

Hams in the Hills

By: Jeff – K6BSY

When: Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Where: Shirttail Canyon

Organizer: Bill (KM6LNR) and Jeff (K6BSY)

Description: We plan to meet up at the club's Coffee and Donuts in the Park which will start at 8:00 am at Recreation Park. After we get our sugar and caffeine fix, we will head up to Colfax, take exit 135 (State Route 174) and gather at the Colfax Chevron/Subway parking lots. If anybody needs to fill up or get a lunch for the trail, this would be your chance.

Shirttail Canyon is considered an easy trail. A perfect track to exercise that transfer case in your 4WD vehicle (or to figure out what all the dashboard warning lights mean for the newer vehicles). We can expect shelf roads and local traffic. It could be VERY dusty and VERY hot.

This will be an approximate 24.7 mile loop ending up near Exit 133 (Canyon Way/Placer Hills Rd) on Interstate 80. With sight-seeing stops (two historic bridges over the North Fork of the American River), Iowa Hill history, maybe a side trip, and stopping for lunch, I would anticipate about four hours from "jumping off" at Chevron/Subway to getting back to Interstate 80.

What to bring: we would suggest to pack a lunch and a portable chair such as a camp chair, if your rig does not have a mobile ham radio then an HT would be beneficial. Anticipate the group to communicate on a 2M simplex frequency (low power) and monitoring the 2M W6EK repeater (145.430 MHz, -0.6 offset, PL Tone 162.2).

Bug repellent might come in handy.

If you are interested in going, please send Jeff (K6BSY) an e-mail at [jeff.sims929@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.sims929@gmail.com).

Hope to see you on the trail!

Bill (KM6LNR)

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