

Black Canyon (E)

Saturday, March 16, 2024

This is the first run of the weekend, see the Stoddard Valley run announcement for details on the Sunday run.

Run Date: Saturday – March 16, 2024

Trail Leader: Ray & Karen Kleinhuizen (Cell 714-300-9656)

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Trail leader is staying at a hotel in Lenwood. Dry camping is allowed anywhere in the Stoddard Valley OHV area.

Meeting Location: T/A Travel Center at the Lenwood exit off the 15 Fwy.

From LA/OC, take the 15 Fwy North to Barstow. Take the Lenwood exit and turn left over the freeway. Make a left turn into the T/A Travel Center.

Meeting Time: 8:30 am, plan is to leave for the trail at 9:00 am

Black Canyon is a sandy wash that skirts the edge of the Black Canyon Wilderness area northwest of Barstow, home to desert sheep. The trail types in the Black Canyon area include sandy washes, some moderate rocky sections and steep hill climbs.

This is an easy trail with some mildly moderate sections. There are several points of interest in this area. This area has many Indian petroglyphs with the most at one of our stops at Inscription Canyon. Another stop will be Murphy's well, an impressive display of Indian Petroglyphs. We will also stop at Scouts Cove, a small shelter cut into the side of a hill by miners in the Fire Opal Mining Camp. We will stop at a new point of interest: the Indian caves.

Special Equipment Required: None. Any stock 4 wheel drive vehicle with good low range gears can run this trail.

Reminder to Bring: Warm clothing (check weather forecast for Barstow), Chair, Lunch, Water, etc.

Lunch: We will stop for lunch along the trail