

# Dirt Devils – Barstow to Death Valley to Barstow Express Loop March 1-3/2019

**Date:** March 1-3, 2019      **Trail Leader:** Dave & Trish Behlings

**RSVP:** MANDATORY [mc4fun@yahoo.com](mailto:mc4fun@yahoo.com) 10 Jeeps Max, Dirt Devil members have priority until 7 days before event.

**Meeting Time:** 08:00AM – departing 08:30AM Friday.

**Meeting Location:** Barstow, CA. Make sure to show up ready to go. We have 6 to 8 hours of driving (Day 1 is the short day).

**Meeting Directions:** TBA

**Run type:** Fast paced moving camp tour.

**Difficulty Rating:** Rated 2-3 Most all will be on un-maintained dirt roads, two short climbs in Goler Canyon and Mengel Pass. Deep water crossing in Afton Canyon, 2 to 3.5 feet. Sand also. Vehicle needs to be setup for desert overland travel around 100 dirt miles each day. Short vehicles and or vehicles with poor overland suspension will most likely not have fun as this is a fast paced run with 6-10 hours of drive per day.

**Temperatures:** high 60s during the day, 40's at night.

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**Equipment Required:** Stock vehicles with minimum of 31-inch tires and an air system capable of inflating tires. At least one locker for sand and climbing. Capable fuel range of 150 miles.

**Permits Required:** N/A

**Communications:** HAM DD-Prime (frequency 145.585 MHz) or CB Channel 4.

**Reminder to Bring:** Camping gear, food, extra water, chairs, basic tools, shovel, camera, extra weather appropriate clothing, etc. It's the high desert temperatures can vary dramatically.

**Campground information:** First night Wagon Wheel possible bathrooms, no water. Second night open desert dry camp between DV and Baker. No bathrooms, no water.

**Day One-Friday:** Barstow north to the fish pond, over to the Husky Memorial, north to Spangler Hills and Wagon Wheel. 75 miles dirt, 15 miles paved, 90 miles total.

**Day Two-Saturday:** Spangler Hills east to the Pinnacles, then stop at Trona for gas and water. East through Goler Canyon, quick visit to Baker Ranch (Charles Manson hideout), over Mengel Pass. Lunch at Geologist Cabin. Continue north east past Striped Butte and then east to Warm Spring and on to Badwater road. South 20 miles towards Hwy 127 and Camp 2 (open desert). 89 miles dirt, 17 miles paved, 106 miles total.

**Day Three-Sunday:** Camp 2 to Hwy 127, Hwy 127 south to Baker for gas and water, Baker to Mojave Road, south on Mojave Road down to Afton Canyon, continue south about 15 more miles to 20 miles from Barstow. 90 miles dirt, 28 miles paved, 118 mile total.