twentynine Palms area. Flash floods and debris flows moved into several homes and yards. Roads were left impassable.