TREKKING BLACK ROCK STEVEN'S CAMP





Steven's Camp is at the north entrance to High Rock Canyon. While it can be accessed by traveling up High Rock Canyon, from the south, it is easiest accessed from Vya, Nevada, about 24 mile northeast. Once you leave the paved road of Rt8A the road is dirt and gravel and while a car can make it, it is best accessed using an SUV or pickup. Getting to Steven's Camp from the south is off Rt 34 and up through High Rock Canyon which definitely requires an off road vehicle.

It was built primarily as a rescue cabin on BLM land without BLM permission by winter hunters, primarily for winter hunters who might get stranded in the Nevada snows. It has been maintained so well by people who take advantage of its existence that the BLM has given its blessing. Even still no one officially maintains it.

It is a convenient and accessible camping area that provides a good base camp for exploration of High Rock Canyon and the surrounding uplands. There are four established camping areas at Stevens Camp, including a large site near the free use cabin. The cabin site(s) includes amenities such as a vault toilet, picnic tables, fire pits and a grill.

Fresh water flows right outside the cabin. It is ice cold and refreshing. It is drinkable but many people say to boil it first (that

would loose the freshness) because it is about 100 yards away from the outhouse. Hey! We're tired and hot and thirsty. None of us has died yet!

In the summer the cabin itself is available for public use on a first-come first-served basis and includes amenities such as running water (must be treated prior to drinking), a wood stove, a shower and hot water heater, and an electric panel with connections for a generator to provide power and lights to the cabin. There are several double bunk beds, springs only, you supply the bedding, however, there are some blankets available to the desperate stranded traveler. There is even a supply of can goods in the cabinets, probably donations from past inhabitants. And the neatest thing is nobody abuses this facility. Use what you want, take what you need. Please replenish if and when you can.

There is even a supply of wood for the wood burning stove, which is the main source of winter heat. The wood is there to use, maybe replace it before you leave.

Aside from access to High Rock Canyon it is also base for a trek to the Hanging Rock Petrified Forest as well as several other rock collecting sites















