

# High Desert Trails 2010 Spectator Guide

**Welcome to the High Desert Trails Rally!** Are you ready to watch the action of rally cars and bikes up close? This guide will tell you when and where things are going to happen. Your safety and the safety of our competitors is our top priority, so please follow these guidelines:

- 1. Sign the waiver. Get a wristband! This is mandatory.**
- 2. Listen to marshals or officials. (*orange vests OR lanyard with credentials*)**
- 3. Do not cross taped off OR fenced off areas.**  
*(caution tape, orange snow fence, white poles)*
- 4. Keep OFF the stages. If you're not sure where the stage is - stay clear!**  
**At least 50 feet from the road and away from the outside of turns.**

## **Directions to the Motorsports Park:** From the **SpringHill Suites**

Turn **left** at **N China Lake Blvd** go 7.3 miles.

At the 395, continue **straight** as possible onto **Brown Road** go 0.8 miles.

The **entrance** to the park will be on the **left**.

Follow signs to the parking area.

**Cars / Trucks:** There is a parking area next to service where you can park and then hike to one of the spectator areas. Only rally vehicles are allowed in the service area. You are allowed to check out the service area on foot - please stay clear of crews actively servicing vehicles.

**ATV / Motorcycle:** There is a perimeter road and fencing (*white poles*) that circle the property. We ask that you keep alert and absolutely **DO NOT** enter the stage road. Please do not go out of bounds in this area as you might end up on the hot stage. All access roads to the stage will be taped off with caution tape. Keep in mind you are guests on private property.

**Spectator Hill:** Just south of the parking area there is a small hill that you can access on foot. This offers views of a large part of the course and the start and finish of the stages. Please keep to the marked area.

**Palapa:** There is a grass hut Palapa in the middle of the course that offers fantastic spectator views of the rally. From the fast straight, to the Palapa Pass road, this is the place to be! There is very limited access to the Palapa during the event! You must hike in (*approx 1/2 mile on the palapa trail*) and **you will NOT be able to leave while the event is running!** Access to the Palapa will be **CLOSED** from 9:00AM until a 45 minute break at approximately 2:00PM, and closed again from after the break until the rally is finished at approximately 6:00PM. **Are you prepared to hike in? Do you have water and snacks? Sunscreen? Chairs? Consider getting these things before heading out to the spectator areas.**

**Scoring:** The California Rally Series Scoring Trailer will be located in the parking area. Here you can keep track of the times of your favorite teams! Also on twitter: @crspress #crsrally

**Awards Ceremony:** Champions will be crowned at the El Charro Avitia Restaurant, 1337 N. China Lake Blvd. in Ridgecrest. Please join us from 6:30PM until 9:00PM after the rally.

**What is Rally?** Rally is a motorsport where a driver and navigator (*co-driver*) race down closed dirt roads, one car at a time, as fast as they can. The cars race against the clock and not head-to-head. The racing sections are called Special Stages and are closed to all non-rally traffic. Want to learn more? Check out <http://rallynotes.com/what-is-rally>

**Saturday April 17th Schedule:**

- 7:00 am - Palapa spectator access OPEN
- 9:00 am - Palapa spectator access CLOSED
- 9:00 am - Parc Expose (Vehicles on display in the service area)
- 9:30 am - 10:45 am - Reconnaissance (Competitors survey the stages)
- 11:00 am - First car off
- 2:00 pm\* - 45 minute break
- 2:00 pm\* - Palapa spectator access OPENS / CLOSES after break
- 6:00 pm\* - Rally finish!
- 6:30 pm - 9 pm - Awards Ceremony - El Charro Avitia Restaurant

*\* These times are approximate and may vary during the rally - ask a marshal for updated info.*

**Thanks for being an alert and informed spectator!**

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