

A4WDA Info #8 – OHV Decal



Hi all—Rebecca and Maddie, here for this Friday’s installment.

Do you know who needs to have an OHV sticker. It can be a little confusing at times. But not all of us require one.

Any off-highway vehicle (OHV) built primarily for use on unimproved terrain and weighing 2,500 pounds or less must, by Arizona law, display a valid Arizona OHV decal and carry liability insurance when operated on public lands or Arizona State Trust Land.

Vehicles over 2,500 pounds are registered like a regular vehicle.

Resident OHV Decals

Resident OHV decals are available through the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division (MVD).

The decal costs \$25 and is valid for one year from the date of purchase. You must also take an online Safety Course when registering or renewing your decal.

You can purchase or renew a decal online through: [ADOT MVD OHV Services](#)

For Arizona residents with vehicles under 2,500 pounds that are used primarily off highway, the decal also allows the MVD to apply the reduced Vehicle License Tax (VLT) when that use is declared.

Nonresident OHV Decals

Nonresident OHV decals are available through the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

The decal costs \$25 and is valid for one year from the date of purchase. You must also take an online Safety Course when registering or renewing your decal.

More information is available at: [Arizona Game and Fish OHV Decal Information](#)

Mandatory OHV Safety Course

Beginning January 1, 2025, Arizona requires anyone purchasing or renewing an OHV decal to complete the mandatory online safety course titled:

OHV Decal: Safe & Ethical Riding in Arizona

The free course was developed through a partnership between the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

The course includes:

- A short instructional video
- Safety and ethical riding information
- Twenty multiple-choice questions

The goal is to improve rider safety, promote responsible recreation, and help protect Arizona's public lands and trail systems.

Arizona's OHV Program

Arizona's OHV Program was established in 2009 through Senate Bill 1167, which created the OHV Decal Program and directed decal revenue into the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund.

Funds generated from OHV decals are distributed to several agencies that support recreation, education, enforcement, and trail maintenance throughout the state.

Distribution of OHV Funds

- **35%** goes to the Arizona Game and Fish Department for OHV education, information, and program support, including funding for OHV staff and outreach programs.
- **5%** goes to the Arizona State Land Department to allow OHV travel across State Trust Land on existing roads, trails, and designated routes.
This does not include stopping, camping, or recreating on State Trust Land, which still requires a Recreation Permit.
- The remaining **60%** goes to Arizona State Parks and Trails for the OHV Recreation Fund Grant Program.
 - No more than 12% may be used for administrative costs.

- The remainder is distributed through grants for trail projects, access improvements, maintenance, education, and recreation facilities.

How OHV Grants Benefit Recreation

The OHV Grant Program has significantly benefited Arizona's motorized recreation community by funding projects and improvements that might not otherwise happen.

Examples of funded projects include:

- Trail and route maintenance
- Trailheads and staging areas
- Signage and kiosks
- Maps and educational materials
- Law enforcement and safety programs
- Resource protection and trail stabilization
- Route connectivity and access improvements
- And many other OHV related grants

These grants help improve responsible access while supporting long-term stewardship of Arizona's public lands.

For more information about Arizona's OHV programs and grants, visit:

- [Arizona State Parks OHV Program](#)
- [Arizona Game and Fish OHV Program](#)

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