

**RED ROCK CANYON** features a wide range of activities which take more than a single weekend to fully enjoy. So, we are dividing this into 2 Trips: The first trip focuses on the area's scenic beauty and history. The second allows an opportunity to take a guided tour of what has been hailed as perhaps the most spectacular display of petroglyphs in all the western hemisphere. So, choose one or the other - or do both!

**NOTE:** Trip #2 has a registration deadline of February 18th!

**TRIP #1: March 12-14**  
**SCENIC ADVENTURES**  
**SBVC Chapter host**

Red Rock Canyon State Park is an amazing geological uplift with dramatically eroded cliffs capped by lava flows, nestled below the eastern Sierra Nevadas in the western Mojave Desert. It is an area of great visual beauty, variety, history, adventure and discovery.

**DIRECTIONS:** RRC State Park is on Hwy 14 near the junction of US 395, 90 miles north of the intersection of Hwy 14 and US 5, 20 miles north of the town of Mojave. The Ricardo Campground is 5 miles into the Park on the left side of the road; signage may be a bit poor - look for the turn-lane provided.

Loop around the dirt road in the campground until you spot us. Campsites are non-reservable; we will be conspicuous enough to spot. Consider arriving early on Thursday, March 11, and help us hold a campsite. There is more than enough to see and do in the area to add a day onto your trip.



## RED ROCK CANYON

March 12-14

SB/VC Trip Leader: Tom O.

**FRIDAY, March 12**

Welcome Tea; guided Nature Tours and Cliff-top Hikes: If you want area maps and information, stop off on the way up at the Jawbone Station Visitors Center on Hwy 14, a couple miles prior to the park. The campground's own Visitor's Center will probably not yet be open for the season, but the ranger is stationed at the campground and will be available to answer questions. We will provide you with park maps when you arrive.

If you arrive early, you might want to visit the Maturango Museum in Ridgecrest or visit the Armament and Technology Museum on the China Lake Naval Base. These will also be open on Saturday.

**SATURDAY, March 13**

**Dramatic Geology:** The RRC State Park area has been featured in many movies, etc. There are a half-dozen accessible, easy-to-moderate, 1 to 5 mile hikes that take you back into, around and above numerous formations. You can do most all of these in a day or less.

**Desert Wildflowers:** Increased rainfall this year should lend to a great burst of desert wildflowers in March. Take off and wander in the park - or perhaps you might look for tortoises among the flowers in the Desert Tortoise Natural Area preserve.

**Butterbrecht Spring:** This back-country area attracts flocks of seasonal migratory birds and is one of the Audubon Society's special birding areas. High-clearance



vehicles are strongly recommended for access to this area, behind RRC.

### Low-impact Off-road Touring:

Much of the park is accessible to high-clearance, 2WD vehicles. We hope to organize and lead a tour through those areas that are restricted due to seasonal weather or riparian habitat closures. Some areas require 4WD or ATVs to access - other areas you have to hike in.

**Evening Pot-luck Dinner:** Bring your favorite dish to share. Gaze at the stars and share your adventures and discoveries, around the campfire. Dinner will start an hour before sundown.

### SUNDAY, March 14

Randsburg, Johannesburg and Garlock are landmark mining towns dating back to the 1890s.



Many of their businesses are still open, favoring the tourist population, and the mines are still operational. After packing-up in the

morning, drive there with us and walk the towns, visit the historic sites and museums, have lunch - and then return home. The views from up in these hills, across RRC, back towards the snow-capped Sierras, alone, is worth the detour.

### CAUTIONS

The temperatures could still be cold - well below freezing at night - and brisk during the day. Sleeping bags with a minimum 15-degree or lower rating are advised. Tents should be cozy and draft-free. Thermals for both night and day as well as wind protective clothing are recommended. A warm hat, gloves, warm socks and sturdy shoes are vital.

The 10-essentials are even more "essential" in the desert. Refer to the list on our GO Website. The campsites are somewhat sheltered, but this is still the desert. Risks of exposure, etc. are high in any season. Be sure to check out the weather predictions for "Ridgecrest,



CA" before packing and arriving - or contact the trip leader for the latest information.

The campground is a bit rustic, featuring potable water but open-pit toilets—no hot showers



this trip. Bring along a load or two of firewood for the evening and morning campfires. Pets are OK with normal precautions and arrangements. The campground is a favorite for youth troupes and off-roading groups and, given decent weather, will be full this weekend.

### COSTS

The trip costs \$20 per-GO member (\$40 per-nonmember) PLUS an additional \$12 per vehicle (for 2 nights) payable on arrival to the RRC State Park Ranger. Contact the trip leader for more info.

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**TRIP #2: April 2-4**  
**COSOS**  
**PETROGLYPHS**  
**TOUR**  
**PS Chapter host**

*Go to:*

<http://www.greatoutdoors.org/ps/2010events/Camp2010-04-02-Petroglyphs.pdf>

# Red Rock Canyon Camp Out



March 12-14

Trip #1  
Red Rock Canyon  
State Park

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**Trip Registration**

Click here for RegOnline

[www.regonline.com/RedRockCanyon](http://www.regonline.com/RedRockCanyon)

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I am: Member \_\_\_ Non-member \_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_ Group/Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician's Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Tent \_\_\_ RV \_\_\_ Vehicle type : Car / SUV / 2WD / 4WD / other \_\_\_\_\_

## COST:

\$ 20\* per person for GO members - plus a bundle of firewood.

\$ 40\* per person for nonmembers - plus a bundle of firewood.

**\*NOTE: An additional \$12 /vehicle (\$6 per night) will be due, payable to the RRC State Park Ranger, on arrival.**

**RV length limited to: 30 feet. Dogs O.K.**

\_\_\_ I am arriving Thursday (additional cost: \$25 due on arrival)

**Reservations must be received by March 8**

Please notify Trip Leader of cancellation.  
No-shows cannot be refunded.

These fees are only for **Trip #1** reservations.

**Trip #2** reservations are separate.

Contact the GO Palm Springs Chapter.

**Health Problems & Allergies** It is the responsibility of participants to carry on their person a record of significant allergies, medications and medical history in the event of a medical emergency.

## Waiver of Liability

I am aware that my participation in GREAT OUTDOORS may include potentially hazardous activities and I am voluntarily participating in these activities with that knowledge and the understanding that I will use my own best judgement to avoid injury to myself and others. I agree to follow the directions of the trip leader and abide by the rules of the facility I am using. I hereby release GREAT OUTDOORS, including its officers, trail or trip leaders, agents or other persons working with Great Outdoors Inc. from any liability for injuries, physical or mental, which I may suffer by reason of any participation in these activities. I recognize in waiving this liability that I am assuming sole responsibility for my actions and cannot blame any injuries or losses on any other persons connected with GREAT OUTDOORS Inc. Our registration & cancellation deadline is one week prior to the first day of each outing.

I hereby agree to assume full financial responsibility for any bills incurred by me for medical treatment as a result of my participation in this GREAT OUTDOORS activity. In the event that I am unable to consent to medical care, I hereby authorize the trip leader to consent to emergency medical treatment for me, including hospitalizations and surgery, as may best be determined under the circumstances.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Send check and registration, payable to **Great Outdoors/SBVC**, to:  
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