

## **2017B – 4WDing Death Valley and the Eastern Sierras**

### **Monday, April 24 – Drive to Lee Vining (300 miles; 5.5 hours)**

Drive to Lee Vining  
Stay at the Lake View Lodge

### **Tuesday, April 25 – Death Valley (355 miles; 7 hours)**

Drive to Death Valley via 120 East into Nevada and then down to Beatty  
Stop in Rhyolite near east entrance to Death Valley  
Goldwell Open Air Museum  
Rhyolite Ghost Town  
Stop at Furnace Creek Visitor Center to find out off-road conditions  
Drive to Eureka Dunes, which included 40 miles of off-roading  
Camp at primitive Eureka Dunes campground at base of dune

### **Wednesday, April 26 – Death Valley (106 miles; 4 hours)**

Hike 2.3 miles (RT) to summit of Eureka Dunes  
Drive out to Big Pine to get gas  
Drive 40 miles on rough dirt road to Saline Valley hot springs  
Enjoy the palm oasis and hot pools  
Camp in primitive Saline Valley Warm Springs Campground  
Do battle with wild burros throughout the night

### **Thursday, April 27 – Bishop (85 miles; 3.5 hours)**

Drive the rough Saline Valley Road out to civilization  
Stay at Bishop Village Inn just off Main Street in Bishop

### **Friday, April 28 – Long Valley Primitive Hot Springs and South Lake Tahoe (207 miles; 6.5 hours)**

Drive up Highway 395 towards South Lake Tahoe  
Explore the Long Valley primitive hot springs area off of Benton Crossing Road  
(accessible by dirt roads – some okay for 2WD while others require 4WD)  
Crowley Hot Spring (Wild Willy's)  
Hilltop Hot Spring (Pulky's Pool)  
Alkali Lake Hot Spring  
The Crab Cooker (this one we soaked in)  
Hot Creek Geothermal Area  
Continue on to South Lake Tahoe  
Have dinner at Base Camp Pizza  
Stay at Big Pines Mountain House

### **Saturday, April 29 – Home (187 miles; 4 hours)**

Drive Home

Total Trip Mileage: 1240 miles  
Average Miles per Day: 207 miles per day