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STOMPERS NEWSLETTER



Jeep Badge Run 5: Texas Stompin'

What is a Jeep Badge Run? It is a series of Events that the *Florida Trail Stompers* puts on usually twice a year. Since 2021, *FTS* has completed five different JBR's. Those Events have been to *Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia*, and now *Texas*.

Stompers making their way through Hidden Falls Adventure Park, Marble Falls, Texas

Jeep has a program called, “*Badge of Honor.*” It is a series of trails located throughout the Continental U.S. where drivers of a Jeep model can ride their rig on trails rated from easy to advanced. The rider will have downloaded the BOH app on their smart device and check-in when they start the trail. Most riders get their physical badge within a week or two. Others experienced much longer delays. Jeep claims to be working on the issue.

3 BOH Trails in Texas

Thanksgiving week members from FTS venture out to Texas to hit the three venues that are currently offering BOH trails. Our first stop was in West Texas at Big Bend National Park. The park currently offers one BOH trail, *Black Gap 4x4 Trail*. Big Bend, one of the most beautiful places I visited. I didn’t know Texas, even that far south had mountains, or hills that were so high. Not to mention we were a stone’s throw from Mexico. The trail itself wasn’t all that technical and was an easy drive. The next day we did a 20+ mile drive on another trail, Old Ore Road that was very beautiful. This is where we got to get really close to Mexico. We even got up close to a burial ground on the trail that dated back to 1932. In the end, I could have spent an entire week at Big Bend and it is a place I just have to get back to.

We then left for Marble Falls, Texas and spent Thanksgiving there with the group. The next day, we hit *Hidden Falls Adventure Park*. The park is very nice. To me, it reminded me of a very small version of Windrock in Tennessee. So we only spent part of the day there as we needed to travel to Bridgeport for our final venue.



Northwest OHV Park, an adventure in itself. Cold, light misty all day long rain. But we all had fun. This park had a lot to offer. Obstacles, mud, terrain, hill climbs and opportunities to get recovered if you get caught up. Which is what happened.

It was amazing to see the team work from multiple members to help one get recovered. I look back to this Event and it surely was one for the books. Oh Texas, you Lone Star State, I will be back. We hope that you will join us for our further adventures. And Remember, you don’t need to have a Jeep in order to join us for these Events. FTS has been and will always be an all inclusive organization. Stomp on and see you on the trails!

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