

## Directions to Bloomington Cave

From St. George:

This route from the east follows the Curley Hollow Wash. It is not maintained and can be narrow and rugged. A 4WD vehicle is recommended.

Travel to the Bloomington area of St. George (Exit 4 off I-15). Drive through the roundabout and take Pioneer Road south (I-15 will be on your left). Turn right on Man-O-War Road. Turn right onto Bloomington Drive at the end of Man-O-War. Continue on Bloomington Drive until reaching Navajo Drive and turn right. Follow Navajo Drive until the pavement ends. From the end of the pavement, travel 1.6 miles and turn right into Curley Hollow Wash (intersection is signed). At 6.8 miles, the route diverts from the wash so take the left fork, staying on the main road (intersection is signed). At 7.9 miles, turn left (intersection is signed). At 8.4 miles take the right fork in the road. Travel another .2 miles to the parking area for a total distance of 8.6 miles since leaving the pavement.

From Santa Clara or Ivins:

This route, although longer, is partially on maintained roads with no travel in washes. It is *usually* passable by passenger vehicles, but 4WD is recommended.

Head west on Old Highway 91 past Ivins. Travel to the turnoff to Gunlock Reservoir. Stay on Old Hwy 91 and at 1.9 miles past the Gunlock Reservoir intersection turn left on the Mojave Desert Joshua Tree Road Scenic Backway. This is the road to the Apex Mine. At 9.6 miles turn left off the Backway (intersection is signed). At 11.8 miles turn right (intersection is signed). At 12.2 miles take the right fork in the road. Travel another .2 miles to the parking area for a total distance of 12.4 miles.

NOTE: All backcountry travel routes may be impassable when wet.