

MAY 20TH—25TH
2012

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Trails.. First come First Serve
- Lodging is filling up
- Drop by goneMOAB HQ after the trails
- Join us OnLine
- Stay on the trail... don't widen it

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gathering of nissan enthusiasts

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~ Trails ~

It's February and we have a little over 3 months till the 11th annual Gathering Of Nissan Enthusiasts in Moab Utah!

goneMOAB trails, how we pick 'em? Well each year we stick to the "famous" trails such as Hells Revenge, Poison Spider Mesa, Top of the World, and Golden Spike. Some years we switch it up a bit, like with did this year!

New trails for this year include Secret Spire and Drop Kick (in AreaBFE). As you are signing up and registering for goneMOAB, we want to make sure that you pick trails that within your trucks capability, and that you have fun on these trails! Check out the trail rating system on the goneMOAB website.

Rig Ready?

In last month's newsletter we outlined some basic maintenance for your rig. This is a good way to start preparing your off road machine for the strains Moab can put on it. Sometimes the worst can happen and things do break while out on the trail. It is always a good idea to have spare parts on hand. **What Parts do I need?** In the unlikely hood that something breaks, which can



Poison Spider Mesa

This year goneMOAB will be enforcing trails that you have signed up for so pick carefully! If you would like to run a different trail please contact us BEFORE you do. We need accurate numbers to report to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for our event. Attendees organizing trail runs that are NOT part of goneMOAB are not covered by our BLM Event Insurance or BLM Event permits and any fees cited by BLM will be the attendee's responsibility.

Keep in mind that each trail has a limit to how many trucks can run the trail on a given day. First Come, First serve with registration!

happen on ANY trail in Moab, it's a good idea to have a spare half shafts, tie-rods, spare tire, and for the extreme rigs...well you know what you need. Moab

does have auto parts stores, but keep in mind that Moab is a small town and everything may not be available!



The end of goneMOAB falls on Memorial Day weekend and a lot of folks will start to roll in on Thursday night and especially on Friday.

Where to Stay

The event days are ticking by and if you have not arranged for a place to sleep at night you had better hurry up!!!

The first part of the week will be a breeze to find a place the problem will lie in finding a place from Thursday on... why? Well the end of goneMOAB falls on Memorial Day weekend and a lot of folks will start to roll in on Thursday night and especially on Friday. So many places will book up fast on those days and through the weekend.



Rim Village Condos: More info [Click Here](#)

Located just minutes south of down-town Moab, these condominiums are beautifully furnished and have spectacular views of the Moab Rim and the La Sal Mountains. The Moab Golf Course, Ken's Lake, the breathtaking La Sal Mountain Loop road and other recreational trails are only minutes

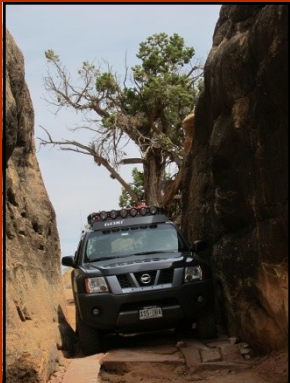
away. Everything you'll need to have a rejuvenating stay in the beautiful red rock desert called Moab



Canyonlands Campground: More info [Click Here](#)

Our convenient location gives you easy access to our scenic country by day, and puts you in close proximity to restaurants, shops, and entertainment at night.

Tight spot on Elephant Hill



Well Behaved dogs are always welcome.

I'm on The Trail & Need a Spotter

Your trail leader can act as a spotter; which is a dedicated person with eyes outside of your truck to get you up and over a tricky spot on the route. That's what our team of volunteers sign up to do and we at goneMOAB have been off road with our trail leaders in the past and have full trust in their skills. Here are some ground rules for our spotters:

Ask the driver will he/she will accept your advice and directions. Use one spotter at a time.

The spotter usually stands in front, facing the vehicle, or from the side of the route where the driver can see his/her hand signals.

Sometimes it is important to have an additional spotter at the rear, or where ever there

is a problem area.

Hand signals are the best. Both driver and spotter must clearly understand any hand signals before proceeding.



2012 Sponsors

So to put it bluntly..... **We could not do this without the support of our sponsors!!!**

Their support allows us to be able to do this super event year after year.

Help us thank and support them.

- Support their business
- Thank them
- Become a fan on FB

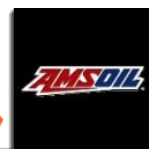
Just let them know you appreciate their support of goneMOAB.

We are trying hard to blow everyone's minds with 2011....

We better it is the 11h anniversary. We are working with many companies and the list at the bottom will be added to as we get more sponsors.

To those that have committed for 2012...

WE THANK YOU!!!!



What happens after the trails each night?

Good question, there are social events planned for each night of the week. We kick off each goneMOAB with a "Meet N Greet" and this year it will be at the condos...Condo XI to be exact!



Then during the week we meet at various locations throughout Moab for dinner or car show. Then we close out the week with a Raffle BBQ at the condos. Make sure you thank our sponsors for the various items they donate each year to make Moab a success. Keep in mind we have had prizes from an oil change kit, to full sets of tires and off road winch bumpers in the raffle!



There is always something to do after the trail... even if goneMOAB has not planned it out.

Moab Memories



Some amazing photos of the trails out in Moab by MOS.

goneMOAB Forums & Facebook

A great way to stay in contact with everyone and ask any questions is on the goneMOAB Forums.

We have TONS of info on the forums and lots of our goneMOAB veterans can help answer your questions.

Another way we distribute updates is via Facebook.

Usually any posts we do will refer back to the goneMOAB site or our Forums.

Sign up for our Forums and become a fan on Facebook!!!!

- Post pictures
- Share Videos
- Ask questions
- Check out the Trails
- Talk to us

Join us Online!!!!



Is Someone in Your Mirror?

Our trail leaders become really weary of hearing on the CB “which way did they go?” Worse is not hearing it when there are big gaps in his string of vehicles — sometimes to the point of vehicles taking the wrong road. The problem is so easy to avoid and so hard to recover from.

The ideal way to avoid that problem is to have each driver keep

track of the one behind him, **especially at trail junctions**. If the driver ahead will do the same, the line stays intact and the leader can be aware of breakdowns or problems soon after they happen — not when he is another mile ahead. (There remains an obligation, of course, for all to keep moving at a reasonable pace.)

When a gap does develop, it is usually possible to see which way a couple dozen vehicles went by looking for fresh tire tracks or watching for dust clouds.



Stay the Trail

Yes it says Colorado and yes we will all be in Utah. But they are active in Moab as well. They gave goneMOAB some info and items to use this year and we want to thank them. Check out their site to for more great info.

StayTheTrail.org

Our mission is to reinforce and highlight responsible OHV use, and to modify and mitigate irresponsible use in an effort to minimize re-source damage on public land. Our goal is to create a statewide culture of responsible OHV use which will continue beyond the life of the project, effectively creating a stewardship ethic among all OHV recreationists.

The rule of leaving gates the way you find them is pretty well known. Your choice may be difficult, however, when it appears that the last

—touristll may not have followed the rule. A —please close gatell sign is a pretty good clue for appropriate action, as is a carelessly dropped gate. A rancher is not likely to drop a gate in a heap, especially if the posts are in the road where they can be run over and broken. A gate that was pulled wide open and laid along the fence was surely put that way because someone really wanted it open.

Going around obstacles widens trails, impacts vegetation and causes erosion. Challenge yourself by staying on the trail. Use caution when going over obstacles and re-member to be courteous to other trail users.

