

Run Report Bishop July 17&18, 2021

Club members in attendance:

Ray and Karen Kleinhuizen
Danny and Linda Ward.
Bill and Donna Schopper
Terry Pucket
Nicole Castellanos
Randy Smith
Rick Dorin

Guests:

Roger and Juanita Johnson
Mike and Judy Boyd
Terry Olsen
Wayne and Josh Imset
Samantha Spenny



We had 12 vehicles on Saturday and 11 Vehicles on Sunday

Saturday July 17: Truman Meadows

The run started with a moderate rocky climb for about 2 miles. There are two more difficult sections along the way that have by-passes. Everyone tried the more difficult sections without any problems. After the about 3 miles we stopped the group to get a closer look at the obsidian rocks. Another few miles ahead we dropped down into Truman Meadow. This is the first place where wild Mustang horses might be seen. There were none on this day.

We stopped for lunch in a nice shady area. After lunch we continued to Pizona springs and the old stage coach stop. This is the section of the trail where the sagebrush is very tall and thick.

We came to a place where the trail makes a sharp left then right curve in the thick brush. As we were coming out of the curve I spotted some wild horses up in the trees just above us. We all got out for a better look at the horses. The horses quickly knew we were there and started to move. I was surprised how large the herd of horses was as they moved higher into the trees and out of sight. It was great to spot the horses during the run!



After a quick stop at the old stage coach station. We headed to Red Rock Canyon in the Volcanic Tablelands. This is a narrow canyon with large unusual looking red rocks. On the prerun we spotted a small mine in the canyon. Right next to the mine was a life sized miner carved in the red rocks. We stopped for the group to take some pictures and explore the mine and canyon.



Saturday July 18: Silver Canyon/Wyman Canyon



The Silver Canyon trail is rated 'most difficult' by the forest service. The first five miles is mostly graded dirt road and two track. The fun part is all the water crossings along the way. Often the crossings at the higher altitudes are dry but not this year. The next section is a steep climb from 6600 ft altitude to over 10000 ft. This section has several steep switch backs and good view as you near the top. There is a panoramic view of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and Bishop down in the Owens Valley. On this day smoke from fires north of our location and made for a hazy view.

The next section is graded dirt road up to 11000 ft. plus altitude to the Patriarch Grove of Bristlecone Pines. The Bristlecone Pines are some of the oldest living things on earth. They are large beautiful trees to see in person.

After lunch we headed to Wyman Canyon. This trail heads east along Wyman Creek. It is not as steep as Silver Canyon. We stopped at a cabin and the line camp that the Deep Springs college students use when cattle are grazing in the canyon. We didn't see any cattle, only cow pies.



Wyman Creek can be small or full depending on the springs that feed it. This year Wyman Creek was overflowing. We had several sections where the trail was Wyman Creek. The bonus was a fast running water fall near the end.

