

## 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 of the program), road construction, development and maintenance, 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.

The decal is not a registration, but you are required to have 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 purchased through any Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) Office for \$25 and is good for one year from date of purchase or at [www.servicearizona.com](http://www.servicearizona.com).



Non Arizona Residents shall purchase an OHV Decal if the person is not a resident of Arizona and owns the vehicle. 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.



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

AZ Game and Fish Department, Tucson Field Office, 555 N. Greasewood Rd., Tucson 85745 Phone—628-5376

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

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

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

Tucson Rough Riders [www.tucsonroughriders.org](http://www.tucsonroughriders.org).

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

## Charouleau Gap Coronado National Forest, Santa Catalina Ranger District



Kiss Rock



Asteroid Field

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Coronado NF Supervisors Office, 300 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ 85701, Phone—520-388-8300



[www.asa4wdc.org](http://www.asa4wdc.org)



[www.afwdf.org](http://www.afwdf.org)



[azstateparks.com](http://azstateparks.com)



[tucsonroughriders.org](http://tucsonroughriders.org)



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## Partnership and Volunteers Sustaining the Charouleau Gap Road

Charouleau Gap or “The Gap” Road is primarily used for off-highway recreation, hunting, bicycling, horseback riding, hiking, ranching, and fire suppression. It is the main road on the west side of the Santa Catalina Mountains from Catalina to Oracle.

The road has been maintained for over 20 years in part by volunteers from the Tucson Rough Riders (TRR) through an Arizona State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs (ASA4WDC) Adopt-a-Road agreement with the Coronado National Forest Santa Catalina Ranger District. The ASA4WDC, established in 1976, is a statewide four wheel drive association that promotes responsible motorized recreation. The Tucson Rough Riders is a Tucson based full-sized four wheel drive club that has belonged to the ASA4WDC for many years.

The Charouleau Gap Road access was almost lost back in the 1990s to surrounding development. However, a long standing, good working relationship with the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Santa Catalina Ranger District helped secure access on the Santa Catalina Side.

Through planning, letter writing and many meetings, the ASA4WDC and the TRR worked to come up with a solution to keep this road open for all uses including local businesses.

An easement was secured through Game and Fish Heritage Funds for continued access and a new entrance road into the Coronado National Forest. The TRR and other ASA4WDC clubs along with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and the Santa Catalina Ranger District worked together to build the access road. Volunteers moved vegetation and installed fencing and signage.

TRR volunteers help maintain the road through an agreement with the Coronado National Forest and the ASA4WDC Adopt-A-Road program.

Work on both the Gap and Rice Peak roads has resulted in over 10,000 hours of volunteer hours. Volunteers filled in wash outs,



added footage to switchbacks, installed fencing, kiosks and signs, and performed other maintenance along the routes.

Refer to the latest Motor Vehicle Use Map

(MVUM) for the Santa Catalina Ranger District for dispersed camping sites and other important information.

### OHV Information

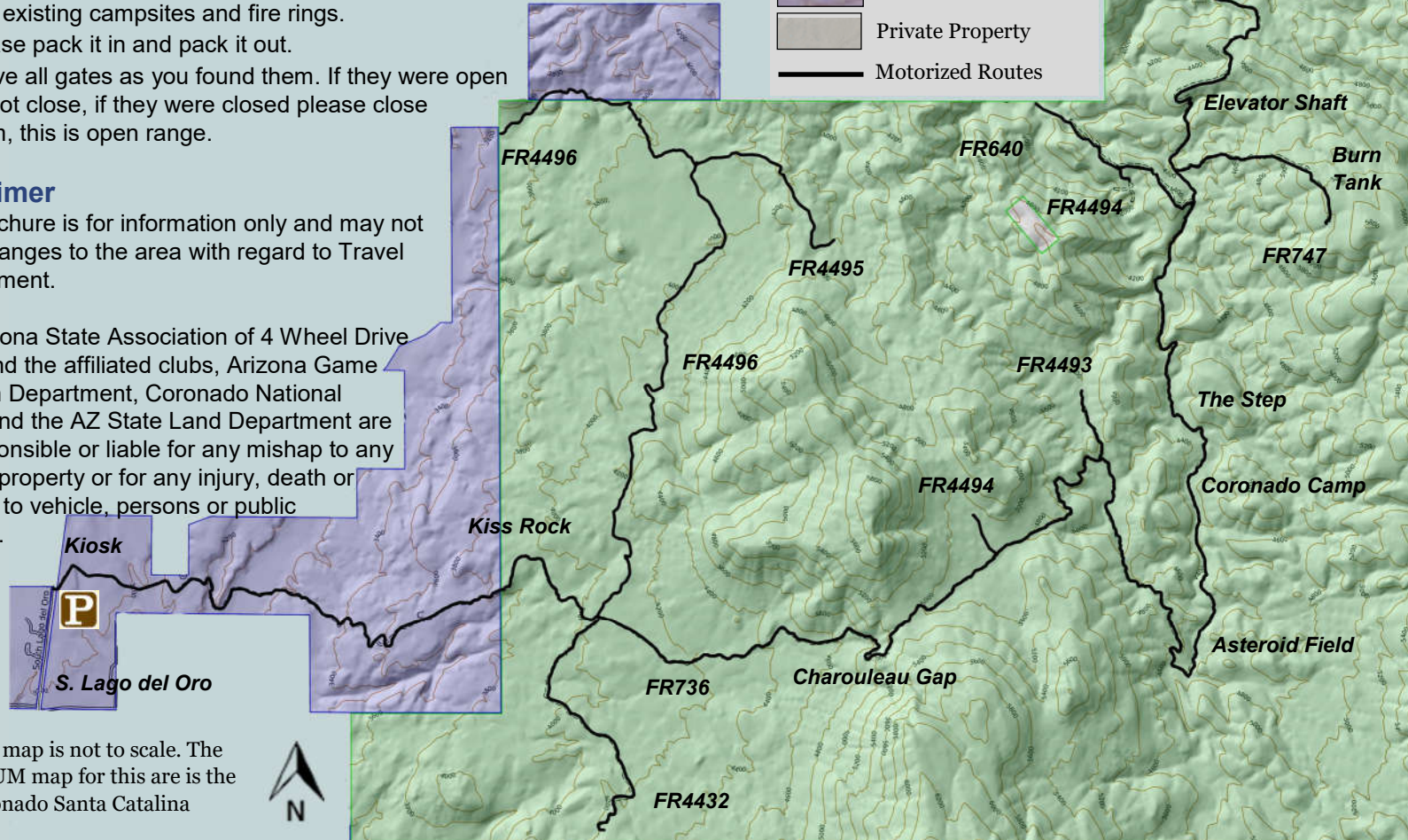
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- Travel on designated routes only.
- Check with local clubs about difficulty of the trail.
- Let someone know where you are going, destination and time you expect to return.
- Invite a friend along so you don't travel alone
- Not all trails are for 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.

### Disclaimer

This brochure is for information only and may not show changes to the area with regard to Travel Management.

The Arizona State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs and the affiliated clubs, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Coronado National Forest and the AZ State Land Department are not responsible or liable for any mishap to any vehicle, property or for any injury, death or damage to vehicle, persons or public property.



This map is not to scale. The MVUM map for this area is the Coronado Santa Catalina

### Directions

From Tucson-Take Catalina Hwy north to Golder Ranch Road, turn left on South Lago del Oro, continue to the kiosk and staging area on your right.

From Oracle-Take Hwy 77 to Oracle, turn right onto American Ave, sharp right to E Maplewood Dr., left on N Estill Dr., left at N Viento Dr, right at Callas Dr.

### Legend

- National Forest Land
- Arizona State Land
- Private Property
- Motorized Routes