

Dirt Devils – Barstow to Death Valley to Barstow, Express Loop March 2020

Date: March 20-22, 2019 **Trail Leader:** Dave & Trish Behlings

RSVP: MANDATORY 714-273-7464 mc4fun@yahoo.com 10 Jeeps Max

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.

Meeting Directions: TBA

Run type: Moving camp tour.

Difficulty Rating: Rated 2-3 Almost all will be on un-maintained dirt roads, Rated 2-3, 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.

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

Trail Description: Vehicle needs to be setup for desert overland travel around 100 miles each day. 6-10 hours of driving each day.

Most all will be on un-maintained dirt roads, with two short climbs in Goler Canyon and Mengel Pass. Deep water crossing in Afton Canyon, 2 to 3.5 feet. Deep to medium sand after Afton Canyon.

Equipment Required: Overland suspension with minimum of 33-inch tires and an air system capable of inflating tires. At least one locker for sand and climbing. Capable fuel range of 150 miles.

Trailers: Welcome, off- road with minimum of 33-inch tires. You'll need to air them down also.

Permits Required: N/A

Communications: HAM DD-1 (frequency 146.580 MHz).

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

Campground information: Plan A: First night on the edge of Paniment Dry Lake, no bathrooms, no water. Second night Afton Canyon (no bathrooms, no water). Plan B: First night Wagon Wheel possible bathrooms, no water. Second night open desert dry camp Little Dumont Dunes, between DV and Baker. No bathrooms, no water.

Day One-Friday: Plan A: Barstow north to Spangler Hills, then north east through the Pinnacles and on to Trona for gas and water. Over the Slate Range and down to Paniment Dry Lake to camp one. Dirt 111 miles, Paved 10 miles. 121 Total. Plan B 100 miles.

Plan: B Barstow north to fish pond, through Black Canyon north to Spangler Hills. All dirt

Day Two-Saturday: East through Goler Caynon, quick visit to Baker Ranch (Charles Manson hideout) over Mengel Pass. Quick stop at Geologist Cabin. Then East past Striped Buet on to Warm Spring. East to Badwater Paved road. South 4 miles then back to dirt to loop east to Hwy 127 and Little Dumont Dunes for the night.

Day Three-Sunday: South 28 paved miles to Baker for gas and supplies. Cross Soda Dry Lake down to Afton Canyon then to Newman Springs and the Interstate 40.