

# **Run Report**

## **Holcolm Creek**

### **4/25/2021**

The group met at 9:00am at the Fawnskin fire station and had a total of 16 jeeps, 2 of which were Gladiators and 2 LJs. Rest a mix of JK and JLs, both in 2 and 4 door variety. 6 members, 10 guests rigs.

Rob Gabrielson led the run, Dave B was mid gunner and Mike W ran tail.

Driver meeting held at 9:30am and departed at 9:45. We ran the trail East to West, and we left with clear skies and about 45 degrees. The weather warmed up to about 58 degrees as the day went on.

The group left straight for the trailhead, and worked on the first obstacle. Everyone made it through without too much issue, and we were quickly on to the rest of the trail. A small amount of water made the rocks somewhat slippery.

We continued through the rest of the trail, stopping to just spot some people through the various obstacles, and hit the center rock garden about 11:00. This is the toughest section of the trail, and it held true to form. With lots of water and mud, the rocks were slippery, but a good clean route was discovered and most, with the exception of the Gladiators, made it through without concern. The Gladiators, due to their extra wheelbase, had to take a slightly different line to work through the obstacle since the rear tires were slipping off the critical rock, but this too was resolved with careful spotting.

A couple rigs attempted the 'extra credit' line on the center rock garden, and the combination of both large rocks and mud/water proved too difficult. One rig was able to back out, but the other, Dave B, was hopelessly stuck and had to use his winch to extricate himself, earning him a COWBELL.

Everyone else made it through the section without much difficulty, and the group moved on to our selected lunch spot.

We sat for a restful lunch about 12:30. Shared stories and experiences, and discussed rig modifications. A couple guests discovered a group of rattlesnakes hiding under an adjacent set of rocks, which we took a few minutes to carefully observe.

The group wrapped up lunch and proceeded to the last obstacle, the West gatekeeper rock garden. Here, the entire group carefully selected a route through the long rock garden, while a growing group of spectators observed. Everyone made it through cleanly, and the group exited the trail about 2:30pm.

Everyone departed the trail for the selected air up spot, completed this task, said our goodbyes, and departed down the mountain about 3:30pm.

No mechanical issues, 1 COWBELL (Dave B). Thanks again to everyone who helped spot this large group and helped us all get off the trail quickly and without incident.

Robert Gabrielson