

UPMRA Jeep Safari - Explore Indian Spring Trail

Begins at Noon on October 25, 2023

Starting Point: Eardley Road (group lunch begins at noon at the High Desert Game Ranch junction)

Finishing Point: Motoqua Road (14.4 miles west of Old US 91)

Total Mileage: 17.4 miles

Driving Time: 1 hour

Difficulty: 4WD vehicles encouraged, but SUVs with AWD and good tires will be fine on Indian Spring Trail

Description: Dense Joshua tree forest in a rugged desert setting.

The meandering **Indian Spring Trail** skirts the western edge of the Beaver Dam Mountains, running across the alluvial fan that slopes down to the Beaver Dam Wash.

Many animals and birds, including coyotes, mule deer, prairie falcons, golden eagles, rattlesnakes and the desert tortoise, make their home along the Beaver Dam Mountains.

For those wanting an additional thrill, after driving 5.1 miles you can take **Hell Hole Pass Trail** that leads east over Hell Hole Pass with extensive views west into Nevada (7.9 miles/45 minutes), and connects to a steep climb up the exciting rugged **TV Towers Jeep Trail** with panoramic views from West Mountain Peak into three states (2.5 miles/30 minutes one way).

When you reach the turnoff for Scarecrow Peak Trail, mature Joshua trees become more prolific, interspersed with golden chollas. Joshua trees are related to yuccas and the upstretched arms reminded the Mormon pioneers, who named them, of the biblical Joshua whose arms were upstretched to heaven.

Scarecrow Peak Trail offers views of Scarecrow Peak and Beaver Dam Wash (13.1 miles/1 hour).

For GPS maps of the various trail options, send an email to: johnhill@upmra.com

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