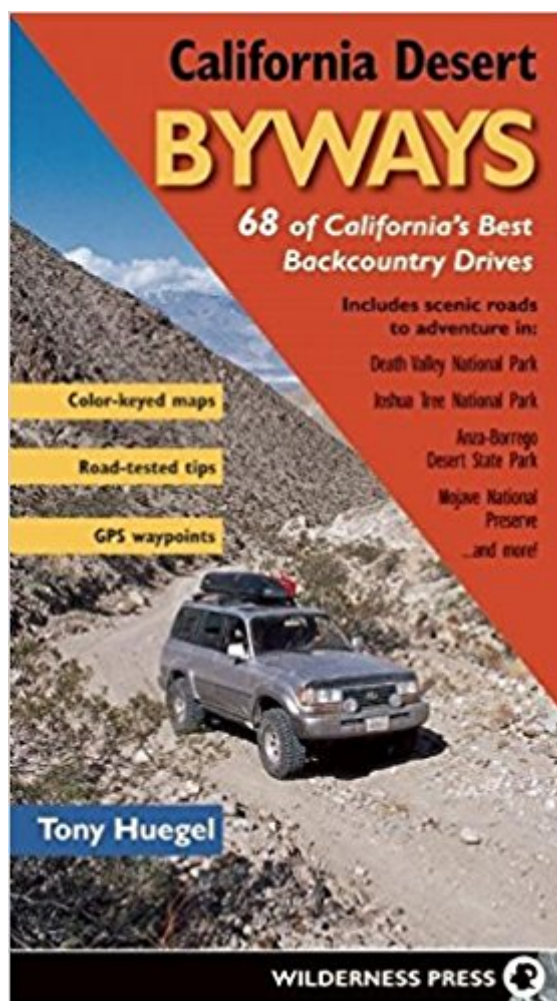


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OK

Loads of roads to ride now.

I tried the authors tour 29 today - first time taking a tour from this book! I started from the south up northeast. Everything was as advertised until I got near the area of Stoddard Wells. I could see this place out in the distance to my right but the road was still going straight so I continued on the main road until at the top of a hill the road turned in a single track trail. I doubled back till I could see Stoddard Wells again then found a powerline maintenance road that pointed to the town. I stayed on this course till I finally reached Hwy 247 (before some more zigzagging). The author never mentioned you need to veer to the right at some point. I am glad I did this tour in the early afternoon and had some daylight left to get out of a possible dangerous situation (I could have spent the night lost in the desert). Note to all readers of this book - Try these tours early in the day and with good weather or things could go very wrong.

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