

Nevada OHV Summit Ride A – Groups 1 & 2

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019

RIDE OVERVIEW: This ride is approximately 51 miles and 4-6 hours in length with key stops at the Ella Mountain Fire Lookout Tower, the Elgin Schoolhouse State Historic Site, and Kershaw Ryan State Park.

Ride difficulty: Normally Moderate, but could be Difficult depending on recent rains--then not recommended for four-wheel drive vehicles other than ATVs and UTVs.

START: Gather at 7:45 AM area so that everyone can check in, and the Group 1 & 2 rides may begin about 8 and 8:15 am. The starting location is the parking lot at Caliente City Hall (former railroad depot), 100 Depot Ave.

RIDE HIGHLIGHTS



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ELGIN SCHOOLHOUSE

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Kershaw Ryan State Park is located two miles south of Caliente in the northern end of Rainbow Canyon with walls that tower up to 700 high. It is a beautiful and quiet park with natural springs forming a wading pool and lovely gardens and wildlife depending on the time of year. It has a 15-site campground and hiking trails making it a welcome respite and relaxation area for its visitors. OHV Summit Riders will get an opportunity to introduce themselves to the park for future visits.

Ride A – Groups 1 and 2



Ride A, Group 1 Course includes:

Spring Street to Caliente Tower Road to Ella Springs Rd, to Ella Mountain Road, down Pennsylvania Canyon Road and back through Rainbow Canyon on State Route 317 with its wild turkeys and horses, orchards, and beautiful hills with unique rock formations. Total ride is approximately 51 miles.

Group 2 follows the same route only in reverse order.

Nevada OHV Summit Ride B – Groups 3 & 4

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RIDE OVERVIEW: This ride is approximately 53 miles and 4-5 hours in length with key stops at the Ella Mountain Fire Lookout Tower, the Pine Canyon Dam Petroglyphs, and Barclay, NV.

Ride difficulty: Easy — Very basic ride with well-graded roads. You will cross Clover Creek a number of times on your way out or back into Caliente, which could vary based on recent rainfalls.

START: Gather at 8:15 am so that everyone can check in, and the Group 3 & 4 rides may begin about 8:30 and 8:45 am. The starting location is the parking lot at Caliente City Hall (former railroad depot), 100 Depot Ave.

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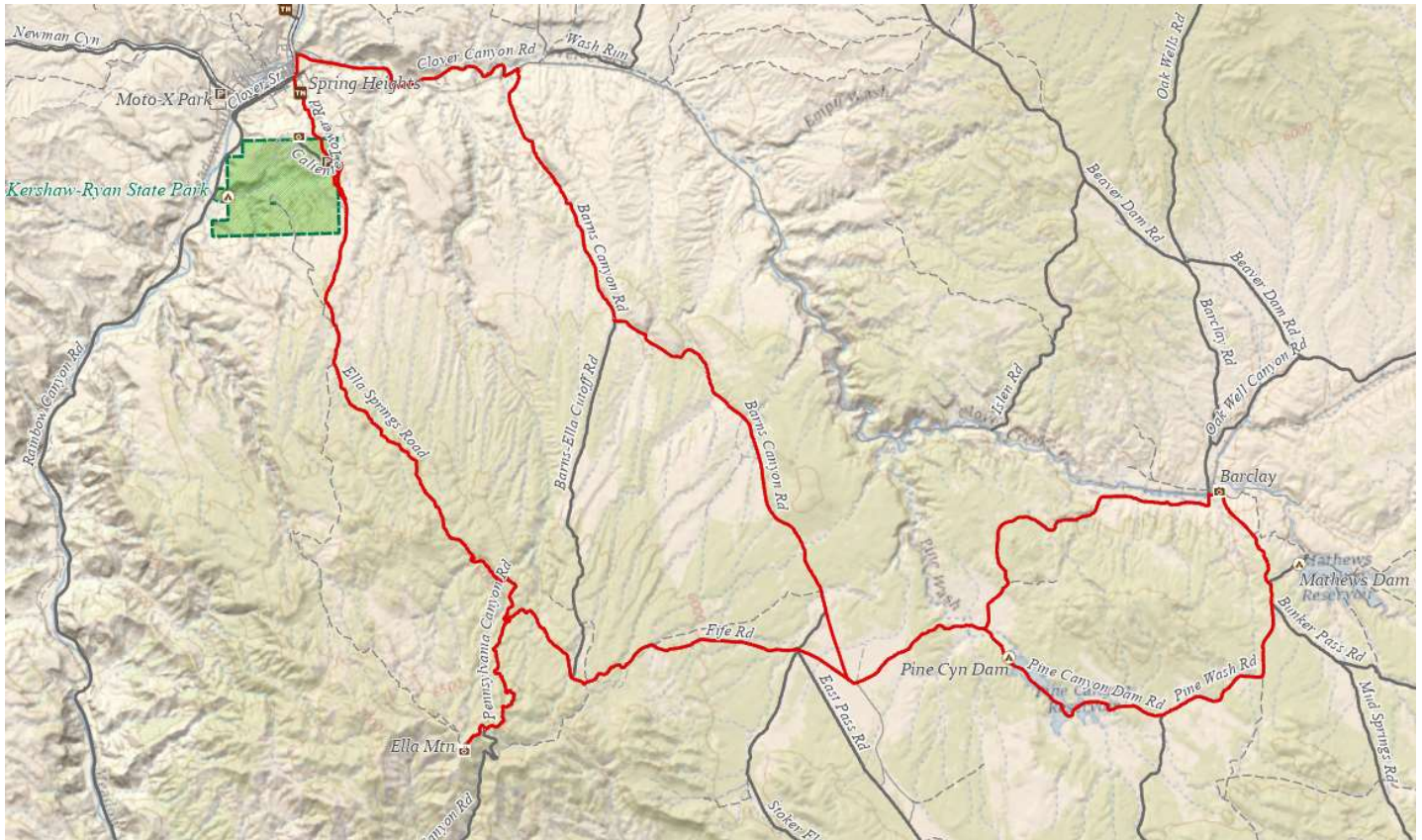
Pine Canyon Dam is an Army Corps of Engineers flood control dam for the railroad maintained by the Bureau of Land Management. It is a beautiful site with camp grounds and picnic areas to enjoy. Hiking can be challenging with rocky paths to climb but the reward in certain places are extraordinary views of ancient petroglyphs.





Barclay, Nevada was originally a Mormon settlement from the late 1860's it is now filled with cattle ranches and verdant hills and fields. There are so few residents that it actually appears on several ghost town lists. It has a well-preserved post office that was abandoned in 1910 and an old Mormon cemetery. You may get to watch cowboys tending their herds on horseback as you wend your way back to Caliente on Fife Road. You'll enjoy traveling the autumn, tree-lined road and fording Clover Creek where it crisscrosses the road multiple times before directing you back to Caliente.

Ride B – Groups 3 and 4



Ride B - Group 3 Course includes: Spring Street to Caliente Tower Road to Ella Springs Rd, to Ella Mountain Road. Then Fife Road to Pine Canyon Dam Road, Pine Wash Road, Bunker Pass Road, and back to Fife road to Barns Canyon Road and Clover Creek Road back to Caliente. Total is approximately 53 miles.

Group 4 follows the same route only in reverse order.

Nevada OHV Summit Ride C – Group 5

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019

RIDE OVERVIEW: This ride is approximately 88 miles and 6-8 hours in length with key stops at the Ella Mountain Fire Lookout Tower, the Elgin Schoolhouse State Historic Site, and the Delamar Mine and Ghost Town.

Ride difficulty: Moderate but longer.

START: Gather at 7:30 am so that everyone can check in, and the Group 5 ride may begin at 7:45 am. The starting location is the parking lot at Caliente City Hall (former railroad depot), 100 Depot Ave.

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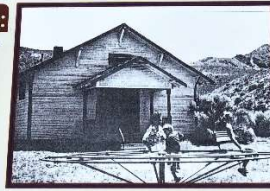


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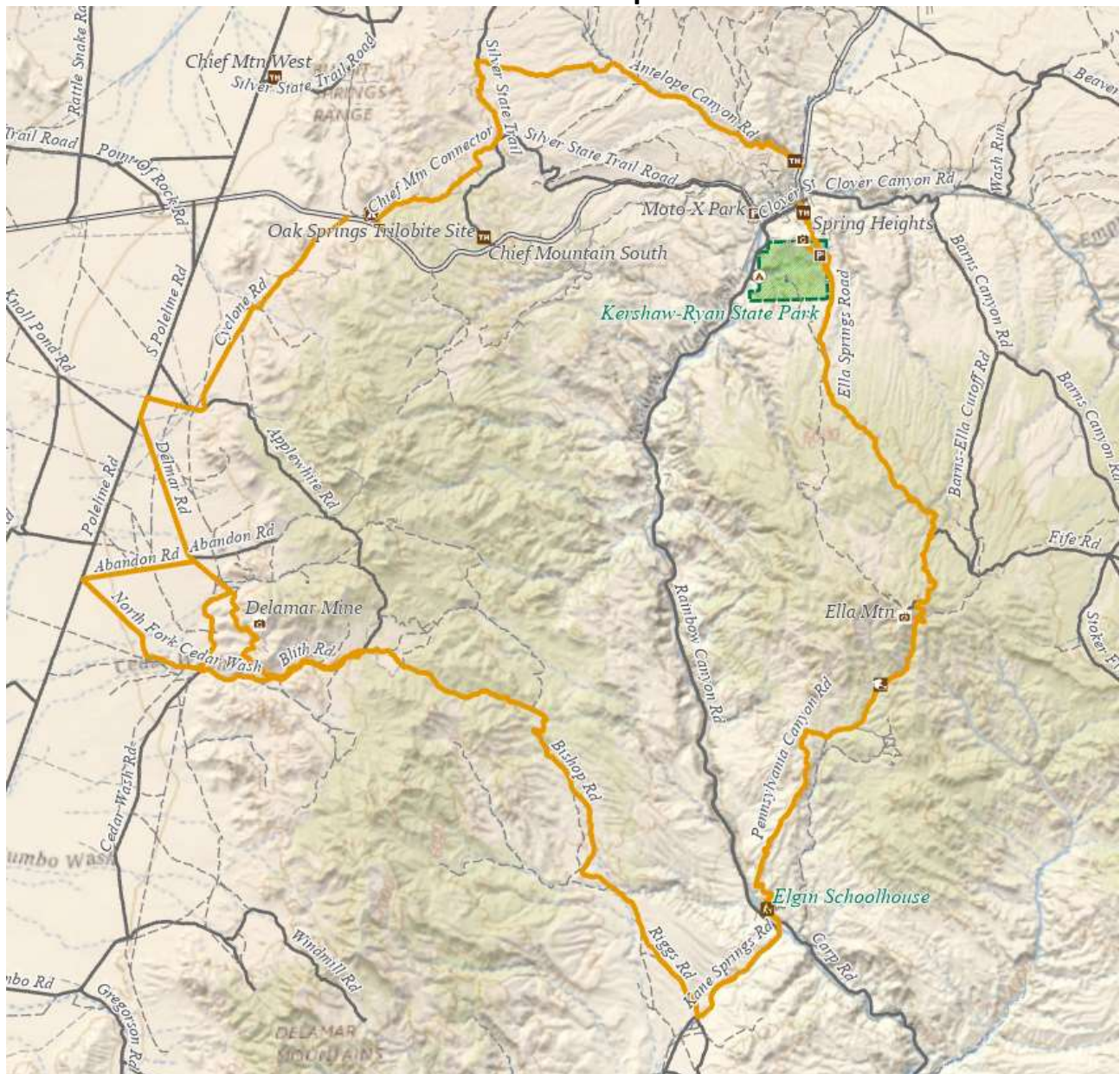
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Delamar, NV, is a ghost town that started in the early 1890's when gold was discovered around Monkeywrench Wash. In its heyday, there were more than 3,000 residents with a hospital, opera house, churches, a school, businesses and saloons in addition to residential houses mostly built of native rock. The mine produced \$13.5 million in gold but finally discontinued operation in 1909. The town was nicknamed the Widowmaker for miner deaths from silicosis that resulted from breathing in the fine dust created by extracting the gold from quartzite. You will see stone ruins of many houses or businesses that remain and two graveyards. The area is sometimes visited by wild horses.

Ride C – Group 5



Ride C, Group 5 Course includes: Spring Heights Rd to Caliente Tower Road to Ella Springs Rd, to Ella Mountain Road and Ella Tower Rd to the BLM Lookout Tower. Then back down to Pennsylvania Canyon Road to visit the Elgin Schoolhouse.

Follow Carp Road to the first right to cross the stream—not the bridge to Hwy 317. After crossing the stream, look left and see what reminds folks of the show “Game of Thrones”. Continue on Carp Rd to Hwy 317 and turn right on Kane Springs Rd to Riggs Rd to Bishop Rd to Blith Rd to Cedar Wash Rd. *From there the group leader may follow the marked routes or use some private roads as a shortcut to Delamar Mine.* Marked roads include Cedar Wash Rd to Abandon Rd to Delmar Rd to the mine and ghost town. The return includes Delmar Rd to South Pole Line Rd to Applewhite Rd to Cyclone Rd to a short distance on the shoulder of US 93 before turning onto Antelope Canyon Rd for the return to Caliente. Ride length is approximately 88 miles.