

Run Announcement:

Mazourka Canyon, Reward Mine, Alabama Hills

Run Date: November 14th and 15th

Trail Leader: Gerhard Liebel, Erick Paule, Kevin Williams

RSVP: Yes, BGWOffRoad@Proton.Me

If you only want to attend one day and not both, that is fine with us. Just let us know which day you will be there.

The run is limited to 10 vehicles.

Meet Time: Saturday and Sunday at 8:30 am

Meet Place:

- **Saturday**, meet at the Shell Station in Independence
350 S Edwards St, Independence, CA 93526
- **Sunday**, meet at Spainhower Park in Lone Pine
430 N Main St, Lone Pine, CA 93545

Ham Radio Channel: Dirt Devil's Prime 145.585.

If we have trouble with the Dirt Devil's Prime channel, we may switch to DD1 146.580 or DD2 147.565.

If you do not have access to a Ham Radio, please let us know when you sign up so we can try and get one for you.

Permits Required: No

Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Description:

- **Mazourka Canyon (M) Saturday:** Mazourka Canyon is a scenic yet challenging climb from the Owens Valley floor up into the Inyo Mountains. Starting near Independence the 35 mile route begins as an easy, graded road as it winds up toward Badger Flat. Along the way we will have views across the valley toward the Eastern Sierra, including vistas of Mount Whitney. Beyond Badger Flat, the trail's difficulty increases, requiring high-clearance 4WD vehicles to navigate the

extremely rocky terrain, angled ledges, and narrow passages. This section includes a challenging three-foot rock ledge and a high risk of tire punctures from sharp stones. This demanding stretch leads over the mountain crest toward Papoose Flat, which has incredible high-altitude scenery and unique geological formations.

- **Reward Mine (M) Sunday Morning:** This is a short, moderate trail that starts on a dirt road just off of 395 between Lone Pine and Independence. The trail starts out flat, then climbs up a hillside to the mine. Once we reach the mine, we can hike in (bring a flashlight). After we hike out, those who wish to, can drive in. The mine is plenty wide enough for vehicles but your rig must be shorter than 78 inches (6 feet, 6 inches / 198.1 cm) tall. The trail up the hillside to Reward Mine is very rocky, with large rocks up to 12 inches, therefore 4WD and high clearance will be required to get to the entrance. Once inside the mine, the trail is easy soft dirt.
- **Alabama Hills (E), Sunday Afternoon:** The Alabama Hills are a formation of rounded rocks and eroded hills set between the Sierra Nevada and Inyo Mountains. The hills are located west of Lone Pine off of the 395. We will explore the hills, drive movie road, tour film sites and explore natural arches.

Special Equipment Required: High ground clearance with 33 inch tires recommended. Trail damage is always possible. Dirt Devil runs require 4WD with 4LO. Dress warm, bring lunch both days, extra water and a flashlight if you are going to hike into the mine.

Weather: Typical November temperatures in Lone Pine range from an afternoon high in the low 60s °F down to an overnight low in the low/mid 30s °F. Wear/Bring warm clothes. If it is raining/snowing the trip may be canceled.

Lodging: If you are staying the night, we would suggest staying in one of the hotels in Lone Pine/Independence (that's what we will be doing). There are campgrounds if you want to go that route, but they typically turn off the water to the camp grounds around November 1st and it will be cold (see weather above).