

2017A – Anza Borrego State Park and Joshua Tree National Park

Monday, February 6 – Drive to Morro Bay (327 miles; 6.5 hours)

Drive to Morro Bay
Walk the Morro Bay Marina Boardwalk trail
Camp in Morro Bay State Park Campground

Tuesday, February 7 – Morro Bay to Carpinteria State etchy (115 miles; 2.5 hours)

Run 6.1 miles along Morro Bay Harbor towards the Rock
Drive to Carpinteria Beach State Park
Camp in Carpinteria State Beach Campground

Wednesday, February 8 – Solvang (92 miles; 2 hours)

Drive an hour to the Danish village of Solvang
Walk around village exploring shops and museums
Have lunch at Solvang Restaruant
Drive back to Carpinteria
Run 5.6 miles from the campground along the railroad tracks and back along the beach
Camp in Carpinteria State Beach Campground

Thursday, February 9 – Carpinteria to Thousand Palms (200 miles; 5 hours)

Drive towards Anza Borrego State Park – lots of LA traffic
Camp overnight at a Flying J in Thousand Palms

Friday, February 10 – Anza Borrego State Park (80 miles; 1.5 hours)

Drive to Anza Borrego
Hike 3.7 miles from campsite up the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail
Camp in Borrego Palms Campground

Saturday, February 11 –Anza Borrego State Park (0 miles; 0 hours)

Relax in awesome campsite
Hike 5.4-mile (RT) Hellhole Canyon trail to Maidenhair Falls
4-wheel drive the 7.8 mile (RT) dirt road to Font's Point
Photograph the awesome view of the Anza Borrego Badlands from Font's Point
Camp in Borrego Palms Campground

Sunday, February 12 – Anza Borrego State Park (0 miles; 0 hours)

4-wheel drive the 25-mile (RT) Fish Creek Wash dirt road to Sandstone Canyon
Hike 1.3 miles to the Wind Caves along the Fish Creek Drive
Stop to admire the massive and unique metal sculptures in Galleta Meadows
Camp in Borrego Palms Campground

Monday, February 13 – Anza Borrego State Park (0 miles; 0 hours)

Explore the main Galleta Meadows sculpture garden near Henderson Canyon Road
Drive dirt road to Desert Gardens
Hike 2.7-mile (RT) Alcoholic Pass Trail

Hike the 0.8-mile (RT) trail down into Little Surprise Canyon
Make a campfire in our campsite's beautiful stone fireplace
Camp in Borrego Palms Campground

Tuesday, February 14 – Anza Borrego State Park (0 miles; 0 hours)

Hike 3.3-mile (RT) trail down to and along Slot Canyon
Drive out to the Salton Sea
Hike 1.9-mile (RT) Rocky Hill Trail in the Sonny Bono Wildlife Refuge
Explore area around Salton Sea
 Slab City – full of snowbirds and squatters
 Salvation Mountain – unique man-made mountain covered with Bible verses
 East Jesus – experimental artist community and constant artwork in progress
4-wheel drive the 7.6 mile (RT) dirt road to 17 Palms Oasis
Camp in Borrego Palms Campground

Wednesday, February 15 – Anza Borrego State Park (0 miles; 0 hours)

Drive down to Blair Valley in southern end of Anza Borrego
Hike 2.7-mile (RT) Pictograph Trail to a great view at the canyon's end
4-wheel drive into Oriflamme Canyon – quite rough
 Turn back after 2 miles to avoid damaging bottom Subaru
4-wheel drive into Pinyon / Nolina Canyons
 Relax and read in the wash
Camp in Borrego Palms Campground

Thursday, February 16 – Joshua Tree National Park (100 miles; 2.5 hours)

Drive to JT to get a first-come-first-serve Jumbo Rocks campsite before holiday weekend
 Take 2 sites – expect boys and friends for weekend
4-wheel drive the 17-mile Geology Tour Road
Camp in Jumbo Rock Campground

Friday, February 17 – Joshua Tree National Park (0 miles; 0 hours)

Do massive food shop at a Vons in Yucca Valley (to prepare for weekend onslaught)
4-wheel drive 28 miles of dirt roads in Convington and Lower Covington Flats to
Eureka Peak (NW corner of park) – great views and some of the largest Joshua Trees in the park
Camp in Jumbo Rock Campground

Saturday, February 18 – Joshua Tree National Park (0 miles; 0 hours)

Rainy day
Boys, girlfriends, and friends arrive Saturday evening
Cozy dinner for 8 in the RV
Camp in Jumbo Rock Campground

Sunday, February 19 – Joshua Tree National Park (0 miles; 0 hours)

Rock climb in the Hidden Valley Campground area
 Boulders in “The Outbacks”
 Several climbs on “The Blob”

JBMF (Bachar) Boulder
Cozy dinner in the RV
Camp in Jumbo Rock Campground

Monday, February 20 – Joshua Tree National Park (0 miles; 0 hours)

Rock climb in the Hidden Valley Campground area
More bouldering in “The Outbacks”
Trad climb on Intersection Rock
More attempts on JBMF (Bachar Boulder)
Rock climb in the Read Hidden Valley Area
Several trad and sport climbs on the “Tumbling Rainbow Formation”
Cozy dinner in the RV
Camp in Jumbo Rock Campground

Tuesday, February 21 – Los Banos (421 miles; 8 hours)

Say our goodbye to everyone
Drive towards home
Camp in KOA in Los Banos

Wednesday, February 22 – Home (155 miles; 3.5 hours)

Drive Home

Total Trip Mileage: 1490 miles
Average Miles per Day: 88 miles per day