

# Dirt Devils Death Valley Tour October 2017



**Date:** October 20-22, 2017

**Trail Leader:** Rick Walter

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**Meeting Time:** 0900 – departing 0930 Friday.

**Meeting Location:** Big Pine Shell gas station, 109 S Main, Big Pine, CA.

**Meeting Directions:** Big Pine, CA is 245 miles (4 Hours) North of Riverside on CA-395.

**Thursday night:** Several motels and campgrounds in Lone Pine, Big Pine and Bishop area.

**Run type:** Moving camp tour.

**Difficulty Rating:** **Rated 1-2** Most all will be on maintained and un-maintained gravel roads, with the exception of crossing Eureka Dunes (2.5 miles of soft sand) **Rated 2-3**, two short rocky climbs in Dedeckera Canyon **Rated 2-3** going South to Steel Pass and then up the narrow Lippincott Mine Road **Rated 2-3**.

**Temperatures:** high 80s during the day, low 60's at night.

**Trail Description:** Tour of the more popular sites in the Death Valley National Park system.

**Equipment Required:** Stock vehicles with minimum of 31-inch tires and an air system capable of inflating tires.

**Trailers:** Welcome, off- road with minimum of 30-inch tires. You'll need to air them down also.

**Permits Required:** Access permit will be required when entering North Death Valley entrance.

**Communications:** HAM DD-1 (frequency 146.580 MHz) or CB Channel 4.

**Reminder to Bring:** Bring food and extra water, chairs, basic tools, shovel, camera, extra weather appropriate clothing, etc.

**Campground information:** First night in Saline Valley – no permits required, second night Furnace Creek Campground fee is required

**Day One-Friday:** Big Pine (full gas tanks), Eureka Dunes, Dedeckera Canyon, Steel Pass, Saline Valley, Warm Springs (clothing optional area so don't be surprised) camping sites at the middle springs with pit toilet and outside showers.

**Day Two-Saturday:** South through Saline Valley, Lippincott Mine Road, Racetrack Playa, Tea Kettle Junction, Ubehebe Crater, (sorry, Scotty's Castle not open) Death Valley North entrance (fee area,) South to Furnace Creek Campground and gas station (don't be surprised gas prices a dollar higher than everywhere else.)

**Day Three-Sunday:** Furnace Creek Campground (full gas tanks), Chloride City, Rhyolite, Titus Canyon, Furnace Creek, Bad water, then South to Baker and home.

