“The Racetrack”

Who wants to go to the Racetrack for the Moving Rocks and Trails?

Images of the moving rocks and their “tracks” appear on the covers of many magazines, blogs and books. It is located in the northern central area of Death Valley in a large dry lakebed in the Racetrack Valley. These are “trophy” photos.

It has attracted photographers, geologists, poltergeists and the adventurous for many years because of its moving rocks and trails which document their pathways.

This photo location meets all the criteria for one of our best “SCLH Adventures”.

You have to pay “dues” to reach this location in the way driving on a hard, rock based washboard road that is 26 miles of “white-knuckle” driving. This is not advised for passenger cars or regular SUVs. Hi clearance vehicles & sturdy tires are required because of the rocky road.

Jeep rentals are advised unless you have a really sturdy SUV or pickup.
In the past, some of us rented jeeps at Furnace Creek and we split the cost between the number of passengers. These jeeps hold 4 passengers with some room left over for camera equipment, water, lunch, etc. The cost then approximates $60 each passenger. If you agree to group up and rent a jeep, work out the cost and pay your share even if you can’t go at the last minute. Jeeps are in demand so make reservations asap. Riders should pay for gas to anyone driving their own cars/trucks.

This is an all-day trip. We first visit Ubehebe Crater for several hours to take photos and walk along the crater trails and then head south on the 26 mile adventure road. We stop at the famous “Teakettle Junction” in about 19 miles and can also visit the nearby Lost Burro Mine. Then on to the Racetrack.

Best time for photography is about 3 pm to 5 pm when the sinking sun provides the necessary shadows from the rock’s tracks. Then back on the road from hell for the three hour trip back to Ubehebe Crater and paved road. In the dark.
We will not go if the sky is overcast with clouds as we need the sunlight for shadows.

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We advise everyone to group up and arrange rides together right away.