

2017E - 4WD adventure to the Eastern Sierras and Death Valley

Friday, September 15 – Drive to Bridgeport (260 miles; 5.5 hours)

Drive to Bridgeport via Sonora Pass
Stay at the Bodie Hotel

Saturday, September 16 – Bodie State Historic Park and Long Valley Primitive Hot Springs (97 miles; 4 hours)

Breakfast at the Sportsmen's Bar and Grill in Bridgeport
Drive to Bodie State Historic Park via the 4WD Bodie Masonic Road
Explore Bodie State Historic Park
Drive on Cottonwood Canyon Road to Mono Lake
Continue south on 395 to the Long Valley primitive hot springs area
Soak in Crowley Hot Spring (Wild Willy's)
Primitive camp on a 4WD road off of Benton Crossing Road

Sunday, September 17 – Bishop and Coyote Flat (85 miles; 4.5 hours)

Take a morning soak in the Crowley Hot Spring
Continue south on 395 to Bishop
Drive the 4Runner up to Coyote Flat via a pretty rough 4WD Road
Stay at Bishop Village Motel

Monday, September 18 – Race Track in Death Valley (250 miles; 5.5 hours)

Go for a run in Bishop
Drive to Death Valley Visitor Center in Furnace Creek
Talk to Ranger about 4WD road conditions
Drive to Racetrack Playa on 4WD road
Camp in primitive campground just beyond the playa

Tuesday, September 19 – Race Track to Saline Valley Warm Springs (70 miles; 4.5 hours)

Photograph Racetrack Playa in morning light
Lolo does 3 mile run on the racetrack
Drive to Saline Valley Warm Spring on 4WD Road over Hunter Mountain
Soak in the pools
Camp in primitive Saline Valley Warm Springs Campground

Wednesday, September 20 – Saline Valley to Big Pine (57 miles; 2.5 hours)

Spend morning enjoying the hot pools
Drive the rough Saline Valley Road out to civilization in Big Pine
Camp in Glacier View Campground

Thursday, September 21 – Drive Home (375 miles; 8 hours)

Drive Home

Total Trip Mileage: 1,194 miles
Average Miles per Day: 170 miles per day