

## Chapter 1 : The Evils Lurking Around Proctor Valley Road

*Along the Road to the Temecula Valley is the most enjoyable way to learn about our area. Bryan does such a great job of highlighting each business and telling us just enough information, showing us beautiful pictures, and interviewing owners and customers that leaves us wanting more so that we just have to go visit the establishment!*

Jeffery Aiello Nestled in a remote valley between the Cottonwood and Last Chance Ranges, the Racetrack is a place of stunning beauty and mystery. The Racetrack is a playa--a dry lakebed--best known for its strange moving rocks. Rough and Remote Road The road to the Racetrack is rough, and good tires, 4x4 and high clearance are usually required. Standard rental vehicles are not recommended, and often get flat tires. Use extreme caution on this road in the summer heat. There is no cell phone coverage in the area. Drive time from Furnace Creek is at least 3. Other access roads make for even longer and more remote adventures. Driving offroad is strictly prohibited. The road to Racetrack Valley begins near Ubehebe Crater. Normally, it is recommended for high-clearance vehicles with heavy-duty tires as it can be rough and washboard. Off-road driving is prohibited as the desert is very fragile and vehicle tracks can remain for years. Watch for Joshua trees along the way. Often confused with cactus, Joshua trees actually are a type of yucca that can grow up to 30 feet tall. Twenty miles in you will reach Teakettle Junction. Follow the road straight ahead to the Racetrack playa. The road to the left leads into Hidden Valley and connects with the Hunter Mountain road which usually requires 4-wheel-drive to travel. Two miles further the short spur road to the right leads to the Ubehebe Lead Mine. The Grandstand After traveling 26 miles you reach the north end of the Racetrack and the Grandstand parking area. A short walk out to the Grandstand can be rewarding. This large island outcrop of quartz monzonite offers spectacular views of the Racetrack. This strenuous 6 mile round trip hike involves an elevation gain of feet. Look for this trail west of the Grandstand parking lot. The Racetrack is a playa dry lakebed about 3 miles long and 2 miles wide. At least 10, years ago this region underwent climatic changes resulting in cycles of hot, cold and wet periods. As the climate changed, the lake evaporated and left behind beige colored mud, at least 1, feet thick. Moving Rocks To see the moving rocks, drive two miles south of the Grandstand parking area. Walk at least a half mile toward the southeast corner of the playa for the best views of rocks and their tracks on the playa. Erosional forces cause rocks from the surrounding mountains to tumble to the surface of the Racetrack. Once on the floor of the playa the rocks move across the level surface leaving trails as records of their movements. Some of the moving rocks are large and have traveled as far as 1, feet. Throughout the years many theories have been suggested to explain the mystery of these rock movements. A research project has suggested that a rare combination of rain and wind conditions enable the rocks to move. Strong winds of 50 mph or more, may skid the large boulders along the slick mud. What powerful force could be moving them? Researchers have investigated this question since the s, but no one has ever seen the process in action "until now. Because the stones can sit for a decade or more without moving, the researchers did not originally expect to see motion in person. Instead, they decided to monitor the rocks remotely by installing a high-resolution weather station capable of measuring gusts to 1 second intervals and fitting 15 rocks with custom-built, motion-activated GPS units. The Park Service could not let them use native rocks, so they brought in similar rocks from an outside source. The experiment was set up in Winter with permission of the National Park Service. Shortly after, the rocks began moving. First, the playa fills with water, which must be deep enough to allow formation of floating ice during cold winter nights but shallow enough to expose the rocks. As nighttime temperatures plummet, the pond freezes to form sheets of "windowpane" ice, which must be thin enough to move freely but thick enough to maintain strength. On sunny days, the ice begins to melt and break up into large floating panels, which light winds drive across the playa pool. The ice sheets shove rocks in front of them and the moving stones leave trails in the soft mud bed below the pool surface. Instead, rocks moved under light winds of about meters per second 10 miles per hour and were driven by ice less than 5 millimeters 0. Individual rocks remained in motion for anywhere from a few seconds to 16 minutes. In one event, the researchers observed that rocks three football fields apart began moving simultaneously and traveled over 60 meters feet before stopping. Rocks often moved multiple times before reaching their final resting

place. The researchers also observed rock-less trails formed by grounding ice panels – features that the Park Service had previously suspected were the result of tourists stealing rocks. They needed the help to repeatedly visit the remote dry lake, quarry rocks for the GPS-instrumented stones, and design the custom-built instrumentation. Ralph Lorenz and Brian Jackson of the Department of Physics, Boise State University, in contrast, started working on the phenomenon to study dust devils and other desert weather features that might have analogs to processes happening on other planets. So is the mystery of the sliding rocks finally solved? But we have not seen the really big boys move out there Do not attempt a trip to the Racetrack without a plenty of fuel and water. There is no cell phone service in the area. Be prepared for the possibility of spending the night if your vehicle becomes disabled. The south shore of the playa runs right along the north side of Highway The area is administered by the Bureau of Land Management. There is abundant evidence of sliding stones at this playa, which is believed to experience the same rock-moving conditions as the Racetrack. Please Help The surface of the playa is very fragile. Driving on it or anywhere off established roads is prohibited. Do not move or remove any of the rocks. When the playa is wet, avoid walking in muddy areas and leaving ugly footprints. This prevents others from enjoying this unique area.

### Chapter 2 : The Valley Road - Wikipedia

*"The Valley Road" is a song recorded by Bruce Hornsby and the Range. Hornsby co-wrote the song with his brother John Hornsby and co-produced it with Neil Dorfsman. The song is included on Bruce Hornsby and the Range's album, Scenes from the Southside.*

Back when Proctor Valley was littered with ranches, the monster was held responsible for the livestock mutilation incidents that happened in the area. Proving its existence is an inch cast of his giant footprints, which is currently preserved at the Bonita Museum in Chula Vista. However, after ranchers up and left, the Proctor Valley Monster had to change its ways. By the s, it began claiming the lives of the young ones who parked along Proctor Road to secretly date or drink. One of the stories used to warn teenagers from heading there is that of a couple whose car broke down just as they were heading back to town. The boy got off, probably to check what went wrong or to get help, but never returned. As for the girl, she was terrorized into staying in the car by strange scratching noises outside. As for her boyfriend, the Proctor Valley Monster had supposedly torn him up and hung him upside down on a nearby tree. As his limp, bloody body swayed with the wind, his hand would scratch the roof of the car. Some locals believe it may actually have been the work of a mentally ill man in an animal mask, but no one can be sure. The Proctor Valley Hitchhiker Photo credit: According to psychic sensitives , The Proctor Valley Hitchhiker is a malevolent spirit who died violently on the road. Some stories say that she died in a car accident there on prom night while others say that she seeks vengeance after she was raped and murdered there. Drivers who lived to share their tales say that the Demon Car of Proctor Valley seemed determined to kill them. And the scary part? Many drivers have come across a screaming banshee, a weird flying ball of fire, and even El Chupacabra. Some even heard phantom footsteps while parked there, picked weird transmissions that involved Spanish conversations and strange chase music, and discovered small handprints on their cars after they mysteriously broke down there. If you still want to explore it, remember to go with a couple of people and have your electronics charged so that you can get help if your car breaks down there. Directions to Proctor Valley Road Ready for adventure? Next, share this story with your friends. Click the Share button below.

### Chapter 3 : The Valley (London) - Wikipedia

*After pickup, the first stop on the Road to Hāna van tour is a island-style continental breakfast at the Dunes of Maui Lani. Your guide will prep you for the Road to Hāna experience by giving historical information, teaching about Hawaiian culture and tips enjoying the day.*

Colombia , Travel Blogs Most people travel to Salento for the purpose of hiking the Valle de Cocora – a stunning trek with cartoon-like trees dotting the landscape. The Valle de Cocora trek is filled with them! This is by far one of the best things to do in Colombia. Oh ya, this hike was amazing! Traveling to Colombia is fantastic, but planning a safe and fun trip can still be stressful. Click here to learn more about this unique service! Those jeeps then return to Salento an hour later. If you ask nicely, most likely the willy drivers will make an exception and will drive you outside of the scheduled times. They were always super honest and incredibly friendly! But, it can also hold 11 somewhat uncomfortably if 4 people stand on the back bumper while holding on to the roof rack! The property is absolutely stunning and the double rooms in the private farm house were amazing. It took us just about 5 hours to complete the loop with lots of stops for photos, videos, and admiring the scenery without visiting Acaime or Estrella de Agua. The highest point of this route is at 2,900 ft. Beautiful waterfall on the Valle de Cocora hike Why counterclockwise? Turn right and enter through the gate. Continue walking straight, while descending down the hill. Stay to the right of it. This is the way to go for hummingbirds, before backtracking back to this same junction. You will go up, up, up for about an hour. You can stop here for a drink and a break. If you see some obvious little paths, take them! The views of the valley are sublime. Also, there may be a closed fence on the path down, just hop over it. After gawking at the palm trees, complete the loop to the left hand side and walk back to exactly where you started. If you want to visit the hummingbirds, just continue straight on for about 1 km. Basically, do exactly as I listed in the first set of instructions, but in reverse! We met more people hiking the counterclockwise route than the clockwise route, but both ways are fine. Here you can see numerous hummingbirds and have a drink of hot chocolate with cheese. To give you some perspective – can you see me at the bottom of that massive wax palm?! There is a very small parking lot where the jeeps will arrive and wait to fill up with passengers, before heading back to town. They will wait to have 8 people before departing back to Salento. The last jeep back to Salento from the Valle de Cocora is at 5:00. And actually, some of the restaurants in town will create a boxed picnic lunch specifically for the trek. Check out Brunch or BetaTown. The sun is very intense at this altitude. Speaking of sun shining. This area is a cloud forest meaning that it receives quite a bit of rain year-round. According to Wikipedia , the Valle de Cocora is the driest in July when it receives 3. The wettest month is October when it receives 11. We were there at the end of November. Numerous days leading up to our hike, the valley was covered in low-hanging clouds, it was pouring rain and the trails were incredibly muddy. But, because we decided to stay in Salento for a week , we were able to wait out the rain and had the best weather for our hike! We met a couple who took 9 hours to complete the 5 hour hike because they got lost due to the thick cloud coverage. Also, you may need to bring a rain jacket and waterproof shoes. World Nomads is a popular insurance choice among backpackers, travellers and adventurers. Just enter your information below to get a FREE quote. To get a better idea of the trek, check out our video from the Valle de Cocora: Some links in this article are affiliate links, which means that if you purchase through them, we receive a small commission. This will never cost you extra and in many cases you receive a special discount. We appreciate your support!

### Chapter 4 : Share The Road Ride - Simi Valley, CA | ACTIVE

*Photo: United States Geological Survey. Horseshoe Curve is a three-track curve that was completed in by the Pennsylvania Railroad as a way to lessen the grade to the summit of the Allegheny Mountains.*

### Chapter 5 : Penn State Football Traffic: What To Expect On The Road To Happy Valley | Onward State

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### Chapter 6 : Alerts & Conditions - Death Valley National Park (U.S. National Park Service)

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### Chapter 7 : The Racetrack - Death Valley National Park (U.S. National Park Service)

*Lane restrictions on Route in southeastern Dauphin County for about 6 miles between the Pennsylvania Turnpike and Route ; Route in Centre County restricted by a crossover from Decker Valley Road to Sand Mountain Road â€” only one lane available in each direction and a foot width restriction about a mile from Potters Mills.*

### Chapter 8 : Hiking The Valle de Cocora in Colombia: A How-To Guide - Goats On The Road

*If the dreamy music of Rainbow Valley - this week's Feature Album - is anything to go by, Matt Corby is in a much better headspace.. After his breakout hit 'Brother', the blue-eyed.*

### Chapter 9 : Fork in the Road: Historic Valley Falls building goes from hardware to silverware

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