



Colorado High Trails

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On March 19th, a group of four rigs took off for Sand Hollow. That evening, we met David Adams, an old friend of Creeper Jeepers, at his house near Toquerville. We got to see his amazing complete collection of Jeep grilles (64 in total) and learn about some history of the vehicles they came from and how he obtained them.



We saw his great 1951 Willy's Overland truck and 1947 Jeepster, too. It was an amazing time and we really enjoyed getting to talk with and learn from David.



1947 Jeepster

David also helped us decide which trails to run the next two days while we were in town.

The first trail we decided to do was Toquerville Falls on Thursday. It was a great day and the group checked out the radio towers on the nearby mesa as well.



Toquerville Falls

The following day, Lori and Gary joined the group and we did West Rim trail in Sand Hollow. It follows the rim of the Long/Warner Valley and we got to play on some of the more technical obstacles.



On one part of the trail, we came across a gentleman who had slid off the trail. Through Kevin's assessment of the situation, we hooked up two rigs to help pull him out of a precarious situation and back onto the trail.



Directions



Sand Dunes



Unexpected Recovery



Exiting via Zion National Park

The best part was playing in the sand dunes and getting to watch parts of Matt's Offroad Games.

This was the group's first time in the Hurricane area and we all agreed that we needed to head back again soon! Mariah led the group with Lisa and Mary bringing up the rear as tail gunner most of the time. Cole joined the group for the first time in his Toyota Tacoma, showing everyone how to wheel with a long wheel-base. Kevin enjoyed the ability to take off and enjoy some of the more technical obstacles.



Saturday, most of the crew left and headed through the southwest corner of Zion National Park to enjoy a quick hiking detour before heading on to Page or for home. We're looking forward to the next adventure!

Shop Night

Colorado 4x4 Girls, Denver



Ladies Shop Nights are a core part of what we do at Colorado 4x4 Girls (www.colorado4x4girls.com).

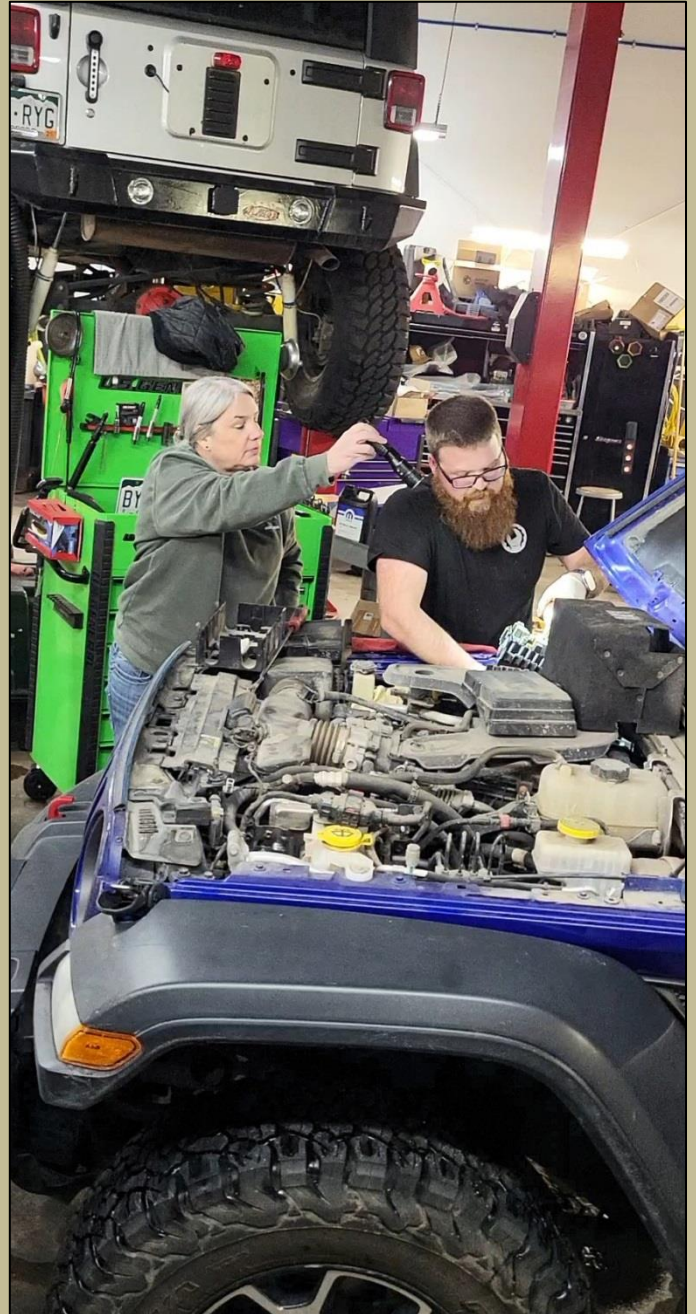
These events not only offer valuable knowledge about working on and understanding our vehicles, but they also boost our confidence to take on repairs ourselves. This saves our members money and empowers them on their journey both on and off the road.

The focus of **Ladies Shop Nights** is on repairs that can be completed in under two hours.

Sponsor shops generously donate their time and resources to show us the ropes—and often provide dinner or snacks for our members, too! Shops like **GarageWorks** are instrumental to the success of our club, and the tools and education they offer are invaluable to our members.

Our club's driving force is safety and education. Having the opportunity to work with dependable shops like **GarageWorks** to further our goals is just another reason why joining a club is so important, no matter where you are in your off-road experience.

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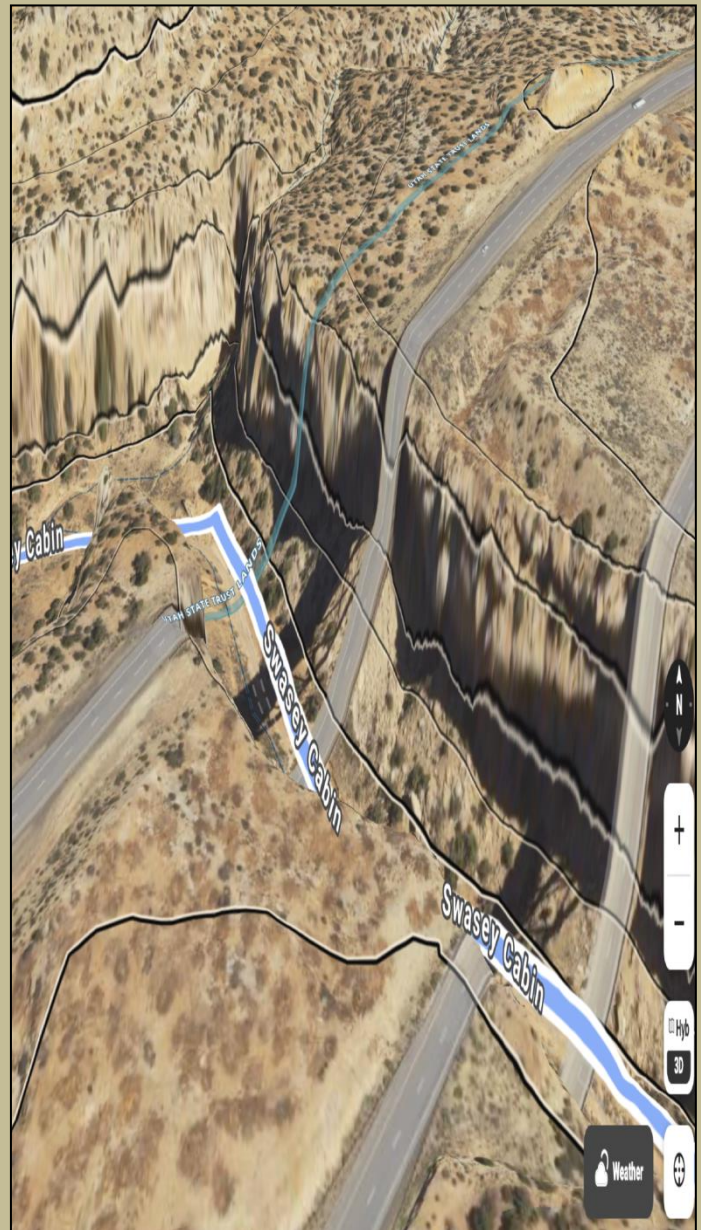


YouTube + OnX = Awesome Overland Trip

Eastern Utah

While waiting for our Colorado trails to open up I was watching one of my favorite YouTube Overlanders. I noticed a cool trail section where the vehicles were going through a deep canyon with bridges overhead. Of course, they didn't say what trail they were on, but they did mention that they were in the San Rafael Swell. So, the search for this trail began.

I opened my OnX app and started searching. From the size of the two bridges I figured they had to be under Interstate 70. Switching to OnX's 3D Hybrid view, I quickly found the canyon I was looking for. It was Eagle Canyon which is part of the Swasey Cabin Trail system. Next, I used OnX's Route Builder tool to build a roughly 90-mile overland route from Justensen Flat OHV Staging Area down to Hanksville, UT. Three days later we were on our way with a quick overnight camp in Moab.



I was worried about the I-70 underpass at the staging area. Other reports estimated the max height to be 7'2". My Gladiator which has a 3.5" lift, 37" tires, and a SuperPacific X1 camper with traction boards on the cross bars measures 7'8". I was aired down to around 20 psi and was able to make it through without scraping the top or the sides . Full-size trucks, even stock, probably would not fit due to axle width.





Just a few miles from the staging area the view I was looking for, Eagle Canyon, opened up before my eyes . Navigating Eagle Canyon to Swasey Cabin you will also pass Eagle Canyon Arch.

We continued on to Temple Mountain Road (well-manicured gravel road) where I was able to mark numerous campsites for future use before finally settling on our favorite with an epic view of Temple Mountain.



From there I followed my OnX route to Goblin Valley State Park. While the park does have a \$20 entrance fee, it was well worth the short detour.

The hoodoos, aptly called Goblins, give the park its name. You could spend a day here on its own, but a cold front was chasing us so we pressed on to our next section, Wild Horse Road, a scenic trail through a sand wash and an easy water crossing of Muddy Creek.





We completed our overland trip by taking Coal Mine Road to Factory Butte. While we started getting glimpses of Factory Butte earlier in the day, it was truly magnificent up close and personal.

We wrapped up our journey in Hanksville, UT with a burger, fries, and shake at Stan's (which I highly recommend).



Factory Butte

Seep Springs

Canon City, CO

A day-trip to the Seep Springs/Red Rock Canyon area of Canon City is a favorite early spring destination for clubs in southern Colorado.

Generally, this area misses the heavier snows that fall some 30 miles north at higher elevations like Victor/Cripple Creek.

Colorado Land Cruisers spent a sunny Saturday in the area on trails off County Road 69 and BLM Road 5830.





While this was a day-trip, the area has plentiful dispersed camping (and designated site camping within Red Rock Park), so it could easily be stretched to an overnight or even multi-night trip.

For an extended outing, other routes to include might be Shelf Road (BLM Road 88) and Phantom Canyon (BLM Road 86, County Road 67), as well as a visit to Cripple Creek and Victor.

Events



TOTAL TAKEOVER (Yukon Gear/Axle)
Friday April 11th at The Edge 4x4
Englewood, CO



CABIN FEVER (Stay the Trail Colorado)
April 26th at Max Taps
Highlands Ranch, CO



GO TOPLESS DAY
EPIC 4x4 Quest
May 17th The Orchard at Wild Cider
Longmont, CO



ROCK JUNCTION & Rocky Mtn Offroad Expo
Grand Mesa Jeep Club
June 5-8 Fruita, CO



ALL 4 FUN
Mile-Hi Jeep Club
July 19-26 Leadville, CO

MEMBER CLUBS

West District

Creeper Jeepers Gang
Durango, Colorado

Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Grand Junction, Colorado

Western Slope 4Wheelers
Montrose, Colorado

The Wild Bunch
Montrose, Colorado

North District

Big Thompson 4Wheelers
Loveland, Colorado

Bighorn Jeep Club
Denver, Colorado

Colorado 4x4 Girls
Denver, Colorado

EPIC 4x4 Quest
Bailey, Colorado

South District

Colorado Land Cruisers
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Colorado Springs Christian 4Wheelers
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Ute Pass Iron Goats
Woodland Park, Colorado

Colorado Four Wheelers
Colorado Springs, Colorado

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Colorado Off Road Enterprise (CORE)
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ON THE COVER:
**Toquerville Falls (Utah) with Creeper
Jeepers Gang (Durango)**





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