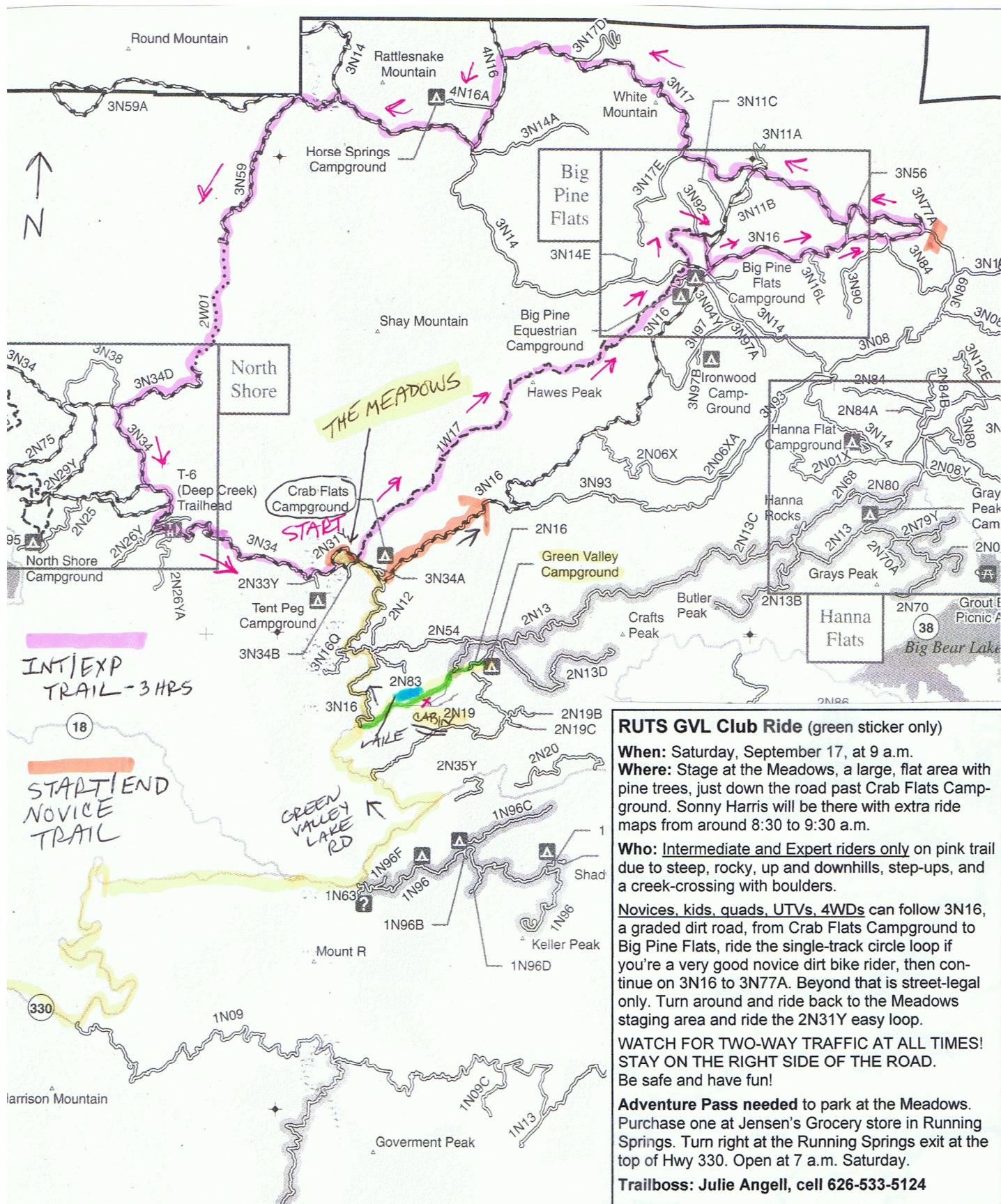


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RUTS' Green Valley Lake Club Ride

Sept 17, 2011

RUTS is having our September Club Ride in a cool place, located at an elevation of 7000'. That's right! We're escaping the heat of the desert and going riding, swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, and having a picnic in the quaint little town of Green Valley Lake.

Green Valley Lake, the best-kept secret in the San Bernardino Mountains, is the highest town with an elevation of 7000 feet. Therefore it receives the most snow in the winter. It's located about 6 miles east of Running Springs off Hwy. 18. It's 28 miles from the 215/210 interchange and 37 miles from the 15/210 interchange. Take the 210 to the 330 (Mountain Resorts) up the hill. At the top, turn right into Running Springs if you need groceries or an Adventure Pass at Jensen's Grocery Store. Otherwise, go left for the Hwy. 18 Lake Arrowhead/Big Bear turnoff. **Head toward Big Bear.** If you need gas, it's available at the 76 station in Running Springs or the Valero station further down the road. About 3 miles after Running Springs, turn left on Green Valley Lake Rd. You'll see the huge Green Valley Lake resort sign. If you miss the turn-off, you'll end up at Snow Valley in a few miles.

We'll be having a picnic Saturday around noon at Julie Angell's cabin, located at 33338 Angeles Drive, just a block from the lake. It's on the corner of Angeles and Falling Leaf, and is the first turnoff to the right just before you come to the commercial buildings in town. Go up the steep, little street a block, and you'll see the white cabin with green trim. Parking is available for about 8 vehicles on the empty lot in front of the cabin, but additional parking is available around the cabin too. If parking is full, get out and see Julie so she can direct you as to where else you can park. Do not bring a trailer up to her cabin as there's no place to turn around. Park trailers at the lake and walk up the street. We'll find a way to get your ice chest brought up.

Bring your own food and drinks. I've made brownies. The cabin has a refrigerator, microwave, stove, and bathrooms, of course. I'll have tables and chairs set up on the deck.

Although the picnic is at noon, feel free to hang out at the cabin and enjoy the birds and squirrels feeding. You can walk up anytime from the lake. A five mile hike, ribboned in pink, starts at the very end of Angeles Dr., a half mile away. Two or more people can go on the hike anytime. It is a moderate hike with a few steep spots, suitable for children age 10 or above accompanied by adults. Wear a hat, sunscreen, and carry plenty of water and a few snacks. It may be warm in places. It's a beautiful hike, so bring your camera. If you prefer a short, scenic walk, take the young kids and walk around the perimeter of the lake and across the dam.

Green Valley Lake offers fishing, boating, and swimming. The lake is stocked twice a month, and you can fish from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Bring your fishing gear! Fees are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children, PLUS a fishing license if you're 16 or over. Fishing licenses can be purchased at Walmart, Big 5 Sporting Goods, etc, but not at the lake. Cost is \$14 for a one day fishing license or \$22 for a two-day license. Bait is available in a little store across the street from the lake. For swimming, the beach fee is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. For those into boating, row boats, canoes, kayaks, and paddle boats are available for rent by the hour. See the GVL website for fees.

NEW STAGING AREA—The Meadows! Crab Flats Campground is sold out this weekend. Green Valley Campground in town is available, but you will need to transport your bikes to the staging area in a truck. If you plan on riding your dirt bike, UTV, or quad and you are in a truck or pulling a small utility trailer with a truck, you can camp down the road past Crab Flats Campground at the Meadows, which is the new staging area. However, this short road is too steep and uneven for motor homes or trailers to traverse.

The Meadows is a large, flat area with pine trees and the start of the 1W17 and 2N31Y trails. Dry camping is available with no bathrooms. No campfires are allowed, but propane tanks are. You'll need to go back to Crab Flats Campground to use the restrooms. You must display an Adventure Pass if parked at the Meadows. Purchase one at Jensen's Grocery Store in Running Springs (open at 7 a.m.) or the real estate office in Green Valley Lake.

How do I get to the Meadows staging area? You'll see the wide, dirt road turnoff on your left about 2 1/2 miles after you've turned onto Green Valley Lake Road from Hwy 18. It has a little brown sign with Crab Flats on it. It's about 4.5 miles via the dirt road and through a foot-deep creek crossing to the campground. (Stay to your right through the creek; the left side of the crossing has rocks and logs under the water.) Go down the hill past the campground and park on the large flat area that's partially fenced in with pine trees on it. Riders will meet there at 9 a.m. and sign the event sign-in sheet and the RUTS liability-release sheet Sonny Harris has.

Green sticker or street legal riding is allowed from the Meadows. **Children's, novice, quad, and UTV riding** is limited to the 2N31Y loop trail that starts/ends at the Meadows and a 22 mile round-trip dirt road (3N16) that sometimes has fast two-way traffic on it. Keep to the right! This road is easy with some hills. When you get to Big Pine Flats, consider riding the fun circle loop on the map if you're a good novice dirt bike rider. (The start of 3N16 is marked in orange on the map.)

For Intermediates/Experts ONLY, a 3 hour green sticker ride is planned from the Meadows. You will encounter steep up and downhills, a water crossing with boulders, narrow single-track on the side of a hill, step-ups, and views galore.

If you want to be near town, camping is available at Green Valley Lake Campground, about one mile from the lake. Costs are \$20 per night, no hookups. Call 877-444-6777 for more information and reservations.

If you wish to rent a cabin for the weekend, call Mountaintop Cabin Rentals at 909-867-4522 or GVL Cozy Cabin Rentals at 909-867-5335.

GVL Community Church, a Calvary Chapel church, is located at 648 Yukon Drive. Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. It's a nice little church. See map for location of Yukon Drive.

The Malt Shoppe is the only place to eat in town, with limited hours. They also sell some groceries. Call 909-867-3805 for hours. It's located across from the lake.

Don't forget sunscreen, mosquito repellent for early mornings and after 7 p.m., hat, water, snacks, and a chair for fishing.

For info about Green Valley Lake and to see photos, go to green-valley-lake.com.

Contact Trailboss Julie Angell on her cell at 626-533-5124 or email her Friday at yellowjacketd37@yahoo.com.

Let's get ready for some COOL, September fun!