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## Jack's Trail Report

I arrived at Wolf Caves around 10:30 AM on Friday to find Gerald, Louann, Peter & Carol already set up at camp and out on the trails. After setting up, I headed out, hailing them on the CB. Not long after, I reached them...they were headed back in for lunch, so I turned around and headed back to camp. During lunch, Kevin showed up and got ready to hit the trails...We played around in Finley's Playground for awhile, then headed SE towards Smashing Pumpkin. Along the way, I attempted Gatekeeper, but was denied...Thanks Gerald for helping me winch off the top.

Friday night, I cooked up a bunch of sausage, and others added potato and macaroni salad...great dinner. We finished up the evening telling stories around the campfire.

Saturday morning was overcast, with a good wind coming from the south. We held the Driver's Meeting around 8:50, and headed out to the trails in a few different groups shortly thereafter. As I was leading the extreme group, we ran a number of yellow and red trails, most without a name. Just before lunch, we decided to run T-Rex, a red trail with a bunch of large, loose boulders that gave me heck the last time I ran it, and this was not going to be an exception. (Being the 1st in line can be a blessing...not in this case!) Anyway, my line didn't work well, and after some dubious winching, I crested the top. Matt had a little better run, but ended up winching as well. Glenn and Larry had figured the line out by then, and both had clean runs.

After a quick, late lunch, we worked our way over to Gatekeeper, where good spotting got me up it...without the winch this time! All but Matt made it. Time for "stickies" Matt? From there, we ran Smashing Pumpkin again, since it's on the way to the Taylor Trap area. Everyone ran all of this trail, including the almost vertical wall near the end. Elisa got a couple of good videos (with Matt's phone) of Glenn and Matt climbing the wall...can you say "pucker factor"? By this time it was time to head back to camp and help prepare dinner.

Dinner was handled by Louann and Gerald, and included crispy tacos with all the fixin's, beans, and cookies for dessert. Wolf Caves owners Camilla and Kurt Eppler joined us...A great meal after an awesome day of Jeepin'! **THANK YOU!** After dinner, we shared stories, but by the time the wind died down enough for a fire, pretty much everyone had headed home, or was headed in.

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Sunday morning, Larry, Shane, Kevin & me headed out to the trails for a couple of hours. We ran some of the green, blue, yellow and red trails near Goat's Head, ending at "Emu", a red trail that claimed a front locking hub on Shane's Jeep...time to head home!

A fantastic weekend wheelin' with great people at an awesome offroad park. We'll be back!