

Run Announcement

Black Canyon Run (E) and Stoddard Valley OHV Night Run (M)

Run Date: Saturday – November 17, 2018

Trail Leader: Ray & Karen Kleinhuizen (Cell 714-300-9656) raykaayy@gmail.com

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 Fwy. Make a left turn into the T/A Travel Center.

Meet Location for night run: 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.

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

Meeting Time: 6:30 pm, plan to leave for the trail at 7:00 pm

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.

The night run in the Stoddard Valley OHV area will take us through sandy washes, rocky canyons and steep hill climbs. The trail will have several rocky canyons with ledges that have steep drop-off and rocky hill climbs with small ledges.

Special Equipment Required: None. Any stock 4 wheel drive vehicle with good low range gears can run this trail. Night run: 33 inch tires and one locker are recommended. Off road lights are not required but are recommended

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

Lunch: We will stop for lunch along the trail.