

LRCSD OFF-HIGHWAY EVENT

Anza Borrego Desert Flower Trip

Saturday-Sunday, March 15-16, 2008

Trip Description: Rating: Easy. The recent rains have caused an excellent flower bloom out in the desert that is lining up with our planned trip March 15-16. The ABDSP website lists the next 2 weeks as the peak bloom period, and we will be going toward the end of this period. The trip will be adjusted based on the current bloom information. Current bloom areas include Palm Canyon, Coyote Canyon, Henderson Canyon, Arroyo Salado, Carrizo Overlook, and Box Canyon. We will probably do the north part of the Park on Saturday, and the south part of the Park on Sunday. But again, the details of the trip may be modified based on the latest bloom information.

Time & Place to Meet: Saturday, March 15. We will meet at 8:30 AM at Christmas Circle in Borrego Springs, and leave at 9:00 AM. Christmas Circle is the intersection of Palm Canyon RD and Borrego Springs RD, and is about a two hour drive from Escondido. Please arrive fueled and ready to go. There are a couple of gas stations west of Christmas Circle and one just east.

What to bring: Lunch (for 2 days if camping)
Breakfast and dinner, if camping
Extra water and munchies (Gallon per day per person)
Sunscreen and hat
CB radio with external antenna (very highly recommended)
Any emergency & recovery gear you may have
Any necessary tire changing tools, including anti-theft lug nut keys
Camping gear appropriate for primitive camping
Vehicles with smaller gas tanks, additional gas recommended
Metal fire container and firewood
Telescope, if you're willing
GPS (recommended)

CB Channel: 31 primary, 35 alternate

RSVP: **Bob Palmer**, bobpalmer@mac.com, 619-857-3107. **Please leave a contact phone number in case of last minute changes.** Indicate name, number in party, kind of Land Rover and whether you intend to camp out, stay in motel or go straight home.

Notes: Weather is unpredictable so checking the weather reports is recommended. Visit ABDSP at http://parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=638

Hotel information: <http://www.borregosprings.org/accommodations.html>

Good maps/books:

“The Anza-Borrego Desert Region: A Guide to the State Park and Adjacent Areas of the Western Colorado Desert” by Lowell and Diana Lindsay, includes map. Map is also available separately.

Anza-Borrego Desert Region Recreation Map by Earthwalk Press