



## 2009 Hey Day Dual Sport Ride

### Route Description

#### Know Before you Go:

- Route begins and ends at San Jose Family Camp.
- “Easy” route is 100% pavement.
- “Hard” route is mostly dirt and gravel “2-track” logging roads. Pavement is kept to a minimum (about 20%).

#### Route List

Route Name:	Mileage:	Description:
1SatMornHard	22.1 mi	First section of “hard” route.
2SatMornHard	34.6 mi	Second section of “hard” route.
Bail #1	1.4 mi	Bailout #1. Ends on “easy” route.
Bail #2	8.7 mi	Bailout #2. Ends on “easy” route.
1SatAftHard	34.6 mi	First section of “hard” route after Lunch stop.
2SatAftHard	22.1 mi	Second section of “hard” route after lunch stop.
SatMornEZ	50.8 mi	“Easy” route in morning.
SatAftEZ	29.2 mi	“Easy” route after lunch stop.

#### Important notice regarding “Hard” route:

The “hard” route is divided into two sections. When you leave San Jose Buck Meadows in the morning you will use the route named “1SatMornHard”. This route will dead-end about one-third of the way to lunch. At that point you will need to activate the route “2SatMornHard”. After lunch, when heading back to San Jose Family Camp, use route “1SatAftHard”. When you are about two-thirds of the way back to San Jose Family Camp this route will dead-end. At that point activate the route “2SatAftHard” to complete your return trip to San Jose Family Camp.

### **SAFETY WARNING:**

**ALL ROUTES ARE SUBJECT TO 2-WAY TRAFFIC.**

**Be especially watchful when approaching or departing the lunch stops!**

#### Route Description:

This route will provide you with approximately 100 miles of gravel and dirt roads traversing some of the wildest rivers in California, the Stanislaus River, Cherry Creek and the Clavey River.

The beginning of this route will take you on Cherry Lake Road down into the Stanislaus River gorge. Within the first 6 miles you will drop over 1500 feet to the scenic and wild Stanislaus River. This river, along with the Merced River, account for most of the watershed from Yosemite National Park. The upper reaches of the Stanislaus River are Hetch-Hetchy Reservoir which provides drinking water for

San Francisco. Once past the Tuolumne River and Cherry Creek you'll leave the pavement and head towards Jawbone Fire Prevention Station. This Station is no longer used and many like it dot our National Forests.

Shortly after passing Jawbone Fire prevention Station you will come to the end of route "1SatMornHard". At this point activate route "2SatMornHard".

Near this same point there is a road that intersects at 90 degrees to the right and then curves quickly to the left and narrows. When looking at the GPS it may not be clear which road to choose. Either road will work because they both come together again shortly. If you'd like a little more adventure (narrow road, small obstacles & stream crossing) then take the road to the right. If you prefer to stay on the "main" road then continue straight.

The Clavey River Gorge is a very remote area and has several sites to see along the way. After crossing the river, watch your GPS for waypoints indicating the waterfall and the mine. You may want to pause long enough to snap a picture or two at these locations.

After you climb out of this gorge you will be at the highest point of the route so find a scenic location and take a look back at the High Sierra's near Cherry Lake and the Immigrant Wilderness Area. You will then start descending and start seeing small pocket of private property. Please respect the residents and keep a moderate pace for safety and to reduce dust.

Your last river crossing will be at Basin Creek. After crossing Basis Creek you will hit pavement and head out of the canyon to the small town of Tuolumne and our lunch stop at the Black Oak Casino.

While in Tuolumne swing by the gas station and fill up (if you need to) before heading to the lunch stop. Once parked at Black Oak Casino go in and enjoy the buffet lunch or one of the several restaurants. You are welcome to stay and enjoy yourself but please make sure to leave the lunch stop by 3pm to ensure that you have enough time to return to San Jose Family Camp in time for diner and fun!

If you need a speedy way home on pavement you can activate the route "SatAftEZ" which will take you back to the City of Groveland through Ward's Ferry. This paved route takes about 1.25 hours or so.

When you leave the Black Oak Casino activate "1SatAftHard" to return to San Jose family Camp along the "hard" route.

**RIDE SAFELY AND ENJOY YOUR RIDE IN THE SIERRA'S**

**Thank you for choosing to spend your weekend with us!**

**"Staff of Family Off-Road Adventures"**