

outing type: backpacking

Outing address: Joshua Tree National Monument

Outing phone: ()

Outing cost: \$10

Outing cost is: per group

Comments: Camelback (36 miles) from Black Rock Campground to North Entrance, via the California Riding and Hiking Trail.

Moderate to difficult three day backpack that requires a lot of planning. We've backpacked this route in March, May and November. The critical factor in planning is water! You cannot use ground water as it is reserved for local wildlife, so you must "cache" water either in cars parked at the backcountry boards or along the trail. There are restrooms at the established campsites near the trail. Take advantage of them whenever you can.

The entire trail offers wonderful views, a variety of wildlife and great opportunities for bouldering. Elevations range from over 5,000 feet to 2,800 feet. Our favorite spots to camp were in the Lost Horse Valley and at Crown Prince Overlook.

Be sure and leave no trace in your passing, and please leave all artifacts that you find undisturbed. With the proper planning and an eye on the winds and weather, this will be a memorable trip for you and your crew. Look for the details on how to earn the Camelback Medal by clicking the High Adventure icon on our Troop Website.

Submitted by [Dan Marks](#).