

MOAB Multi-Day (update 02-06-18) RUN ANNOUNCEMENT

RUN FULL NO MORE RSVPs ACCEPTED

Date: March 31st to April 6th 2018
Trail Leader: Mike Wallace (714) 504-8514 **Max Vehicle Limit Reached**

Meeting Tims:

- **To Caravan.**
 - **Meeting Point #1:** Friday March 30 2018 **Meeting @ 9:30 am Leaving @ 10 am** (Layover in Vegas)
 - **Meeting Point #2:** Saturday March 31 2018 **Meeting @ 8 am Leaving @ 8:30 am**

Meeting Location:

- **Meeting Point #1:** Friday March 30 2018 at Zito's Pizza, Orange.
- **Meeting Point #2:** Saturday March 31 2018 the at Luxor Hotel Parking Lot in Las Vegas

Communications:

- **CB 4**
- **Ham DD1 146.580 (Primary and Group A)**
- **Ham DD2 (Secondary and Group B)**

Trail Meeting Times: initially SUNDAY and Monday we will meet on South Gate Drive which is around the corner from the "Dirt Devil Embassy" located at 3450 Tierra Del Sol Dr, Moab, UT at 8AM. Be fueled up have your lunch and trail snacks packed. Bring lots of water. Weather can change quickly or unforeseen conditions could keep us on the trail longer then expected. Please be prepared and ready to hit the trail.

Trail Description:

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL BE USING THE RED ROCK 4X4 CLUBS TRAIL RATING SYSTEM AND IF YOUR VEHICLE DOES NOT MEET THE MINIMUM EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THAT TRAIL THEY WILL NOT BE CLEARED TO PARTICIPATE.

Special Equipment: Please be prepared for challenging Trails. 35 in. Tires. 3 Inch Lift, with at least 1 locker, **2 LOCKERS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Expect Rugged Terrain** so the potential for body damage is High. We will be going on some pretty extreme Trails and your **RIGS NEEDS** to be adequately set up and free from maintenance issues.

Sunday April 1: Leader: Brandon and Mike

Hell's Revenge

(Using the Red Rock 4x4 Clubs Rating System) This Trail is Rated 6

Minimum Requirements are: 4WD in Sound Condition, Tires 33", 2 traction devices (lockers, limited slips) are required. A winch would be a plus. Enhanced suspension travel and good ground clearance are a required. Excellent driving skills are recommended.

Trail is difficult with considerable erosion damage, loose rocks, dirt, and slickrock. Water in excess of 12" is possible with mud conditions. Steps not exceeding 36".

A premier slickrock trail lies northeast of town between the Sand Flats Road and the river. There are long stretches of slickrock where the 4WD trail has been marked. The most difficult obstacles are out of the stock-vehicle class, but those can be bypassed. There are steep climbs and descents and some edges that are not for the faint of heart. The steep slopes, however, are not technically difficult because of the excellent traction on sandstone. In a few places, the trail crosses the now-famous "Slickrock Bike Trail", a motorcycle and mountain-bike trail. Approximate mileages: 16 total, 12 off highway.

Scenery

The large vistas sweep full circle from the La Sal Mountains through Arches National Park to the cliff rims that overlook Moab Valley. The nearby country is an amazing stretch of bare sandstone with clefts and canyons, including the Colorado River canyon.

Surface

In addition to the slickrock, there are rock ledges, broken rock, sand, and a little blow sand.

Trail Details

The first ascent offers an immediate challenge to first, get onto it, and then to overcome nervousness about the drops on both sides. The major slickrock area includes steep climbs, sharp turns, and a hair raising descent along a steep ridge with little room for error left or right. Names like "Tip Over Challenge" and "Rubble Trouble" offer an insight into challenges offered in the later portions of the trail.

Monday April 2:

Leader: John Johnson and Mike

Copper Ridge

This Trail is Rated 4

Minimum Requirements are: 4WD in Sound Condition, Tires 33", are required. Limited slip would be a plus. Enhanced suspension travel and good ground clearance are helpful. Good driving skills a plus.

Trail consisting of loose rock, dirt, and sand with some slickrock surfaces. Some erosion; washes, gulches and rock steps no higher than 18".

This trail is a combination of several roads north of Moab and near the western boundary of Arches National Park. It lies east of the Moab Fault, so is in younger rock formations than many of our trails. Its slickrock is the top of the Entrada Formation, and its views are often of erosions into that formation. Prominent scenic exposures are in an area called Klondike Bluffs; you may have seen a preview on your way here from Highway 191. Some of the roads are on the softer Morrison Formation, which can be impassably slippery when wet. There are eroded trail portions that can challenge nearly stock vehicles.

Scenery

The trail goes to an unexpected and beautiful pour off into lower Sevenmile Canyon. The Klondike Bluffs exposure of white-capped red rock towers and canyon walls are at a moderate distance. There is a good view of Tower Arch, and some other arches are seen at a distance.

Surface

Most of the trail is dirt and rocky dirt, but there are a couple of long stretches of slickrock, and some broad, sandy washbottom.

Trail Details

The trail goes near colorful hills that have yielded dinosaur bones. Following the main section of slickrock are two steep climbs on eroded dirt and rock. Depending upon the time, toward the end of the trip some nicely exposed dinosaur tracks may be visited on foot.

Tuesday April 3: Leader: Mike and Rick

Group A

Metal Masher w/Widowmaker Bypass

This Trail is Rated 7

Minimum Requirements are: 4WD in Sound Condition, 35" tires, enhanced off road equipment including front & rear lockers, increased ground clearance, and tow hooks are required. A winch is highly desirable. Excellent driving skills are required. Vehicle mechanical or body damage is likely. Roll over possibilities exist.

Trail consists of rock, sand and considerable slickrock with many steps exceeding 48". Steep inclines and declines are prevalent.

A major trail goal is Arth's Rim, which overlooks Highway 191 about 1300 feet below. The route first angles up the sloping part of the cliff to a gap in the rim rock. It follows Little Canyon partway into the mesa to resume the climb along the more gentle slope of the tilting rock strata. Much of the trail is routine four-wheeling, but the approach to the rim through Mirror Gulch is difficult and threatens sheet metal. Later in the trip Widowmaker Hill has become so extreme your leader will take a roundabout bypass to the top. Approximate mileages: 66 total, 46 off pavement.

Scenery

The road portion on the slope beneath Arth's Rim climbs to increasingly fine views of Arches National Park, Moab Valley, and the La Sal Mountains. That is just a warm-up for the view from the perch at the top. Little Canyon has beautiful vertical walls, and a few arches may be spotted by alert riders. The Gooney Bird Rock is interesting to see; the route goes right under it.

Surface

This trail varies from easy dirt to some tall sandstone ledges, with some relatively level slickrock and sand mixed in.

Trail Details

The slickrock slopes leading the way to Arth's Rim have one step that may warm up some tires. Near the rim the trail passes "Rock Chucker", once the way to go but now used as a playground. "Mirror Gulch" signals the start of the final .3 mile to the rim. There are a series of ledges, shelves, and a switchback in this short distance to challenge both driver and vehicle. The view from the rim is a highlight all by itself.

Need a group B Trail Leader and a Trail that is Rated a >5 for vehicles that do not meet the Minimum Equipment Requirements for a 7 Rated Trail.

Wednesday April 4: Leader Brandon and group A

Top of the World

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highly desirable. Excellent driving skills are required. Vehicle mechanical or body damage is likely. Roll over possibilities exist.

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"Top of the World" is a viewpoint on Waring Mesa. It has a spectacular view of Fisher Valley, Onion Creek, and the La Sal Mountains, but this view is only part of a variety of landscapes seen from this trail. Waring Mesa is east of Moab and south of the Dewey Bridge crossing of the Colorado River. Approximate mileages: 74 miles total, 10 miles off highway.

Scenery

The Entrada Sandstone is beautiful wherever it is exposed, and we travel the base of a long stretch of its cliffs near the Colorado and Dolores rivers. The Top of the World viewpoint is a cliff edge above Fisher Valley and Onion Creek with the La Sal Mountains in the southern background, and there are vistas of distant plains and the Book Cliffs to the north. Narrow Onion Creek canyon is different from anything else in the area.

Surface

There is some graded road, but most is broken layered rock. Shelves of varying sizes are encountered along the 4X4 section of the trip, both ascending to the overlook and then descending from it.

Trail Details

The Top of the World viewpoint is worth the trip even without the other good scenery. The trail turns off Utah 128 at the site of the old Dewey Bridge (unfortunately burned up a few years ago). It uses a graded county road to climb a fair portion of the altitude gain necessary to get to the viewpoint, but when it finally departs from this road, the four wheeling fun begins in earnest. But this is not meant to discount the part of the trail that is on the county road, as the colors in the sandstone rocks are spectacular.

The four wheeling section features many sections of loose rock interspersed with several mean shelf type climbs that will test both vehicles and the driver's resolve to reach the viewpoint overlooking Onion Creek. Once there the view is 360 degrees. Often times the winds here can be impressive as well with a flood of air rising up from the valley below.

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Thursday April 5:

Leader Rick and Mike

Kane Creek Canyon

This Trail is Rated 6

Minimum Requirements are: 4WD in Sound Condition, Tires 33", 2 traction devices (lockers, limited slips) are required. A winch would be a plus. Enhanced suspension travel and good ground clearance are a required. Excellent driving skills are recommended.

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The trail follows Kane Creek along the bottom of its canyon (officially named Kane Springs Canyon on the maps) between its mouth at the Colorado River and Highway 191, It runs in and out of the creek - more than 50 crossings - but in one area, climbs high on the canyon wall. When the creek is wet, as it

is likely to be in springtime, there is mud and quicksand. After a storm, the creek crossings may be impassable. Wet or dry, plenty of brush grows in from the sides of the road allowing for potential paint damage. Approximate mileages: 38 total, 20 off highway.

Scenery

The lower portion of the canyon is narrow, torturous, and one of our most beautiful. Farther upstream, it becomes wider, straighter, and deeper (1000 feet), but it changes character again above the junction with Hatch Wash. There, the water is clear, the bottom is gravelly rather than sandy, and the canyon is more intimate.

Surface

The lower canyon road has a 2WD gravel surface as far as the first creek ford. The next few miles upstream are on a silt bench with many "gotcha" gullies with several narrow spots requiring proper wheel placement. When it reaches the section that crisscrosses the creek, the bottom is sandy - sometimes with quicksand - and brush is thick, growing into the trail. The upper part of the trail has a rocky creek bottom and rocky steps on the narrow shelf road above the creek.

Trail Details

The scenery along the entire trip is spectacular. The major obstacle is the eroded, rocky portion along a narrow shelf section above the creek. Just past this a tough rock ledge at Muleshoe Canyon is a difficult climb on wet tires. Annual erosion has us constantly reevaluating the trail rating prior to each event.

Friday April 6: Heading Home

Lodging: On you Own

- **Condos/Townhomes** are available thru VRBO or Flip Key
 - The "Dirt Devils Embassy" has been reserved it is Located at **3450 Tierra Del Sol, Moab.**
- **Hotels:** Hotels are Available
- **Camping:** Camping is available .

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