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ARIZONA OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE GUIDE

OHV Laws and Places to Ride

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Introduction

Off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation is one of the most extensive recreational activities taking place on public and state lands in Arizona and is forecasted to continue to grow at an increasingly rapid rate. OHV recreation has a significant economic impact in Arizona (more than $4 billion a year based on a 2003 Arizona State Parks study). OHVs provide access for people with disabilities and the benefits of outdoor recreation (e.g., family fun, stress relief, outdoor adventure).

OHV riding can be a safe, enjoyable, low-impact activity when we all obey the laws, stay on designated open roads and trails, and ride safely and responsibly. When OHV riders lack respect for the environment, personal safety and other recreationists, they jeopardize the future of our sport.

This guide outlines safe, legal and common-sense ways for OHV owners to promote responsible—and sustainable—OHV use in Arizona. It's full of great information to help you obey OHV laws, ride safely, protect the environment and preserve your privilege to ride. The Arizona OHV Recreation Fund, which funded the creation of this guide, also funds riding facilities, education, signage, maps, habitat mitigation and OHV law enforcement in Arizona.

Where do your OHV Decal dollars go?

- 30% goes to the Highway User Revenue Fund (distributed to the counties and cities for road and highway maintenance)
- 70% goes to the administration of a statewide OHV Program in the following percentages:
  - 60% to Arizona State Parks for grants and agreements, trail construction, development and maintenance, signage and maps
  - 35% to Arizona Game and Fish Department for enforcement, education and outreach
  - 5% to Arizona State Land Department for mitigation, signage, and enforcement.

Definitions

Land Manager: The federal, state, county, city, town, tribal or local municipal agency responsible for the management of properties either publicly owned or held in trust for its beneficiaries.

Off-Highway Vehicle: A motorized vehicle when operated primarily on land, water, snow, ice, or other natural terrain. "OHV' includes a two-wheel, three-wheel or four-wheel vehicle, motorcycle (greater than 49cc), dune buggy, amphibious vehicle, ground effects or aircushion vehicle and any other means of land transportation deriving motive power from a source other than muscle or wind. By definition, ATVs, UTVs, side by sides, RZRs®, ROVs, motorcycles, mopeds and snowmobiles are all considered OHVs (Also, see Street Legal).

Off-Highway Special Event: An event that is endorsed, authorized, permitted or sponsored by a federal, state, county or municipal agency and in which the participants operate off-highway vehicles on specific routes or areas designated by a local authority pursuant to ARS §28-627.

OHV WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

It is important to read your specific OHV manufacturers owner's manual to determine the correct weights and measures for your machine.

Moped

Wheels/Tires: 2
< 50 cc
No OHV Decal

Dirt Bike

Wheels/Tires: 2
> 50 cc
Needs OHV Decal

Off-Highway Vehicle Trail: A multiple use corridor that is open to recreational travel by an off-highway vehicle and is designated or managed by or for the managing authority of the property that the trail traverses for off-highway vehicle use.

ROV: (Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle) An ROV, sometimes broadly referred to as a side-by-side or UTV (Utility Task Vehicle), is a motorized OHV designed to travel on four or more non-highway tires, with a steering wheel, seat belts and non-straddle seating. Some models are designed with seats for a driver and one or more passengers.

Street Legal: Refers to vehicles that are registered for on-highway use. These vehicles are required to have specific equipment and to carry proof of financial responsibility (liability insurance). OHVs that are "street legal" will display a registration sticker on the upper right corner of the license plate.

Spark Arrestor: A device intended to prevent combustible materials, usually sparks or other tiny flaming debris, from escaping an exhaust system into an area where they may start a fire. In Arizona, only U.S. Department of Agriculture approved spark arrestors are allowed.

ATV (All-Terrain Vehicle)/ OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle)

Wheels/Tires: 3 or more
Steering: Handlebars
Seat type: Straddle
Width: 50" Maximum
Wheelbase: 61" Maximum

UTV (Utility-Type Vehicle)

Wheels/Tires: 4
Steering: Steering Wheel
Width: 50" Minimum, 74" Maximum
Wheelbase: 110" Maximum
Weight: 1,800 Pounds Maximum

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Equipment and Safety Requirements

Equipment you need to operate your OHV in Arizona:

- **Helmet:** the best equipment for preventing a brain injury. A properly fitted and fastened DOT approved helmet is required for those under 18 who operate or ride an OHV. Helmets are strongly recommended for OHV operators and riders over 18. (ARS §28-964.A and 28-1179.B)
- **Eye Protection:** is required for operators of OHVs not equipped with a windshield. (ARS § 28-964.A)
- **Spark Arrestor** that is USDA approved. (ARS §28-1179.A4) (See Definitions)

- **Muffler** or noise dissipative device that prevents sounds above 96 decibels during prescribed stationary sound testing. ARS § 28-1179.A3)
- **Headlights and tail lights** for use from dusk to dawn. (ARS §28-1179.A2)
- **Safety Flag** at least 6" by 12" and 8' above the ground on sand dunes or areas designated by the land management agency. (ARS § 28-1179.A5)
- **Brake Light** and at least one red rear reflector (if tail light does not reflect) (ARS §28-927). New OHVs cannot be sold in Arizona without a brake light.
- **License Plate** securely fastened to the rear of the vehicle and clearly visible. (ARS §28-2512D1&2)
- **Rearview mirror** (ARS §28-964.B)
- **Seat and Footrests** for the operator and each passenger, if the OHV is designed to carry a passenger. (ARS §28-964.B)
- **Also see:** "Recommended Protective Gear," page 10.

To make your OHV "Street Legal," you'll also need:

- **License plate light.** (ARS § 28-925C)
- **Horn** audible from a distance of at least 200 feet. (ARS § 28-954A)
- **Proper insurance.** (ARS § 28-4142A)
- **Emissions:** Certain areas may also require you to have your OHV emissions tested. (ARS § 49-542C&D)

Displaying your License Plate: License plates are required to be securely attached to the rear of your vehicle and clearly displayed.

Sequence for compliance with OHV Decal law

- Determine if your vehicle qualifies for the OHV Decal (See page 8).
- Obtain a certificate of title for the qualifying vehicle.
- Obtain a license plate for the qualifying vehicle.
- Purchase the OHV Decal.
- Affix OHV Decal to upper left- hand corner of the license plate.
- Purchase street legal registration (needed if you intend to ride on roads that require registration; see *www.azgfd.gov/ohv* for details).

Title, User Fee and Registration

The Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division is the issuing agency for the OHV Decal, certificates of title, registrations and license plates. MVD offices are located statewide, and online services are available at *www.servicearizona.com.*

Title: A certificate of title is proof of ownership for motor vehicles. Since 1985, most OHVs have been required to obtain a certificate of title. As of July 1, 2009, all OHVs in Arizona require a title. All OHVs must have and properly display a license plate.

The OHV Decal: A vehicle designed by the manufacturer primarily for travel over unimproved roads, and having an unladen weight of 1,800 pounds or less and/or an engine greater than 49cc requires the purchase of an OHV Decal to operate on public and state trust lands. You must display the OHV Decal in the upper left hand corner of the license plate.

Renewal notices: Though Game and Fish sends out OHV Decal renewal notices, it is ultimately YOUR responsibility to purchase your OHV Decal at MVD offices or online *www.servicearizona.com*.

Title-Only License Plate: The title-only license plate is identified by the letters "RV" displayed on it. This is an identification plate, and it does not allow travel on roads that require "street-legal" registration. (See exceptions at *www.azgfd.gov/ohv*)

TITLE-ONLY PLATE

Registration License Plate: The registration license plate is identified by the letters "MC" displayed on it. This "street-legal" plate allows travel on roads, trails and areas on which registration is required. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the vehicle meets the necessary "street-legal" requirements.

REGISTRATION PLATE

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OHV protective clothing

Required Protective Gear

Helmet: A helmet is the most important piece of equipment you can wear. A minimum DOT-safety rated motorcycle helmet is required for all operators and passengers of all OHVs who are under 18 years of age and strongly recommended for ALL OHV operators and passengers. DOT-rated helmets offer the only protection against head injuries in the event of an accident and also protect against discomfort from windblast, cold, noise, vegetation and flying objects.

Eye Protection: Motorcycle goggles or a full-face shield must be worn to protect against eye injuries from flying debris. They reduce dust which irritates the eyes and impairs vision. Get high-quality lenses, clear or tinted.

Recommended Protective Gear

Riding Jersey: A long-sleeved riding jersey can protect against abrasion, sunburn, windburn, dehydration and hypothermia. Some shirts include light elbow padding. Some of the newer synthetic materials wick away perspiration and keep you cool. Bright colors increase your visibility on the trail.

Elbow Guards: Slip-on elbow pads may be worn under or over a riding jersey. Make sure they fit properly and comfortably, without restricting movement.

Gloves: Specially designed off-road motorcycle or OHV gloves can protect against flying debris, trailside hazards like branches and bushes, and they help protect your hands in case of a fall. They also provide a more secure grip on the handlebars.

Riding Pants, Hip Pads, Knee Pads: Special riding pants made of leather, denim, or synthetic materials can offer additional protection. Hip and knee pads may be built in or added separately.

Riding Boots: Made of thick leather with steel reinforcements, special motocross (MX) boots that cover the ankle are the best protection against foot and ankle injury. Get one size larger to accommodate thick socks and to cushion and wick away moisture. MX boots also provide the best grip on footrests and provide sure footing when you get off the OHV.

Courtesy of the ATV Safety Institute
www.atvsafety.org

Kids and OHVs

Supervise children under 16 years of age.

One of the first questions you should ask is whether your child is old enough, big enough and mature enough to handle an off-highway vehicle. Certainly, you know your child better than anyone, but evaluate them as objectively as you can… their safety is at stake. Download the pamphlet "Parents, Youngsters and All-Terrain Vehicles" at *www.atvsafety.org* to help you evaluate:

- Physical development.
- Visual perception/motor development.
- Social/emotional development.
- Reasoning and decision-making ability.

Ride the Proper Size OHV

Children should **NEVER** ride OHVs designed for adults. There are size and age appropriate OHVs designed for children, and they are intended for one operator with no passenger. Always follow manufacturer minimum age recommendations, and make sure your kids only ride with the appropriate safety equipment. Parents are responsible for their children's safety.

How the OHV Decal Benefits YOU!

- Funds your OHV needs such as trail construction, maps, safety training, OHV recreation areas, trailheads, trail maintenance, education
- Allows you to cross State Trust Land on existing roads, trails and designated routes.

  NOTE: An Arizona State Land Department Recreation Permit is required for any other additional recreation activities on State Land. Comply with Land Department use requirements. www.azland.gov
- Provides OHV Law Enforcement officers to ensure users are all following the rules and riding safely.
- Allows use of your OHV in some other states
- May reduce your vehicle registration fee

TIP: Remember to purchase your OHV Decal prior to applying for or renewing your registration. This may make you eligible for a reduced registration fee if you use your OHV primarily on roads that are not suited for conventional 2-wheel-drive vehicular travel.

OHV Decal Exceptions (ARS§ 28-1178)

You DO NOT need an OHV Decal if you are

- Participating in an off-highway special event.
- Operating an OHV on private land.
- Loading or unloading an OHV from a vehicle.
- Operating during a period of emergency or if directed by a peace officer or other public safety authority.

Non-resident OHV Decal Requirements

Non-residents who meet ALL of the following are exempt from OHV Decal purchases:

- The person is not a resident of Arizona.
- The person owns the vehicle.
- The person displays a current OHV Decal or registration from the person's home state of residency.
- The vehicle is not in the state for more than thirty (30) consecutive days.
- For more non-resident OHV Decal information, visit *www.azgfd.gov/ohv.*

Operation Regulations for Safe and Ethical Use

Safe and responsible operation (ARS § 28-1174A-D)

One of the biggest threats to sustainable OHV operation in Arizona is the closure of riding areas due to irresponsible use. Irresponsible users not only create safety hazards, they also negatively affect Arizona's natural resources (see photo below). To protect our fragile natural resources, and our ability to visit such beautiful spots, Arizona has adopted strong regulations.

The following regulations apply to ALL off-highway vehicles operated in Arizona, prohibiting operation:

- With reckless disregard for the safety of persons or property.
- Off an existing road, trail or route in a manner that causes damage to wildlife habitat, riparian areas, cultural or natural resources or property or improvements.
- On closed roads, trails, routes or areas (with the exception of hunters retrieving animals in designated areas in accordance with land management agency rules).
- Over unimproved roads, trails, routes or areas, unless driving on roads, trails, routes or areas is allowed by rule or regulation.
- That causes damage to the environment as prohibited by rule, regulation ordinance or code.

OHV travel is limited to roads, trails, routes or areas that are opened as indicated in rules and regulations by the land management agency. **Always check with the appropriate land management agency before you ride.**

Regulatory Signs: A person shall not place or remove a regulatory sign governing off-highway vehicle use on any public or state land. Signs are important for travel and for your safety. Do not remove or destroy signs.

Other OHV Regulations

Driver's License: A valid driver's license is required on city, county, and state roads and highways as well as some Forest Service roads and BLM-maintained roadways.

Riding Double: Only carry the manufacturer-recommended number of passengers for which your OHV was designed, especially on ATVs. Proper ATV riding techniques require operators to shift their weight and change position to maintain control of the machine. Carrying a passenger can impede proper riding techniques, drastically changing how the vehicle responds. Many roll-over crashes can be attributed to the improper carrying of passengers on an ATV. **The addition of an after-market "seat rest or foot pegs" on an ATV or a motorcycle does not lawfully increase the vehicle's seating capacity.**

Driving While Impaired: DUI on an OHV is just like a DUI in any other vehicle. The same laws apply while operating an OHV as do while operating a vehicle. If you are operating an OHV on the street or on public lands and are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you can be stopped by officers. You could be arrested and will face the same criminal penalties as a DUI on the street. (ARS§28-1381)

Wildlife: It is unlawful to chase or harass wildlife. Remember, where you play is also where wildlife calls home. Ride responsibly by staying on roads and trails and avoiding travel in sensitive habitat areas. If lawfully traveling off-road, tread lightly and with care to reduce the likelihood that others will use the same path. (R12-4-320A)

Courtesy and Landowner Relationships

- **Protect your access** – respect property, don't litter, and always stay on roads and trails. Do not make new trails.
- **Keep your OHV muffled to reduce exhaust noise – more complaints, more closures!**
- **Mineshafts** – stay out, stay alive!
- **Ride responsibly** – riding over plants destroys wildlife habitat.
- **Reduce the risk of fire** – make sure your vehicle's spark arrestor is in good working condition.
- **Be considerate of others** – by sharing trails.
- **Avoid creating dust** – slow down.
- **Do not cut fences** – fences are important for range management.
- **Leave gates as you found them** – open or closed.
- **Keep out of closed areas** – do not trespass.
- **Make sure the trail is at least as wide as your OHV.**
- **Know the OHV use regulations for the area you are in.**

The Impact Of Off-Highway Vehicles: What Are The Issues?

The use of OHVs by hunters during hunting season has increased dramatically. While OHVs have made access to some backcountry areas and big game retrieval easier for some hunters, the increased use has created new challenges:

Noise: Be aware that noise from OHVs can disturb other back-country recreationists, including campers, horseback riders, hikers, wildlife watchers and hunters. Loud OHVs may chase deer and elk away from hunters who used stealth and stalking skills to approach their quarry only to have their efforts spoiled by the sound of an OHV. The result can be hard feelings, so be as courteous and conscious of others as you can.

Off-Trail Use: Off-trail use on Arizona public lands is illegal. The only exceptions are in specific areas for retrieval of lawfully taken big game animals, and in specifically designated cross country areas. Please consult the land management agency responsible for the area and learn their specific rules and regula-

tions. Illegal cross-country travel on OHVs can cause soil erosion and damage to fish and wildlife habitat. It also threatens the future of ethical OHV recreation.

What Can You Do To Reduce The Impacts?

- Stay on legal roads and trails. Some areas of the state allow going off roads or trails to retrieve downed big game. In areas where off-road game retrieval is prohibited, park your machine in a safe location on the side of the trail, bring your harvested game to the trail, then load it on your OHV. Please refer to the land management agency responsible for the area for specific rules and regulations.
- Avoid wet areas. OHVs can do serious damage to meadows, streams and other wet areas important to wildlife and Arizona's water supply. Even a lighter weight OHV with low-pressure tires can do lasting damage.
- Respect other recreationists. Slow down or stop your OHV when you approach others on the trail. When meeting equestrians, approach slowly, pull over and stop. Turn off your engine, remove your helmet, and ask how best to proceed.
- To reduce noise and emissions, keep your OHV properly tuned and muffled.
- Limit OHV use in or near campgrounds. Be respectful of other campers' desires for quiet and minimal disruption.
- When overtaking others on the trail, pass in a safe and courteous manner.

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Get a Map!

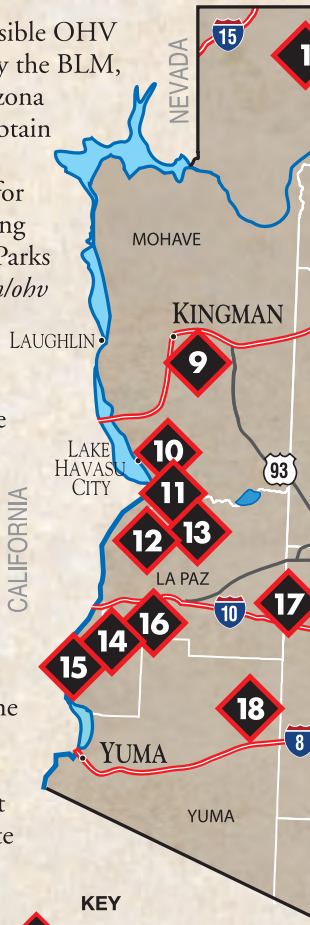
Most places that allow responsible OHV use in Arizona are managed by the BLM, U.S. Forest Service or the Arizona State Land Department. To obtain available travel maps and the most up to date information for each area listed on the following pages, visit the Arizona State Parks website: *www.azstateparks.com/ohv*

Call Before You Go

Before venturing off-highway, always contact the appropriate land manager to check on the types of OHV recreation opportunities available, route closures, fire danger, local conditions, special permits and permission, specific OHV rules, route maps and area information. The "Places to Ride" list on the following pages includes the Land Management agency responsible for each area. Visit the Arizona State Parks website for land management agency contact information, and **call before you go**.

Ride Responsibly

Sites listed in this guide offer opportunities for sightseeing and trail riding, and prohibit reckless operation. If you're interested in high-speed riding, jumps and racing, contact a local "motocross" (MX) facility.



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- Interstate Highway
- Paved Highway
- County Boundaries

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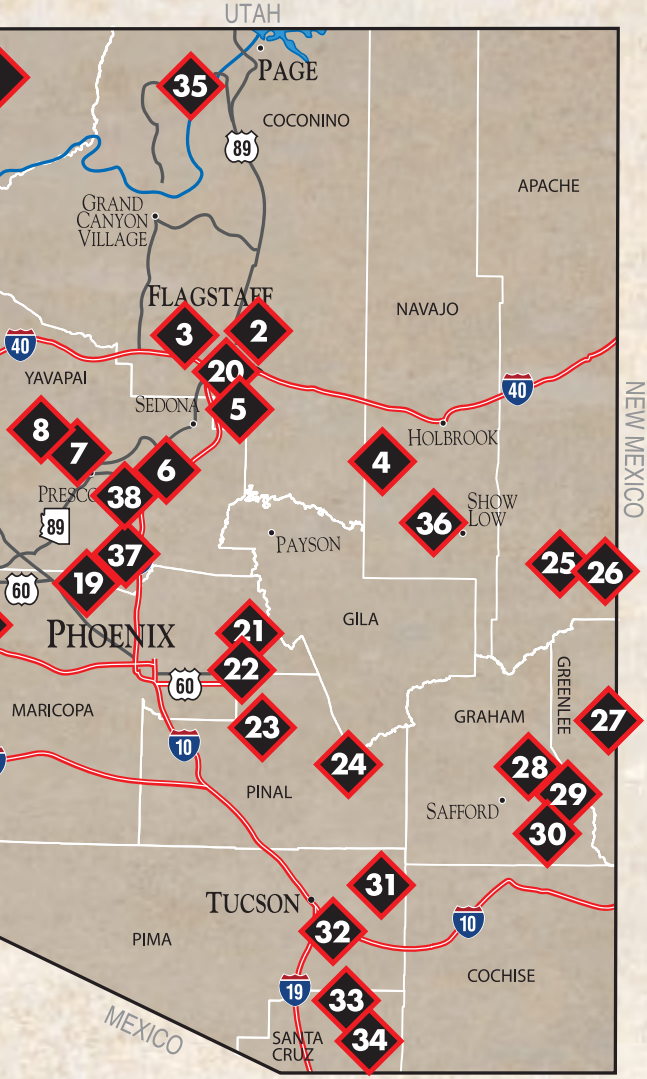

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on Trails and Roads!

1. **Arizona Strip (north of Colorado River)**
   BLM, Arizona Strip Field Office

2. **Cinder Hills OHV Area (Flagstaff)**
   Coconino National Forest, Peaks Ranger District

3. **Kendrick and Mormon Lake / Pinewood Snowmobile Trail Systems (2 locations)**
   Coconino National Forest, Peaks Ranger District

4. **Long Draw OHV Route (Payson-Heber)**
   Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest
   Black Mesa Ranger District

5. **Munds Park (south of Flagstaff)**
   Coconino National Forest, Peaks Ranger District

6. **Hayfield Draw/Bryant Park OHV Area (Cottonwood)**
   Prescott National Forest, Verde Ranger District

7. **Alto Pit OHV Recreation Site (Prescott)**
   Prescott National Forest, Bradshaw Ranger District

8. **Sheridan Mountain/Smith Mesa OHV Trail System (Prescott)**
   Prescott National Forest, Bradshaw and Chino Valley Ranger Districts

9. **Hualapai Mountain OHV Trailhead (Kingman)**
   Hualapai Mountain Park

10 Standard Wash (Lake Havasu City)
BLM Lake Havasu Field Office

11 Parker 400 Desert Race Course (La Paz County)
BLM Lake Havasu Field Office

12 Shea Spectator/Pit Areas and Osborn Wash (Parker)
BLM Lake Havasu Field Office

13 Swansea Townsite (Parker)
BLM Lake Havasu Field Office

14 Ehrenberg Sandbowl (Ehrenberg)
BLM Yuma Field Office

15 Ehrenberg-Cibola (Ehrenberg)
BLM Yuma Field Office

16 La Posa (Quartzsite)
BLM Yuma Field Office

17 Harquahala Mountain Summit Road Backcountry Byway (Aguila)
BLM Hassayampa Field Office

18 Yuma East (Yuma)
BLM Yuma Field Office

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19 Hieroglyphic Mountains Area/ Boulders Staging Area (Lake Pleasant)

BLM Hassayampa Field Office

20 Kelly Canyon

Coconono National Forest

21 The Rolls (Mesa)

Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District

22 Bulldog Canyon OHV Area (Mesa)

Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District

23 Desert Wells (Apache Junction)

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24 Mescal Mountains OHV Area (Kearny)

Town of Kearny

25 Sunrise to Big Lake Snowmobile Route (Springerville)

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest
Springerville Ranger District

26 Saffel Canyon Trail (Eagar)

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest
Springerville Ranger District

27 Rattlesnake Gap (Greenlee County)

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest
Clifton Ranger District

28 Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area (Safford)

BLM Safford Field Office

29 Black Hills Backcountry Byway (Safford)

BLM Safford Field Office

30 Hot Well Dunes Recreation Area (Safford)

BLM Safford Field Office

31 Redington Pass Backcountry Touring Area (Tucson)

Coronado National Forest, Santa Catalina Ranger District

32 Pima Motorsports Park (Tucson)

Pima County

33 Santa Rita Mountain Backcountry Touring Area (Sonoita)

Coronado National Forest
Nogales Ranger District

34 South Patagonia Mountains (Sierra Vista)

Coronado National Forest
Sierra Vista Ranger District

35 Great Western Trail (statewide)

36 Maverick Trail

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest
Lakeside Ranger District

37 Table Mesa

BLM Hassayampa Field Office

38 Copper Canyon Trailhead

Prescott National Forest, Verde Ranger District

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OHV Federal Air Quality Laws

Special consideration – In response to federal air quality concerns, communities across metropolitan Phoenix have adopted laws restricting the operation of motor vehicles on unpaved roads, dry washes, riverbeds and open areas to reduce dust emissions. Check with the Maricopa County Air Quality Department, the land owner/manager or the local city or town office to learn where recreational use is allowed.

On days when a High-Pollution Advisory (HPA) has been issued for particulate matter (PM10), the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) prohibits the use of recreational off-highway vehicles in the greater Phoenix metropolitan area on an unpaved surface that is not a public or private road, street or lawful easement. The area where such travel is restricted is known as "Area A."

Sign up for free HPA text message alerts: *https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/AZDEQ/subscriber/new*

For information on Maricopa County air quality: *www.cleanairmakemore.com*

For Pinal County OHV rules: *http://www.pinalcountyaz.gov/Departments/AirQuality/Dust/Pages/FugitiveDust.aspx*

Hunting and OHV use

It is illegal in Arizona to discharge a firearm from a motor vehicle. Do NOT shoot any firearm or shoot any other device upon, from, across, or into a road or railway. (ARS§17-301B) Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.

A Challenged Hunter Access Mobility Permit (CHAMP) is available from the Arizona Game and Fish Department for those who have a disability and qualify. (R12-4-217)

Respect Private Property! Many dirt roads and trails cross private property. Always ask for permission before you operate your OHV on private roads and trails. Operating without permission, or in a disrespectful manner, can lead to closures directly affecting your OHV opportunities. Do not trespass—there are criminal and civil penalties for violating trespassing laws.

Fair Chase: Increasing numbers of hunters are actually hunting with their OHVs rather than on foot. This approach is contrary to the ethical hunting standard of "fair chase," and reflects poorly on hunting and ethical OHV recreationists.

Off-Trail Use: Off-trail use on Arizona public lands is illegal. The only exception is in specific areas for retrieval of lawfully taken big game animals. **Please consult the land management agency responsible for the area and learn their specific rules and regulations.** Illegal cross-country travel on OHVs can cause soil erosion and damage to fish and wildlife habitat. It also threatens the future of ethical OHV recreation.

Hunter Conflict: OHVs provide hunters with an opportunity to use open designated routes that are shared with hunters on foot, hunters with pack animals, and other OHV recreationists. Always be courteous and respectful of other trail users.

Shed Hunting: The use of motorized vehicles to find sheds of cast antlers has increased in popularity. Shed hunters who use OHVs must stay on roads and trails and avoid areas that are closed. Irresponsible shed hunting impacts wildlife habitat and can adversely impact motorized access to sensitive areas. (ARS§17-454 and ARS§28-1174)

Report Violations:

Wildlife – If you observe a game law violation or wildlife harassment, contact the Operation Game Thief hotline at 1-800-352-0700. You can remain confidential and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to an arrest.

Vandalism – If you observe acts of vandalism or habitat destruction, note a description of the persons, vehicles, license plate numbers, location, time, date and any other information. Report this information to the Arizona Game and Fish Department's 24-hour hotline at (800) VANDALS (1-800-826-3257).

Land Management Agencies

Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) – Do I Need a Permit? – Arizona's Trust Land is managed by the Arizona State Land Department. Trust land is NOT public land. An OHV Decal allows crossing Trust Land when operating on existing roads and trails (unless otherwise prohibited) and on designated routes. A recreation permit is required to park and stage your OHV, camp, hike, or conduct any recreational activity on Trust Land. A valid hunting or fishing license allows for those specific activities on Trust Lands. To learn how to obtain a State Land Recreational Permit, go to a State Land Department office, call (602) 364-2753, or go online to *http://www.azland.gov/programs/natural/recreation_permit.htm.*

United States Forest Service (USFS) – Land of Many Uses! – There are six national forests in Arizona and OHV rules vary from forest to forest. It is extremely important to check with the forest you plan to visit to find out what is allowed and to learn about current conditions. Some roads in national forests require OHVs to be registered as "street legal" and rules change regularly. Visit the U.S. Forest Service website at *www.fs.fed.us*.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – National System of Public Lands. – There are currently eight BLM field offices in Arizona. BLM offices are required to allocate planning areas into three subdivisions: Open (travel permitted anywhere), Closed (e.g., wilderness areas) and Limited (e.g., existing or designated roads/trails, administrative uses, certain vehicles). Some roads on BLM lands require OHVs to be registered as "street legal." Remember, BLM does not allow off-trail OHV use, even for big game retrieval. Visit the BLM website at *www.blm.gov/az.*

Indian Nations and Reservations – Tribal lands have their own rules and regulations regarding OHV use. Although federal and state laws are enforced along some roads and highways, Nation and Reservation laws pertain in all other areas. To operate your OHV on tribal lands, you will need the proper permit or permission. Visit the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs at *www.Indianaffairs.state.az.us.*

Arizona

RIDE ON
DESIGNATED ROUTES

Please tread lightly and travel only on routes and in areas designated open for motor vehicle use. Remember, Respected Access is Open Access.

tread lightly!®
ON LAND AND WATER

ARIZONA GAME & FISH

OHV Education and Training

Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD)

Arizona Game and Fish provides an online OHV curriculum and hands-on classes to promote safe, ethical OHV use. We teach OHV laws, the desert environment, landowner relations and other components designed specifically for Arizona OHV operators. *www.azgfd.gov/ohv*

Arizona State Parks (ASP)

Arizona State Parks OHV Program manages the OHV Ambassadors and provides information on OHV clubs, where to ride, permits, ethics and safety, OHV laws, vehicles and equipment, mine shaft safety and much more. Visit their interactive website: *www.azstateparks.com/ohv*

ATV Safety Institute (ASI)

The ATV RiderCourse™ provides hands-on training in basic techniques for riding an all-terrain vehicle. 1-800-887-2887 *www.ATVsafety.org*

Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF)

Dirt Bike School provides hands-on off-highway motorcycle rider training, with an emphasis on safety and skill development.
1-877-288-7093 *www.dirtbikeschool.com*

National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC)

NOHVCC develops and provides a wide spectrum of programs, materials and information, or "tools" to individuals, clubs, associations and agencies to foster a positive future for responsible OHV recreation.
1-800-348-6487 *www.nohvcc.org*

Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association (ROHVA)

ROHVA promotes the safe and responsible use of a new and emerging category of recreational off-highway vehicles; the ROV is sometimes referred to as a "side-by-side" or utility task vehicle (UTV).
www.rohva.org

United Four-Wheel Drive Association (UFWDA)

UFWDA provides a 4WD Safety and Awareness Program.
www.ufwda.org/4wdawareness.htm

OHV Safety Checklist

Off-Highway Vehicle enthusiasts should never go on a ride without the gear they need. Of course, those necessities can depend on several variables: what type of OHV you're using, where you're going, in what season, and how long your adventure will be. No matter where your travels will take you, refer to this checklist before you head out.

Navigational Needs:

- ☐ Area maps and guides
- ☐ Permits, if needed
- ☐ Compass, with mirror
- ☐ GPS equipment

Personal Safety:

- ☐ ***Extra water*** & food
- ☐ Cell phone*
- ☐ Sun screen
- ☐ Whistle
- ☐ Waterproof matches
- ☐ Medicine**
- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ First-aid kit
- ☐ Spare glasses or contacts
- ☐ Iodine
- ☐ Blanket
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Jacket

Tool Box:

- ☐ Basic tools
- ☐ Nylon rope or cord
- ☐ Pocket knife
- ☐ Electrical & duct tape

Field Recovery:

- ☐ Tire repair kit
- ☐ Leather gloves
- ☐ Tow strap
- ☐ Sturdy tow rope or chain
- ☐ Extra spark plugs
- ☐ Spare ignition key
- ☐ Headlight and taillight bulbs
- ☐ Spare tire & jack
- ☐ Extra fuel & oil
- ☐ Jumper cables
- ☐ Shovel
- ☐ Emergency flares
- ☐ Fire extinguisher
- ☐ Extra water!

ALWAYS Remember:

- ☐ Tell a responsible person where you are traveling and when you expect to be back.
- ☐ Do NOT go riding alone. It's safer with others… and more fun. Consider riding with a club.

*Cell phones cannot be relied on to work outside of metropolitan areas.

**Carry necessary prescription medications in case you have an unexpected extended outing.