



The Dirt Devils Digest

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<http://www.dirtdevils.org/>



Editors Message:

The Dirt Devils holiday party was a success, Chris and Allison deserve a big thank you. Josh won the Dirt Devils perennial Dick Cepek poster.

Wow, Cleghorn had 25 rigs show up. all made it through successfully with only a few close calls.

Our first adopta trail event (depending on weather) is coming up March.

If you are run leader, prepare your run announcement 2 months in advance. Send a copy to the newsletter editor and the webmaster. If a run is planned and no one knows about it will they come?

The Johnson Valley run in March are on the last page of this newsletter.

See you on the trail.

Ron Webber Editor

carnage. Thank you Brad Lark for providing a great camping spot.

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The King of the Hammers / Johnson Valley race. Plenty of

Trail politics

Cal4Wheel & CORVA

<http://cal4wheel.com/>

<http://www.corva.org/>

[SAC / sierra access coalition](#)



Win a new Jeep and keep trails open

<http://cal4wheel.com/win-a-jeep>

So Cal Access Issues

16th comment deadline for a proposal to add 22,462 acres to Joshua Tree National Park (Thank you Keith)

From the Federal Register

On behalf of the National Park Service (NPS) and subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary of the Interior proposes to withdraw approximately 22,462 acres of public lands for 20 years from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws; from location, entry, and patent under the United States mining laws; and from disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing, and mineral materials, and all amendments thereto and to transfer administrative jurisdiction over such lands from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to the NPS for administration as part of Joshua Tree National Park (JTNP). This notice temporarily segregates the lands for up to 2 years, gives the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed withdrawal application, and announces the date and time of a public meeting.

DATES:

Comments must be received by February 16, 2017. A public meeting on the proposed withdrawal was held on January 18, 2017 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at UC Riverside Palm Desert, 75080 Frank Sinatra Drive, Palm Desert, California 92211.

Addresses:

Comments should be sent to the Superintendent at Joshua Tree National Park, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, California 92277.

For Further Information Contact: David Smith, Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Park, 760-367-5502 or Doug Herrema, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs South Coast Field Office, 760-833-7100.

Federal Register

[https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-11-18/html/2016-](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-11-18/html/2016-27869.htm?utm_source=CA4WDA+Updates&utm_campaign=04a7c2e742-joshua-tree-expansion-011617&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d30f6c948f-04a7c2e742-85599558&mc_cid=04a7c2e742&mc_eid=c2b8e64593)



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[85599558&mc_cid=04a7c2e742&mc_eid=c2b8e64593](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-11-18/html/2016-27869.htm?utm_source=CA4WDA+Updates&utm_campaign=04a7c2e742-joshua-tree-expansion-011617&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d30f6c948f-04a7c2e742-85599558&mc_cid=04a7c2e742&mc_eid=c2b8e64593) **Adopta Trail**

Adopta trail run leaders: Josh & Roy

I will assume our trail is covered in snow and once the snow melts will be full of very large ruts.

When you volunteer begin logging your hours when you leave your home and stop the clock when you return home, count hours for each vehicle and each person. We anticipate increasing our hours by doing a better job of calculating time.

The forest service would like at least one person in each adopta trail club to take a first aid class.

Run Calendar

Adopt a Trail meeting place

8:30am at Rocky's Roadhouse
32150 Hilltop Blvd Running Springs, CA 92382
next to the 76 gas station

February 2017

25th Devils Loop night run



Trail Leader: Ray Kleinhuizen (Cell 714-300-9656)
raykaavy@gmail.com (RSVP: yes to trail leader)

Trail leader is staying (Fri.&Sat.) at the Hampton Inn,
2710 Lenwood Rd, Barstow CA., (760) 253-2600

Dry camping is allowed anywhere in the Stoddard Valley OHV area. This can be done as a day trip but please understand we won't be off the trail until at least 10pm

Meeting Location: From LA/OC take the 15 Fwy North to Lenwood Rd. exit. Turn right on Lenwood rd. then left on Mercantile Way by the 76 gas station pull into the dirt area on the right and look for the Jeeps.

GPW coordinates: N 34° 50.898", W 117° 04.866"

Meeting Time: 5:30 pm, There are several restaurants and gas stations in the area arrive early if you plan to eat before the run.

Trail description: We will take a sandy wash from the meet spot to the start of the Devils Loop trail. The devils loop is a moderate trail located in the Stoddard Valley OHV area. This is the trail that the club leads at HDR. The trail has lots of rocks of all sizes and shapes. We start the trail at the gate keeper. The largest obstacle on this trail. Next is a rocky hill climb then back down through a rocky canyon. A few more rocky obstacles takes us to another rocky hill climb. At this point we will loop back through the same rocky canyons and obstacles. Before getting back to the gate keeper we will head east through a narrow wash with a few rocks along the way. We finish the rocky sections of the run with a long rocky canyon with a few drop offs and several big rocks. The return

trip to the Lenwood rd. meet spot is via the sandy wash. There are bypasses for all but one of the rocky obstacles.

Trail Rating: Moderate (see Dirt Devils Trail Ratings on our web site.) On a scale from 1 to 10 were 1 is a graded dirt road and 10 is the most difficult hammer trail. Devils Loop is a 6.

Special Equipment Required: 33 inch tires with at least one locker is recommended, body/wheel damage is possible. Off road lighting and/or rock lights are recommended.

March 2017

3rd- 5th Tierra Del Sol, Desert Safari

headquartered out of Johnson Landing RV Park Salton City. www.tds4x4.com

7th DD meeting 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza, 2036 Tustin Street, Orange

11th – 12th Johnson Valley (VD) run leader Josh



For details, go to the last page of this newsletter, page 9.

18th Adopta trail Rick

April 2017

4th DD meeting 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza, 2036 Tustin Street, Orange

7th – 9th El Mirage run (M) Leader Jim & Karen

8 – 16th Easter Jeep Safari Moab

22nd – 23rd Corral Canyon (D) run leader Danny W

29th Heartbreak Ridge (M) Jack & Zoe

May 2017

2nd DD meeting 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza, 2036 Tustin Street, Orange

4th – 6th Jeep Jamboree Big Bear non club event

12th – 14th overland Expo Flagstaff, AZ non club event,

13th adopta trail Roy (may change because of Jeep Jamboree)

14th Mothers Day

20th HDR pre run run (M) leaders Ray & Danny

26th – 29th High Desert Round up many organized runs from E to D

Slash X Café Barstow CA

<http://cal4wheel.com/events/hi-desert-round-up>

June

3rd Adopta Trail run leader Rick W

6th DD meeting 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza, 2036 Tustin Street, Orange

10th John Bull (D) run leader Jack & Zoe

18th Father's Day

17th - 18th Forest Fest Big Bear, non club event

24th Gold Mtn (D) run leader Mike

July

4th Holiday Run run leader Rob R

11th DD meeting 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza, 2036 Tustin Street, Orange

27th -30th Bishop (M) run Leader Ray K

15th adopta trail run Leader Josh

26th – 30th Jeeper Jamboree Rubicon Trail

<https://www.jeepersjamboree.com/index.html>

August

1st DD meeting 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza, 2036 Tustin Street, Orange

3rd - 6th Jeeper Jamboree Rubicon Trail

<https://www.jeepersjamboree.com/index.html>

10th – 13th Sierra Trek cal4wheel event

<http://cal4wheel.com/sierra-trek-run-descriptions>

10th – 13th Jeep Jamboree Rubicon sponsored by Chrysler

<https://jeepjamboreeusa.com/2017-event-schedule/>

12th Little John Bull night run (M), leader Jack & Zoe

18th Friday off road clinic run leader Mike

September

5th DD meeting 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza, 2036 Tustin Street, Orange

8th – 10th Sherman pass (M) run leader Danny W

23rd – 24th Anza Borrego mud caves (E) Rob R

October

3rd DD meeting 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza, 2036 Tustin Street, Orange

7th Miller Jeep Trail (M) run leader Rete

13th - 14th ODF, Operation Desert Fun

<http://cal4wheel.com/events/operation-desert-fun>

19th – 22nd Death Valley (M) run leader Rick

28th, 2018 run planning

November

3rd – 4th Colosseum (E) run leader Mike

7th DD meeting 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza, 2036 Tustin Street, Orange

10th – 13th Panamint Valley days near Trona & Ballarat a cal4wheel event, many organized runs from easy to difficult.

<http://cal4wheel.com/events/panamint-valley-days>

18th Motino Wash (D) & Rattlesnake Canyon (E) run leaders Josh & Roy

December

5th DD meeting 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza, 2036 Tustin Street, Orange

8th – 10th Calico run (D) Leader Ron

16th Christmas Light Run run leader Rod & Dave

Club info

January Guest

Chris Borza '02 Wrangler 2nd visit

Baruch Smith '17 JK Unlimited

Dan Nunley '95 YJ

Brian Hewitt '13 Jeep

Scott & Linda Tokar

New Members

Justin Frew '14 Willys JP

Mark and Vanessa Medina '17 JK Unlimited

Van and Sherry Richardson 2014 JKUR

Meeting Place

First Tuesday each month, 7:00 p.m.

Zito's Pizza,
2036 Tustin Street, Orange, CA 92865
[\(714\) 974-6191](tel:(714)974-6191)

Corner of Tustin Street and Meats Streets (drive west on Meats and find plenty of parking in the rear of the restaurant with DIRECT ACCESS to the Meeting Room)
www.zitospizza.com

Club officers

President: Mike Wallace prez@dirthevils.org

Immediate past president:

Ray Kleinhuizen kkfusedglass@roadrunner.com

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webmaster@dirthevils.org

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Josh Bleijenberg jbleijenberg@gmail.com

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Hospitality: Emi Webber: emiwebber@hotmail.com

Safety Committee: Bill Smith:

Run Coordinator: Rick Walter rundude@dirthevils.org

Emergency response team coordinator:

Rick Walter rundude@dirthevils.org
the emergency response team makes themselves available to help with our adopt a trail, Dish Pan.

CAL4 wheel reps: Jesse May and Keith Graham

Emails:

If it is necessary to make a general announcement to fellow dirt devils send an email to members@dirthevils.org and the web master will forward.

Post office box:

Dirt Devils of So Cal
960 N Tustin #120
Orange, CA 92867

Club membership

Membership dues:

Dirt Devil annual club dues\$36.00
Spouse.....\$12.00
CORVA\$30.00
CAL4WD annual dues.....\$45.00

CAL4WD permanent member\$675.00

CAL4WD permanent member 12 installments of ...\$56.25

<http://cal4wheel.com/>

Web site news

Chris webmaster reporting
last month we had 2,410 unique visitors
Chris posted 256 kmz trail files on the web site

Adopt a Trail

The Dirt Devils Adopt A Trail is: Dishpan Springs Trail (3N34)

Dishpan Springs Trail can be found in the San Bernardino National Forest near Lake Arrowhead. The Dishpan Springs Trail is one of the toughest and most popular trails in the SBNF.

The West entrance:

2N26Y is N34° 16.198 W117° 08.258.

The T6 Bridge:

N34° 16.106 W117° 07.745.

The East entrance:

3N16 is N34° 15.663 W117° 05.116.

Meeting place

8:30am at Rock Road House
32150 Hilltop Blvd Running Springs, CA 92382 next to the 76 gas station

DD HAM's

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|---------------------|--------|
| 1. Scott Beggins | KJ6KBG |
| 2. Paul Coursey | KJ6NNG |
| 3. Tim DeBolt | KK6TRM |
| 4. James Ettinger | KK6UYU |
| 5. Roy Flansburg | KJ6EVM |
| 6. Keith Graham | KF6LZA |
| 7. Sandy Graham | KF6SBF |
| 8. Steve Hendry | KK6UYW |
| 9. Chris Johnson | KK6SAJ |
| 10. Pete Johnson | KM6ARI |
| 11. Dave Jones | KK6SAH |
| 12. Linda Jones | KK6SAI |
| 13. Cheryl May | KF6WNG |
| 14. Al Ramsden | KF6BCJ |
| 15. Chris Slaughter | KK6TMR |
| 16. Mike Wallace | KK6SBC |
| 17. Rob Wallace | KK6UZA |
| 18. Rick Walter | KJ6NME |
| 19. Ron Webber | KM6ANT |
| 20. Mel Nix | KK6SMI |
| 21. Rob Rien | KM6GOT |
| 22. Karen Rien | KM6GOS |

First aid kit tracking**FA #1 (red, blue backpack)**

Ray Kleinhuizen devils loop
 Mike Wallace Calico
 Josh Bleijenberg
 Ray Kleinhuizen
 Josh B
 Danny Ward

FA #2 (Orange canvas bag)

Rob R Anza, Holcomb
 Mike
 Rick Walter
 Jack & Zoe
 Roger
 Danny Ward

FA #3 (Orange canvas bag)

Josh B Johnson Valley
 Chris Johnson cleghorn
 Dave Jones
 Chris Johnson
 Mike Wallace clinic
 Ray Kleinhuizen
 Mike
 Rick Walter

Cowbells



The cow bell rules are: Cow bells are awarded from air down to air up. If you get stuck and are unable to move under your own power and need the help of a winch or you get strapped from one of your fellow jeeps then you have earned the privilege of hanging the cow bell from your front bumper. You must leave the cow bell on the front of your rig until another Dirt Devil gets stuck. Then you proudly hand it over. While on the trail, not on the highway to the trail.



Old logo green bell

Pete Johnson HDR 5/ 2016
Roy Flansburg adopta trail
Mike Zeller Holcomb Creek Feb 2016
Frank Gilliland Claw Hammer
Frank Gilliland Holcomb Creek 9/26/15
Josh Bleijenberg Corral Canyon 4/10/15



Brown bell

Terry Gold Mtn Aug 2016
Ray Kleinhuisen El Mirage
Terry, Off Road Clinic
Jack Sobelman rolled Moab Mar 2016
Rob Holcomb Valley / Gold Fever
Suhag Claw Hammer

Frank Gilliland Claw Hammer
Bill Smith HDR May25 2015
Tim Debolt Rattlesnake Feb 2015



Little Blue bell

Suhag Matina Wash 11/2016
Frank Gilliland 7/16/16
Rick Walter Moab March 2016
Dave
Kurt Claw hammer
Frank Gilliland Holcomb Creek 9/26/15
Bill Smith HDR May25 2015 winched Bronco on to trailer
Gilbert at Corral Canyon 4/10/15



Mike Maneth memorial bell

Mark Cleghorn 1/7/2016
Kevin Davidson 4/2016
Danny W El Mirage
Frank
Joe at John Bull
Danny Ward at El Mirage apr 2016
Ray Kleinhuisen rolled, Motino Wash Mar 2016
James Ettinger Holcomb Creek
Frank Gilliland John Bull 6/27/2015
Mike Wallace Corral Canyon 4/10/15
James Ettinger Claw Hammer 1/10/15.

Dirt Devil Accessories

Dirt Devils accessories

<http://www.dirtdevils.org/>

Item	Price	Qty order	Extended price
Round Stickers	15.00		
Whip flags 8" x 12"	25.00		
Large flags 3' x 5'	70.00		
Caps	20.00		
Caps camo	22.00		
T shirt short sleeve	20.00		
T shirt short sleeve camo	28.00		
*Sweatshirt	35.00		
**T shirt long sleeve	24.00		
Total			

Limited edition embroidered patches \$3. and \$4. See Emi at meeting.

emiwebber@hotmail.com / checks payable to Dirt Devils

* Out of stock / ** Limited inventory

File: DD accessories order form.docx

Johnson Valley Hammer Trails and camping trip



When: March 11,12 2017- Camping Friday & Saturday night with scheduled runs Saturday and Sunday

Where: Johnson Valley OHV (THE HAMMERS)

Campsite/ Run meeting location: Campsite @ Valley Vista Airport (Landers). Daily runs will stage here at 9AM and depart @ 9:30 AM. **(DO NOT DRIVE ON ANY AIRPORT PROPERTY AT ANY TIME)** more info below.

Coordinates: 34.337231, -116.579934



Trip description: There are a couple of options if you choose to join us for this trip. I will be leading two trails in hammer town. Claw hammer trail on Saturday, and Sledge hammer on Sunday. More on both of these below. There are some easier trail options in the area if you would like to go out and explore. The area has a lot to offer if you just want to come out and camp with some good people and check it out. I have included details about the camp site and lodging options below.

Area and trail descriptions: Hammer town and the trails in this area are HARD! Very HARD! These trails I have chosen are both short and considered to be some of the easier trails for this area, but make no mistake, this is a whole different level. Body damage and breakage is very possible even probable. We had 3 of 5 vehicles use their winches last time we ran Claw hammer but nobody got any damage. The time before some of our larger vehicles did take some dings but no breakage. As a result, I am going to limit the number of vehicles on these trails to 12 and ask that you RSVP directly to me. I will probably ask you questions about experience and vehicle build as I want to be sure you are prepared for the level of trail we are going to run. Please don't take it personal, I just want to get to know who I'm guiding through. There are a ton of videos on youtube for both of these trails and I would encourage you to watch some to acclimate yourself. I have attached a couple of links below that

include a detailed write up on the area as well as some videos that seemed fairly accurate in their representation. Try to picture yourself on those obstacles in your Jeep and ask yourself if this is something that you want to try. That being said, I don't want to scare you, they are REALLY Fun! We have done Claw Hammer as a club run with about 12 vehicles and it went very well. A couple of people turned back but most made it thru unscathed and we finished before dark. This area is like an off-road playground and if you have never been there. You should really check it out. There are continuous talks about closures and limited use of this area and who knows how long it will be open. It is an amazing resource. Rattlesnake canyon and Mattina wash trails are also close by and would be a good alternative if you are into the camping weekend. I can help you find your way, but I will not be running those trails on this trip.

Hammers trail map (Dirtopia): http://www.dirtopia.com/wiki/File:Johnson_Valley_Trails.JPG

Four wheeler mag guide to the hammer trails: <http://www.fourwheeler.com/events/131-9903-guide-to-the-hammers/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vMFHt3VpXk> (sorry for the music)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8rvN11IyZZQ>

Saturday (3/11/17): Claw Hammer: Meeting @ 9, Departing @ 9:30 AM. This is the easier of the two trails.

Sunday (3/12/17): Sledge Hammer: Meeting @ 9, Departing @ 9:30 AM. One of the original trails in the area. It has trail signage and mail box to send for help if you get stuck. HAHA

Difficulty: D+

Minimal equipment: Short wheelbase 35's with front and rear lockers. Long wheel base 35's with both lockers. Full skid plates highly recommended. Expect me to ask you questions about this when you RSVP. Driving experience will be a huge factor here as well. Ultimately preservation of your beautiful Jeep is my goal :)

Camping details: This is a private campsite owned by one of our members who is gracious enough to let us use it. It is about an acre of graded, packed dirt with a couple of vehicles and a shipping container on it. It is located next to Valley Vista Airport. The access road to the camp is a little soft but still accessible trucks and trailers, and large RVs. You can put "Valley Vista Airport" into most GPS and it will either come up with a Yucca or Landers address. But it leads you to the right place. About 2 miles West of Boone Road off 247 is Valley Vista Road. Head south on Valley Vista for 2 miles until you T-bone Quailbush Road at the airport. I will be there and will help direct folks into camp. The camp has the red fire truck, white 5th wheel RV and red/ brown shipping container. It's a fun spot, and just a couple miles from the Boone Rd entrance to JV.

Again, I need to mention:

THIS IS AN ACTIVE AIRPORT (dirt runway) and we are not allowed to drive on it!!!! if you are going to bringing a large and you have to drive across then arrange with Brad Lark (property owner) and or Josh we will spot, otherwise stay off the runway!!!! This is for your own safety and the pilots safety.

We are going to get a port-a potty rental for the weekend and there are no service hook ups or showers here. We will have plenty of space to spread out and will be very close to the trails though. I could also use some help with firewood if anyone has a resource here. It would be greatly appreciated!

I'd like to get an idea of who will be able to make it and we can talk about food for the weekend. Maybe we can do a pot luck? If you are going to join us for day use please be sure to bring your lunch and plan to eat out on the trail.

Hotels in the Area: Best western yucca valley (30 min from camp) [\(760\) 365-3555](tel:7603653555) There are also options closer but they were questionable so I did not include them in my write up.

Weather: TBD. I know if we have any moisture I do not want to run anything in Johnson Valley. They are hard enough when its dry.



View of camp from Brad Lark's airplane, runway is on the left or behind camp area. Yes, that is an airport hanger at the top right.

The dirt road at the bottom of the picture is the entrance to Lark Ranch.

