

The Squeeze and Heart Attack Hill in Anza Borrego Desert Feb. 23rd–25th

This run is and always will be contingent on the weather. This is an overnight run.

Run Leaders: Rob & Karen Rien (949) 351-9309 KM6GOT & KM6GOS

We will be heading down Friday Night. Please RSVP to Rob by email: rrien07@gmail.com. Drivers meeting at the trailhead to Pinyon Mountain at 0800 Saturday morning January 24. **Coordinates:** Latitude: 33° 3'25.10"N, Longitude: 116°25'13.10"W

There is an RV park about 100 yards west of the trailhead and folks can make a reservation to stay the night there, Karen and I will be heading out Friday and staying the night both Friday and Saturday. They have RV and Tent sites available as well as Cabins, but call ahead to reserve a cabin. Rates are very reasonable and can be found on the attached Stagecoach Price List. Cabins are sold quickly, so plan ahead. We will have reserved some camp sites for our group, see the attached map, just mention the Dirt Devils, they will put you with our group, time permitting we could also do a Night run, but most likely that will not happen. **Bring Firewood if your spending the night.**

There is a parking lot where we will meet up, air down and disconnect your front sway bar if needed. You will need to disconnect your sway bar for this run.

Tire size: 32" at Minimum, however 33" or larger is easier, tires need to be aired down to max of 18 PSI.

Lift: Nice if you have it but not necessary for this run.

Body Damage: Possible as in all runs, but more so on the Squeeze and Heart-Attack Hill. (Bring a fresh pair of Panties or Shorts if you have never run this trail before).

Trail Type: Medium to extreme, driver's choice, no locker needed. There are 8 or more tough spots that a stock Jeep will have a tougher time getting through but with a skilled driver and 4 wheel drive, it is passable.

Communication: Ham Radio 146.580 MHz (DD1)/CB Channel 4/Cell: (949) 351-9301 Rob's Cell, not much cell coverage out there so HAM is best.

Required Equipment:

- 1st Aid Kit.
- Fire Extinguisher.
- Food/snacks and Water, (if you bring your Dog(s) be sure to bring extra water for them).
- Jackets and warm clothing.

Fill up at Last Gas is off of Hwy. 79 in Warner Springs, Sunshine Summit Gas - 35230 CA-79, Warner Springs, CA 92086, fill up there (bring cash, they loose their atm access a lot, its on the reservation.

So here are the facts of the trail: Departure angles are tight (no Full Sized Trucks will fit), small Toy trucks might have a bit more rubbing than a Jeep but will fit, so if you can fit through the squeeze gate keeper, your gold to make it the rest of the way down into the wash. Otherwise they can go

around and meet up at the bottom of Heart-Attack Hill. Plan on most of the day to get through this run, with just two rigs and one winching, it took me 4.5 hours to run this trail. This is a very challenging run, but it is not limited to just the Built up Jeeps, our son's 08 JK Sport was able to make the run with proper stacking and spotting. I am sure that he could have made it up the waterfall if we had the time to try. This is a great trail to test your skills as a driver, so do not let the extremity of the trail keep you from coming along. We will discuss proper descent of the extremely steep hill, review the two lines to take before you head down the trail. This is a **Jeep Badge of Honor run** and is considered one of the toughest runs in the So Cal area, but the cool part is that it can be run in a stock Jeep without any lift. This is a beautiful desert run with amazing vistas and sandstone canyons, so if you have never been, or have not been south of Ocotillo Wells, come see the untouched part of that desert.

Run Overview: The Squeeze is the first obstacle we will go through, one of the nice things about this trail is that it is a one way trail, so if it is backed up we will not be waiting on someone coming the wrong way, just the rigs trying to get through the trail. Once through The Squeeze, we will travel down to an amazing vista and waterfall that we will NOT be going down, but it is great photo op. Then we will turn around and head up the hill to "Heart-Attack" Hill. There are a few more gatekeepers to go through but once you get through these tight spots; one waterfall and a nasty looking boulder, you will just drive on up to a staging point on top of the hill. We will review the safety procedures for descending this hill so that all rigs make it down safely. On every video that I have seen of rollovers from this hill, each one has been Spotter and Driver error. I have run this hill several times and no one in our groups has ever rolled or damaged their rigs other than a few scrapes. Once down the hill we will head out to Sandy Canyon. We were not able to pre-run the canyon due to the recent rains but it is an amazing canyon. From there we will head back out to Fish Creek Wash and time permitting hit El Diablo Drop off and then head back to Camp.

Directions: Travel to Stagecoach RV Resort (Trailhead 300 yards or so on left side of road past Resort Pinyon Mtn. Trailhead). From Orange: 5 south to 79, 79 to 78, left to Borrego Springs, Ocotillo Wells, Right on San Felipe Road (S2), Right on 78, Left on S2. StageCoach RV Resort is on the Right side of the Road, Trailhead is just past on the left side of the road.

The RV Resort does offer group rates as long as only one person pays and we put down 20% deposit,. I think that their rates are low enough, but said I would put it out there for anyone. Group Rates require 10 or more staying on the resort.