



Sperry Wash
March 13-14, 2021
Meet 8:30am, Depart: 9:00am
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Where:

Sperry Wash 50 miles north of Baker, California.

Meeting time:

Meet at camp at 8:30am Saturday morning. Begin drive to Sperry Wash at 9am.

Collecting:

Sperry Wash is best known for “petrified bog” with palm (roots, bases & axis cuts), wood (birch & cottonwood), and grasses, from 1 or 2 million years ago. The material is solid in a variety of colors including red, pink, orange, yellow, gray, blue, white and brown. There are vast amounts of material to be found in float over a wide area including large boulders on the hill tops. There are also seams of material for those who enjoy hard rock mining.

For Sunday, we will visit the War Eagle Mine, an iron ore mine with secondary gold, silver, and zinc lodes. We'll be in search of interesting minerals and enjoying the visit to the mine.

Road Conditions:

High-clearance vehicles are required on the road into Sperry Wash. 4wd is recommended but not essential. All wheel drive vehicles with moderate clearance such as the typical Subaru will be OK if driven carefully.

Bring the usual provisions, rock pick, spray bottle, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, snacks and plenty of water.

There will be a bonfire on Saturday night for those staying at or visiting the group camp.

We will still maintain social distancing and no potluck. Please wear a weak mask when we are in a group setting.

Donations of firewood are also appreciated.

Directions to camp:

From I-15 North, take the second Baker exit (CA-127).

Head north on CA-127 for 48.2 mi

Turn right onto Old Spanish Trail Hwy and go 5.4 mi

Turn right onto Furnace Creek Rd and go 4.3 mi

Turn right onto dirt road and go 0.4 mi to camp.

This road is passable to passenger cars with a few dips at small wash crossings.

There is a 200 ft cliff at the end of the road beyond the utility poles; don't "Thelma & Louise" it.

In Google Maps:

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir/35.2618756,-116.0717454/35.8133081,-116.1422393/@35.5667632,-116.4860886,94030m/am=t/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m2!4m1!3e0>

For those with high maintenance husbands who prefer hotels to camping:

Delight's Hot Springs Resort, Tecopa has cabins for rent.

Shoshone Inn, Shoshone is a motel 10 miles north of Tecopa.

Advance reservations highly recommended.

There are also numerous hotels in Pahrump Nevada 35 miles from Tecopa.

There are RV Parks in Tecopa and Shoshone.

There is one gas station in Shoshone and it is expensive, so best to fill up your tank in Baker.

There may not be cell reception at the camp site or in Sperry Wash.

On the weekend of the field trip, I may be reached via satellite by going to the following website and selecting the Message link on the left side of the page.

<https://share.garmin.com/DouglasFlaugh>