

## Arizona OHV Grant Project

The mission of the Arizona Off Highway Vehicle Program is to develop vehicular recreational opportunities and educational programs that promote user education, interagency cooperation and natural resource protection.

The Arizona Legislature created the OHV Program in 1991. The Legislature set the funding mechanism at 0.55 percent of the annual state motor fuel tax revenues. In 2009, the decal program began. And today both funds are used for OHV projects.

The fund is administered by the Arizona State Parks who receive 60 percent of the funds for grants and agreements (12 percent is for administration by AZ State Parks for the program) for OHV projects such as road construction, development and maintenance of roads and trails and signage and maps; 35 percent goes to Game and Fish Department for law enforcement, education and outreach; 5 percent to the Arizona State Land Department for mitigation, signage and enforcement. More information can be found at the Game and Fish Website: <https://www.azgfd.com/ohv/>.

## Arizona OHV Decal Requirements



The OHV decal is for vehicles designed by the manufacturer primarily for travel over unimproved roads and having a laden weight of 2500 pounds or less and/or an engine greater than 49cc requires an OHV Decal to operate on public and state trust lands, and must be displayed on the upper left hand corner of your license plate. Pickup trucks, SUV's, cars and other recreational vehicles are not required to have an OHV decal.



The decal is not a registration, but you are required a registration if you plan to travel on paved and improved roads and streets.



Arizona Residents will need an Arizona certificate of title and an Arizona license plate. Decals can be purchase through any Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) Office for \$25 and is good for one year from the date of purchase or at [www.servicearizona.com](http://www.servicearizona.com).

Non Arizona Residents will need to purchase an OHV sticker if the person is not a resident of Arizona and owns the vehicle. The Decal must be purchased prior to riding in Arizona.

The non resident decal is only available online through the Arizona Game and Fish Department at: [www.azgfd.com/OHV/Decals/](http://www.azgfd.com/OHV/Decals/)

## Required Equipment for OHV's

Equipment required for OHV vehicles include, rear view mirror, seat, footrests, eye protection or windshield, muffler with a limit of 96 decibels, spark arrestor, safety flag and license plate.

Helmets are required for anyone under the age of 18. Children should never ride OHVs designed for adults. There are size and age appropriate OHVs designed for children, and are intended for one operator with no passenger.

Always follow manufacturer minimum age recommendations, and make sure your children ride with the appropriate safety equipment.

## Arizona State Land Permit

When driving off pavement in Arizona you need to have an Arizona State Land Recreation Permit, available online at: <https://land.az.gov/applications-and-permits>. Arizona State Land is held in trust for the Arizona School System. All sales of land and permits go to benefit the AZ school system.

## Avenza Map App

Avenza is a mobile app that allows you to download maps for offline use on iOS or Android smartphone or tablet. Use your device's built in GPS to track your location on any map, plot locations and photos, measure distance and area, and more.

The app only uses your minutes to download the program and maps, otherwise it uses your GPS.



Southwest FS Region Scan the following QR code and it will take you directly to the Motor Vehicle Use



Nogales & Sierra Vista Front RD



Nogales & Sierra Vista Back RD

Map (MVUM) for the ranger district within the Coronado National Forest. Other maps can be found at: [www.FS.fed.us](http://www.FS.fed.us).

## More Information

Arizona Game and Fish Department, Tucson Field Office, 555 555 N. Greasewood Rd., Tucson 85745, 520-628-5376

Arizona State Land Department, 1616 W. Adams St., Phoenix AZ 85007, 602-542-4631

Arizona State Parks, 23751 N. 23rd Ave, #190, Phoenix, AZ 85085, 877-697-2757

AZ Four Wheel Drive Foundation, [www.afwdf.org](http://www.afwdf.org)

## Santa Rita OHV Area Coronado National Forest, Nogales Ranger District



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Nogales Ranger District, 303 Old Tucson Rd, Nogales, AZ 85546, 520-281-22596

Coronado National Forest, Supervisors Office, 300 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ 85701, 520-388-8300

AZ State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, [www.asa4wdc.org](http://www.asa4wdc.org)



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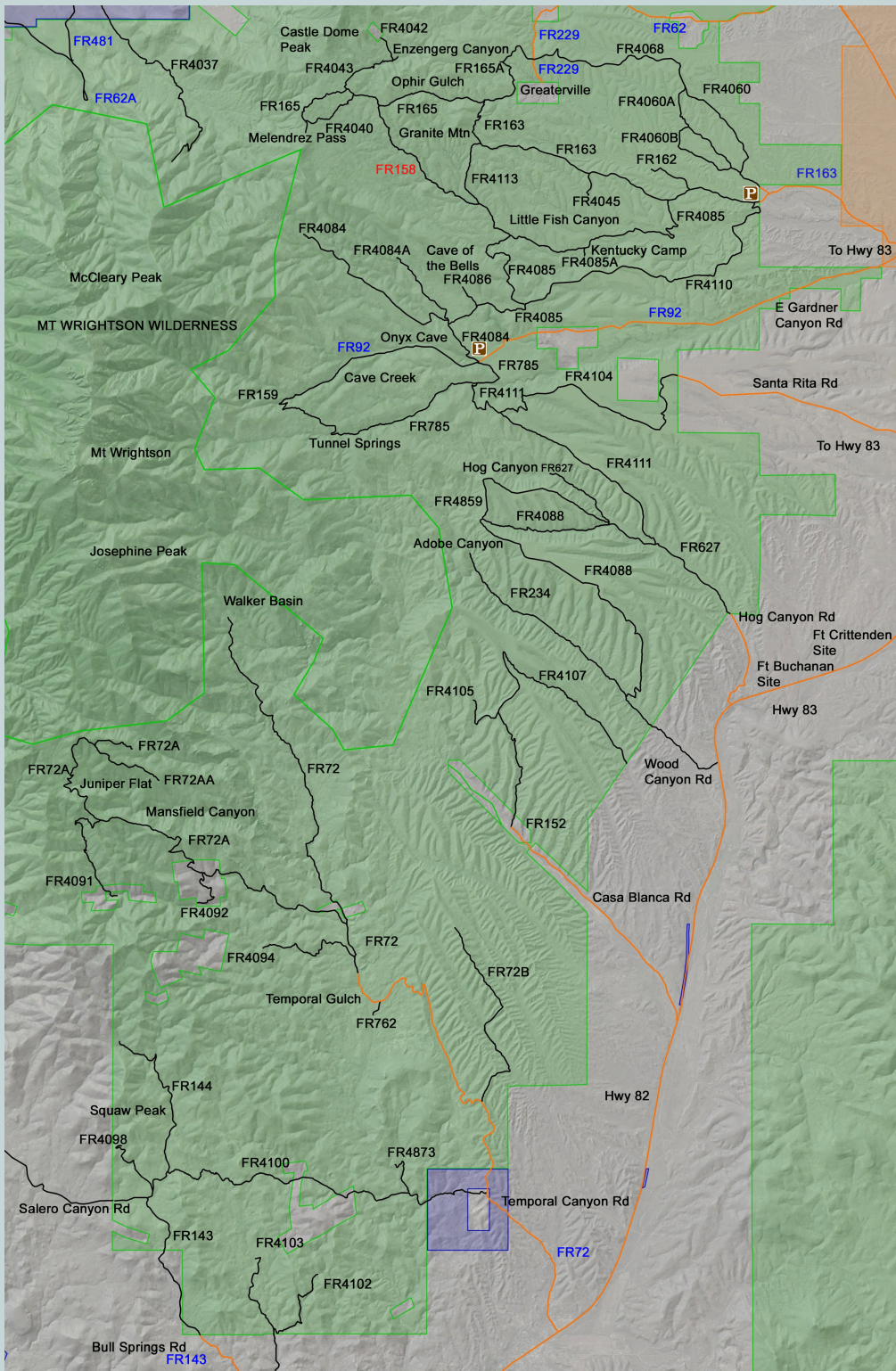
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This map is not to scale. The MVUM map for this area is the Coronado Nogales and Sierra Vista Districts back page.

## Santa Rita OHV History

The Santa Rita OHV area was developed through OHV grants through Arizona State Parks in 1994, 1995 and 1999. The grant provided for mapping of the OHV routes, signage, cattle guards, brochures, kiosk and mitigation of OHV damage.

This brochure is an update of that area. It is developed through an OHV grant and printed through a RTP grant applied for through the Arizona State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs.

## The Route

The Santa Rita OHV area trails are for all levels of experience and most are considered moderate. The more difficult trails are in Melendrez Pass area.

As with most off road routes in Arizona the terrain can change with the weather.

These trails should be driven with vehicles that are equipped with a lift, off road tires and locking differentials are extremely helpful.

It is best to go with another vehicle or a local four wheel drive club that knows the area. You are a long way from the paved road in some areas.

Contact a local OHV club to help you pick the trail that is right for you.

**LEGEND**

- National Forest Land
- Arizona State Land
- Private Property
- Motorized Routes
- FR#** Open to all vehicles
- FR#** Street legal vehicles
- FR#** Open to 50" only

## OHV Information

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- Travel on designated routes only.
- Check with local clubs about difficulty of the trail.
- Let someone know where you are going, destination and time you expect to return.
- Invite a friend along so you don't travel alone
- Not all trails are for stock vehicles.
- Use existing campsites and fire rings.
- Please pack it in and pack it out.
- Leave all gates as you found them. If they were open do not close, if they were closed please close them. This is open range.
- Horses have the right of way.
- Roads marked with blue numbers are for street legal vehicles only.
- Roads marked with red numbers are for vehicles 50" wide or less.

## Common Terms

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| <b>ATV</b> —All Terrain Vehicle          | <b>FR</b> —Forest Road              |
| <b>MVUM</b> —Motor Vehicle Use Map       | <b>OHV</b> —Off Highway Vehicle     |
| <b>ROV</b> —Recreational Offroad Vehicle | <b>UTV</b> —Utility Terrain Vehicle |
| RTP—Recreational Trails Program          |                                     |

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