

Itinerary

Saturday July 30th

First and foremost, this will be a Saturday event. We've had a few requests for a Saturday Rally and this looked to be a good day for one!

Meet at Starbucks on Transmountain-Between 9:00 and 9:30 am

The group from El Paso will be meeting up at the Starbucks on Transmountain between 9:00 and 9:30 am. Those of you from Las Cruces, Holloman, and Cloudcroft can meet us at the Alameda Park in Alamogordo NM. The El Paso group should arrive in Alamogordo between 11:00 and 11:30 am.

Lunch-11:30 – 12:30

We will be taking a pitstop at Alameda park in Alamogordo for lunch. There are a few choices as you come into town or you can pack a cooler for the park. Google Maps Shows several restaurants coming into Alamogordo from El Paso. (Blake's Lotaburger is almost a must do when in NM)

Depart Alameda Park-12:30

We will leave Alamogordo at about 12:30 pm. We will be sure to get a car count and have everybody regrouped as the next stop is Sunspot! The travel time from Alamogordo to Sunspot is approximately 1 hour

Directions to Sunspot (Corona Loop)

Directions to Corona Loop, Lincoln National Forest, Southeast Otero, NM 88317

Starting from Alameda Park in Alamogordo NM

- 1 Head **north** toward **N White Sands Blvd**
- 2 Turn **right** onto **N White Sands Blvd**
- 3 Make a **U-turn**
- 4 Turn **right** onto **US-82 E**
- 5 Turn **right** onto **NM-130/Co Rd 63/Co Rd 65**
- 6 Turn **right** onto **State Hwy 63/State Hwy 65/Sunspot Hwy** Continue to follow State Hwy 63/Sunspot Hwy
- 7 Turn **right** onto **Sunspot Hwy 8** Continue onto **Corona Loop** **Arriving at Corona Loop**

Sunspot Observatory Arrival – 1:30 PM

Once at the observatory, we will participate in a tour of the Telescope and can explore the area. We will be at the Sunspot Observatory for Approximately 2 hours. At the end of the tour, we will hop over to Apache point for a second, “behind the scenes” tour. Apache point is less than 5 minutes away.

Apache Point Arrival – 3:30 pm

Our epMINIs friend, [Garrett Ebelke](#), works at the Apache Point observatory and has received permission for us to view the control rooms and telescopes usually not open to the public. (Thanks [Robert](#) and [Garrett](#) for working together to get this set up!)

After the tours, we are open for any other suggestions the group may have. We look forward to seeing everyone!

