

Anza Borrego Mud Caves Night Run, Oct 13, 2018

This run is contingent on weather.

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Summary: This is a night time run, we will spend the night in a primitive campsite, no RV's, Dogs are welcome.

Difficulty: Easy to medium, depends on the line taken.

Recommended Equipment:

Spot lights and Rock lights.

33" tires, no other ground clearance needed.

Required Equipment:

4 wheel drive

1st Aid Kit

Flash light

Fire Extinguisher

Some sort of Air Compressed air or compressor, (You will want to lower your tire pressure down, 18 PSI at a minimum)

Sleeping bag, tent, just enough to spend the night, you don't need to pack like a boy scout this time.

CB or Ham Radio

Meeting location:

Carl's Jr, in South San Clemente, Cristianitos Rd. exit off I-5 Frwy. At 5:30PM

(We should be at the Trail Head by 9:00PM).

Bring Cash for Last Gas off Hwy 76, it is on the reservation and their internet is spotty, so bring cash as a backup, we will be stopping there to fill up and bathroom break.

This is a night time run through the Anza Borrego Desert, starting at the Canyon Sin Nombre trail head off S-2 at mile marker 51.3. From there we will head out down the trail to Arroyo Wash, turn right to the old swap area (if it is open, otherwise we will just turn around) if your top is off make sure you have some bra or cover, we will be driving through mesquite trees, they have thorns and will bite, but just a little bit, if given the chance.

Then we will turn around and head back through the swamp to see mud caves, so bring your flash lights; the caves are a perfect 72 degrees (but they might be humid depending on when the last rain was in the area). We will spend a little time in the caves before moving on.

Last year we missed the turn to El Diablo Drop off and found a very fun trail back into Arroyo wash, we will follow the trail back for some ways. There are lot of tight areas, lots of flexing and soft sand, extreme angles, just plain fun, then we turn around and run it all over again.

Once we get out of the canyon we will head over to El Diablo Drop off and play around on some of the hills at Diablo, then head over the edge and on to fish creek to the primitive camp site where we will make camp at about 2 AM. At dawn we head for home. Bring snacks and drinks. No firewood will be needed, it's still warm out there.