

Stoddard Valley OHV Area run report

Run Date: March 17th, 2018

Trail Leader: Ray & Karen
Kleinhuizen

Members that attended:

Ray & Karen Kleinhuizen

Danny & Linda Ward

Scott Beggins

Terry Puckett

Randy & Donna Hurddleston

Joe Cowie

Guests:

Bruce McCleave

Darin Matus

Matthew, Hannah Petters

Richard Armagost

Bill & Donna Schopper

George (Sorry can't read last name on roster)

Weather:

Partly cloudy, Highs in the low 60's

This run really started on Friday March 16th. When Karen and I discovered Mohave Off Road Racing Enthusiasts (MORE) had a race scheduled for Saturday. We were able to get a course map from MORE. We had to reroute about 3 or 4 miles of the run that was right by the race. We also checked all our other crossings to find a safe approach.

Saturday March 17th happy St Patrick's day

We had 13 Jeeps TJs, LJs, JKs and Grand Cherokees at the meet spot. After a drivers meeting that included a heads up about the MORE race we hit the trail. The first section was the Lenwood wash

to the single power line road. We crossed the race course twice in the wash. We would not need to cross the race course again until our return to the meet spot.

After a short time on the power line rd. we took an easy trail on the south of Watkins Peak. This section is mostly 2 track trail with a few hill climbs. After crossing Stoddard Wells Rd, we headed to the Devils Loop gate keeper. All the drivers that tried the gate keeper made it through, though some took more than one try.



We then continued on part of the Devil's Loop trail. We climbed the hill behind the gate keeper, climbed a couple steep hills, then up a rocky hill with an off camber turn. After a few more steep hills and a section of wash, we were on the back side of the squeeze. Several of the thrill seekers that tried the gate keeper went right through the squeeze without any problems.



We proceeded to our lunch spot. We could hear and see the racers from our lunch spot but they were a long way from us. After lunch we headed south, west of the sidewinder hills. After crossing several washes we headed into the Santa Fe Hills. This section of trail took us to a short section with large woops some off camber. From the Santa Fe Hills we headed back to Stoddard Wells Rd and into a wash headed east.

Stoddard Wells Rd. We headed south to the back door of the Devils Loop trail. This section has a small waterfall to climb followed by a long rocky section. We looped around a few sections of the Devils Loop trail then up to Watkins Peak for a view of the Outlet Center. Joe Cowie got his rear pumpkin caught on a big rock. After a little back and forth, Joe was able to back off the rock.

There are two challenging spots along the wash. The first is a short rocky path between two large boulders on the left. The second is a longer hill climb with a 3 foot water fall to climb, followed by a V notch section, ending with a rocky off camber turn at the top. Again all that tried these two harder sections made it through.



We started back to the meet spot with a few more steep hills to climb. We had to cross the race course a few times before we arrived back at the meet spot.

Overall a great run with a good group of people.

Night Run:

Weather: Calm, with no Moon, temp. high 40's

We had 7 vehicles for the night run. We left the meet spot shortly after 7pm. The first part was the Lenwood wash to

