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## Three Spots Still Available on Upcoming Four Wheel Camper Death Valley Overland Adventure Tour – October 15-18

There's still time to sign up for this very popular iconic overland Tour. At this

moment, there are only THREE SPOTS available. This is a not to be missed overlanding-style adventure - each night spent at a different campground. We will visit and camp at some of Death Valley's iconic locations. This tour is ONLY for trucks with Four Wheel Campers on them,



trucks with 4WD 4-Low gearing capability, moderate ground clearance, a full-size spare tire, and front and rear frame-mounted recovery points. Once all three spots are taken, TicketLeap will close the Tour - listing it as FULL.

If you have questions after reading all the Tour information on DiscoverOffRoading.com, please call Bob at: 909.844.2583.

**For more information and to pay for this Tour go [HERE](#).**

**Bob is a fully Permitted National Park Service and BLM Outfitter and Tour Guide. You can trust Bob to lead you safely through Death Valley!**

## **A Few Spots Still Open in the September 26-27 "Discovery Course - Introduction to 4X4 Off Roding"**



The California State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRAs) are slowly opening back up. I have a backlog of students to train, but as of this writing I do have 5 vehicle spots available in next month's September 26-27 Discovery Course – Introduction to 4X4 Off Roding.



**This course is held at Prairie City SVRA near Folsom and Sacramento, California. Cost per person is \$450.**

**To sign up and pay for this course go [HERE](#) and click on the "September 26-27 Discovery Course" button.**

This is Off-Road Safety Academy's two-day beginning 4WD course. However, more advanced drivers will find it useful as well.

Want to learn more about your 4-Wheel Drive vehicle? Want to improve your off-road driving skills? Interested in keeping you and your loved ones safe while off-roading? Off-Road Safety Academy™ will safely teach you in one weekend what it takes most people years to learn on their own.

**Course Goal:** The goal of this course is to put you on a path to safely and ecologically off-road alone. Although it is always best to off-road with other vehicles, this is not always possible or desired. Upon completion of this course you begin to understand the limitations of your vehicle and your driving skills allowing you to intelligently choose excursions and trails to match your capabilities.

**Prerequisite:** None (Except a desire to learn and have FUN!)

**Length of Course:** Two days; 8:30am to 5:00 pm.

#### **Course Curriculum:**

**Day One** - 1/2 day Knowledge Development (classroom). During lunch you'll get an overview of remote electronic communications, map use, and off-road survival and bushcraft. Afternoon: 1/2 day "Getting to Know Your Vehicle (Priority Customization for your Vehicle)," Tire Repair 101, 4WD Gearing, Beginning Hill Climbing.

**Day Two** - Airing Down and Inflating Tires, Driving a Level Rocky Trail and Spotting, Driving in Sand and Use of Sand Ladders, Methods of Lifting Your Vehicle Off the Ground (Hi-Lift Jack, Bottle/Scissor Jacks, Inflatable Jack), Changing a tire on soft and uneven terrain, Winching 101 with Powered Winches and Hi-Lift Jack, Proper Use of Kinetic Energy ("Yank") Straps, Off-Camber Driving, Electronic Traction Control and Locker Use (for those that have these features), Trail Driving.

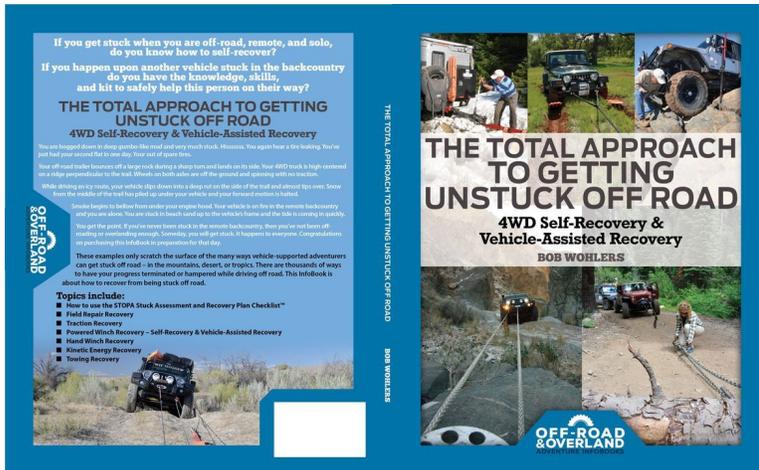
**Target Audience:** All off-road drivers that want to learn the basics of four-wheeling in relative safety and comfort. This course is for the owners of any new or used 4-Wheel Drive vehicle (e.g., Jeeps, Explorers, Hummers, Land Rovers, Xterras, Land Cruisers, Pathfinders, trucks, etc.). Even inexperienced owners of highly modified off-road vehicles are welcome at this course. The curriculum is primarily designed for novice off-road drivers owning stock or slightly modified 4-Wheel Drive vehicles. During this course, you'll begin to learn how to off-road on your own and launch adventure expeditions in relative safety and comfort.

**Vehicle Requirements:** Any reliable 4-Wheel Drive SUV, SUT or trucks with:

- 2-speed 4WD transfer case (must be able to shift into a 4-Low gearing)
- Street legal
- Full-size spare tire
- Full tank of gas
- Seat belts for all passengers
- Vehicle in excellent working condition, no fluid leaks, etc.

**Use of Instructor Equipment:** During this course you will be introduced to essential off-road equipment. You will not need to own or bring equipment other than what is listed.

## Bob's Famous Two-Day Recovery Course is Back on the Calendar – October 31-November 1, 2020 at Prairie City SVRA



There's only one whole book on the entire planet dedicated to the topic of Recovery! Take a course from the man who wrote the book – *literally*. In two-days you will learn most of the skills outlined in Bob's book "The Total

Approach to Getting Unstuck." To sign up and pay for this course, go [HERE](#). Click on the Recovery Course: October 31-November 1 link to pay by credit card.

What You'll Learn in this Two-Day Course:

## Recovery Courses

### Curriculum Day 1

- \* No Embarrassment in Getting Stuck
- \* Six Types of Off-Road Recovery Under Two Categories
- \* First Actions After Getting Stuck & Choosing the lowest energy recovery method/strategy
- \* STOPA – Stuck Assessment and Recovery Plan Checklist Overview
- \* Winch Utility
- \* Choosing an Anchor – Vehicle, Ground Anchor, Tree, Boulder
- \* Danger at Overloaded Anchor Points
- \* In-Field Powered Winching
- \* Winch Accessories
- \* Self-Recovery Powered Winch Rigging Set-Ups
- \* Hand Winching to the Rear
- \* Vehicle-Assisted Winch Rigging Set-Ups



### Recovery Courses Curriculum Day 2

- \* Advanced In-Field Tire Repair
- \* Valve Stem Repair
- \* Repairing Sidewall Tears – Small & Large
- \* Seating Beads
- \* In-Field Welding
- \* Mobile Battery Jumps, Fire Extinguishing on Trail
- \* Self-Recovery Traction Extraction
- \* Airing down tires
- \* Use of MaxTrax and Bridging Ladders
- \* Vehicle-Assisted Kinetic Energy Recovery and Towing Disabled Vehicle

**Cost is \$450 per person and there is only 5 spots left. Sign up NOW. This course is conducted on both days at Prairie City SVRA near Sacramento and Folsom, California.**



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