

Mojave Road Trip Guide

11-16-09

Leader: Neal Johns, Tail End: Don Buck

RT=Right Turn

LT=Left Turn

LF=Left Fork

XR=Cross Road

P=Pass by

S=Stop

CA=Camp

MR=Mojave Road

POI=Point of Interest

Mid November, Needles:

Sunrise: 6:15

Moon: New Moon

Sunset: 4:30

Temp: Mojave Desert Average High 70F, Average Low 40F

Twilight: 5:00 p.m. & 5:50 a.m.

Day 1, Monday 66 Miles

Mojave Road

Mile

Approximate Total Trip Miles: 0.0

- 0.0 **Start** Meet/Start at Avi Truck Parking Lot Opposite Gas Station at **8:00 a.m. Ready to Roll**, Pointed Northwest, Gassed, Recommend Tires be Aired Down to 25 lbs, Leader Vehicle is White 2003 Tacoma w/White Pop -Top Camper
- 0.2 RT Right on Ahi Macav Parkway
- 2.8 RT Right on Dirt to go to MR Mile 0.0 at Colorado River Bank
- 3.6/0.0 S At River Bank, Mile 0.0 MR - POI: Fort Mojave, Indian School
- 0.0 Retrace Dirt Road West from River Bank
- 0.8 LT Left on Ahi Macav Pkwy South
- 1.3 RT Leave Ahi Macav Pkwy to go West on lower of Two Adjacent Dirt Roads
- 1.9 LF Bear left to Soon go Past Quarry
- 3.2 RF Half Right To Stay on MR

Mileages below are from the 1999 Mojave Road Guide

- 3.0 XR Cross Needles/Laughlin Highway
- 4.6 RT POI: Picture Canyon, Petros
- 6.3 S POI: Granite Spring, Petros
- 14.1 XR Cross Highway 95
- 21.3 XR Cross Power Line Road
- 23.3 S POI: Fort Piute, Bishop Rock, Wagon Route/Ruts
- 25.3 RT Right on Power Line Road South, Leave MR
- 26.7 RT Cable Road West Over Piute Pass - POI: Cr History
- 30.2 S Piute Mountain Summit - POI: Viewpoint/Photo
- 30.6 RT Turn Right to Soon Rejoin MR
- 31.1 LT Left Turn to Rejoin MR West - POI: Side Trip to Piute Gorge (2 Miles RT)

- 37.3 P POI: Lanfair Valley, Name, 1920s, Joshua Trees, Penny Can, Omni Station, Viceroy Mine
- 40.4 RT Side Trip to Indian Hill Petros if Time Allows (3 Miles RT)
- 41.7 LT Leave MR, go S on Lanfair Road (Gravel/Pavement) to Goffs (17 Miles) **49**
- CA **Camp** at Casebier's Museum at Goffs - Restrooms, Showers, Cook Shack, **66**
Tables, Chairs, Fire Ring (**Campfire in Ring ONLY**)

Day 2, Tuesday 44 Miles

- Mile **Leave Goffs at 9:00 a.m.** **66**
- 41.7 LT Rejoin MR **84**
- 43.5 P POI: Fork in the Road, El Dorado Canyon
- 49.3 P POI: Watson Wash, Petros, Homestead, Baby Watson,
- 50.0 S POI: Rock Spring, Camp Rock Springs
- 50.7 P POI: Rock House, Bert Smith
- 52.1 P POI: Government Holes, 1859, Burts & Robinson Shootout, 1925
- 52.6 LT Join Cedar Canyon Road (Gravel)
- 56.1 P Pass Black Canyon Road
- RT Leave Black Canyon Road to go to MR
- LT West on Cable Road
- RT Half Right to Join MR
- LT Left to Bypass Private Land
- 59.0 RT On Cedar Canyon Road West - POI: View MR West, Cima Dome & Cimacito
- 62.1 XR Cross Kelso - Cima Road - POI: E Clampus Vitus Plaque
- 68.2 CA **Camp** on Left in Wash **110**

Day 3, Wednesday 45 Miles

- Mile **Leave camp at 8:00 a.m.** **110**
- 68.2 S POI: Marl Springs, Old Route South, Old Camp West
- 70.4 LF Current/Alternate Closed Route
- 71.1 S POI: Mail Box, Sign In, Bufo Casebierus
- 73.8 P POI: Willow Wash, Lava Field, Cinder Cones
- 78.8 LT Willow Wash Cliff Site, Do Side Trip to Old Rocky Ridge MR Route & Return
(12 Miles RT, 0.6 Mile Hike RT)
- 80.8 CA **Camp** at Willow Wash Cliff Site **135**

Day 4, Thursday 57 Miles

- Mile **Leave camp at 8:00 a.m.** **135**
- 80.8 XR Cross Kelbaker Road (Paved)
- 85.2 P 17 Mile Point
- 87.4 XR Old Kelbaker Road, Pick up Rock for ???

- 96.7 P Edge of Soda Lake - POI: Zzyzx, 1944 -1974 C.H. Springer, Soda Spring
- 100.7 S Travelers' Monument - POI: Plaque
- 102.0 P Granite Spring, T&T RR Berm, J.S. Smith 1827
- 104.1 XR POI: Razor Road, Razor Open Area, Shaw Pass
- 106.7 P POI: Mojave River Floodplain, Actual Sink of the Mojave River
- 115.4 P POI: Afton Canyon, Mine Ruins - 1914 - 1926, Lime, Iron
- 119.3 P POI: Mine Ruins (High), Magnesite & Gold
- P POI: Slot Cave
- 121.4 S POI: Afton Canyon Campground, Restrooms
- 122.2 P POI: Mojave River Wetlands
- 123.6 P POI: Dunn - Processes Borates
- 128.8 S POI: Triangles - Geoglyphs
- 133 RT Exit MR up Manix Wash
- 132.9 LT Exit Manix Wash Left at Power Line Road
- 134.5 LT South Toward Fort Cady
- 138 S Park Top of Hill for Hike to Fort Cady Ruins - **1.2 Miles Round Trip Level, 193**
Sandy

To Leave: Retrace Road North For 0.3 Miles From Parking at Top of Hill,
 Turn Left, West, on Major Dirt Road For 2.5 Miles, Turn Right on Harvard Rd. (Paved)
 For 0.5 Miles, Cross RR and Frontage Road and continue to I-15 Harvard On-Ramp.
 Barstow is about 22 Miles West, Baker is about 40 Miles East on I-15
 Or **Camp** nearby with me overnight before returning home
End Tour

Recommended Things to Take:

FRS/GMRS Radio Highly Recommended for Over-the-Road Description & History

- Gas for 220 miles, no gas on trail
- Shelter, Food and drink - Everyone is on their own
- Hat and walking/hiking shoes
- Camera
- Common hand tools
- Snatch Strap
- Tire plug kit
- Tire air pump
- Tire air gauge