

# ARIZONA ORV/OHV INFORMATION HANDBOOK



**Arizona OHV/ORV information  
Including: trail locations, land  
management, mapping apps, permits,  
safety, and vehicle equipment**



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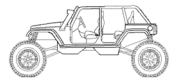
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## To the Reader

The information contained in this booklet is accurate as of the date of printing. Regulations, access rules, and land use designations are subject to change.

Always consult with the local manager of public lands—such as the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), United States Forest Service (USFS), or relevant state or local OHV associations—for the most current information before planning your activities.



This booklet was partially developed with an Arizona State Parks OHV Grant.

For the intent of this booklet all off highway vehicles shall be referred to as OHV. This will include all forms of motorized recreation in this booklet unless otherwise noted. ORV is a designation that refers to full size vehicles for clarity on requirements and regulations which may differ.

### OHV/ORV Information

The information in this booklet reflects the most current data available at the time of printing. However, conditions, regulations and access may change.

OHV recreation is one of the most extensive recreational activities taking place on public and state lands in Arizona, and it continues to grow at an increasing rate.

OHV recreation has a significant economic impact in Arizona (more than \$4 billion a year, based on a 2003 Arizona State Parks study).

We all need to respect our environment:

- follow rules and regulations
- respect the rights of other users on our public lands.
- All roads and trails are open to public recreation; some areas are not open to motorized or mechanized.

Non motorized areas are open to human traffic only and in some cases bicycles, but are not open to motorized equipment.

Types of recreation include:

- Motorized—any vehicle that is propelled by a motor
- Mechanized—any vehicle that is propelled by pedaling.
- Non Motorized—any recreation that is not propelled by a motor or pedaling.



Generally - horizontal road sign markers require licensed and registered vehicles. Roads with vertical signs generally do not mandate registration.

**DISCLAIMER**

No OHV/ORV organization, association or club is responsible for any mishap, damage, injury or death resulting from the use of the information provided in this document.

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All information provided is up to date at the time of printing. As a user you are responsible for acquiring the most current information and maps as available.

**How was this booklet made possible**

This booklet was a joint effort between the AZ Four Wheel Drive Foundation (AFWDF) and the AZ 4 Wheel Drive Association (A4WDF—formerly AZ State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs—ASA4WDC).

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**HOW ROADS AND TRAILS STAY OPEN**

The users help keep our access open in many ways. Our motorized roads and trails stay open because some of the users, organizations and clubs stay involved with the managing land agencies.

These groups and people work with the Federal, State and Private land managers on projects to help offset the agencies' continuing shrinking budget.

Projects can include the following: road/trail repairs, reviewing and commenting on

travel management plans, sign installation and volunteering to help with clubs, associations, land managers' offices and other community projects.

Some of these groups even go so far as to help keep our access open at the legislative level. This requires reviewing bills and talking to legislators about OHV issues they might not understand or consider OHV issues in their documents. One small sentence in their bills could adversely effect our recreation.

This work needs to be funded, which is where you can help with your dues and donations to clubs and organizations.

## ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

- |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| AF—Air Force                           | NM—National Monument             |
| ARS—Arizona Revised Statute            | NWR—National Wildlife Refuge     |
| ASL—Arizona State Land                 | OHV—Off-Highway Vehicle          |
| ASLD—Arizona State Land Department     | QR—Trademark for matrix bar code |
| ATV—All Terrain Vehicle                | RD—Ranger District               |
| BLM—Bureau of Land Management          | ORV—Off-Road Vehicle             |
| DO—District Office                     | RTP—Recreational Trails Program  |
| FO—Field Office                        | RV—Recreational Vehicle          |
| FS—Forest Service                      | ST—Single Track                  |
| G&F—Game and Fish Department           | SUV—Sport Utility Vehicle        |
| GPS—Global Positioning System          | TMP—Trail Management Plan        |
| MVUM—Motor Vehicle Use Map             | UTV—Utility Terrain Vehicle      |
| NEPA—National Environmental Policy Act | WSA—Wilderness Study Area        |
| NF — National Forest                   |                                  |

## ARIZONA LANDS — WHO OWNS WHAT

Arizona has approximately 72.95 million acres of land administered by the Federal agencies comprising about 42% of the land in Arizona, not including Tribal lands.

Most OHV recreation occurs on land administered by the National Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

### *Arizona Game and Fish Department*



The Arizona Game and Fish Commission establishes policy for the management, preservation, and harvest of wildlife.

Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) make rules and regulations for managing, conserving, and protecting wildlife and fisheries resources, and safe and regulated watercraft and off-highway vehicle operations for the benefit of the citizens of Arizona.

The AZGFDs off-highway vehicle (OHV) safety education course includes instruction on the basic skills required to safely ride or operate an OHV, and is required prior to licensing your OHV. Full size ORV's are not required to take this class.

These include responsibilities of OHV riders to others and the environment, general information on preparing for the unexpected, additional educational resources, laws, rules and regulations for the safe, ethical and responsible operation and use of OHVs.

The AZGF department prints a booklet directed to OHV vehicles, single track, ATV and side x sides that detail the current requirements and regulations, but does not include full size vehicles.

The seven Arizona Field Offices located in: Phoenix, Flagstaff, Kingman, Mesa, Pinetop, Tucson and Yuma, addresses and phone numbers are listed in the back of this book.

## Arizona State Land



Arizona State Trust Land (ASLD) *is not public land*, but held in trust for the state school system. ASLD was created by a congressional bill enacted in the late 1800s to provide money for the public school system. When a parcel is sold the money is used to benefit the schools.

You are required to have a permit to cross or stop on ASLD. Because it can difficult to know whose land you are on as Arizona landownership is checkerboarded across the state.

You are allowed to cross state land, but not stop if you have an OHV decal (smaller vehicles—2500 lbs. or less only). If you do you can be fined. All other vehicles are required to have an ASLD permit to cross, stop, camp or drive across.

A hunting license is not enough to stay on state land, unless you are in the pursuit of game. Target shooting *is not* allowed on state land. A valid hunting license is not enough, as it is only for use in pursuit of game or scouting.

The annual permit is \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. It is recommended that all your vehicles have a copy of your state land permit.

You can get your Arizona State Land permit at the main office in Phoenix at 1616 Adams St., 602-542-4631 or online at [land.az.gov/natural-resources/recreational-permits](http://land.az.gov/natural-resources/recreational-permits)

## Bureau of Land Management



The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administers approximately 12.2 million acres of public lands and 17.5 million subsurface acres (water/mineral rights) in Arizona.



### Tucson Rough Riders

P.O. Box 78726, Tucson AZ 85703  
[www.tucsonroughriders.com](http://www.tucsonroughriders.com)



The Tucson RoughRiders (TRR) is a organized full size four wheel drive club located in Tucson Arizona.

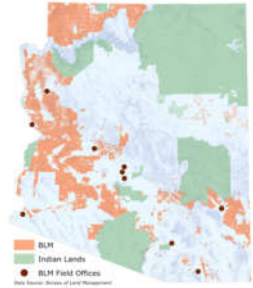
The club was founded in 1976 by like minded four wheel drive enthusiast that all worked at Tucson Gas and Electric Company.

The main objectives of the TRR are: *To promote family togetherness as a family unit, To provide social and recreational activities for its members, and To provide assistance to the state and national land management agencies.*

The TRR holds an annual event every year in October as a fundraiser for the club to continue. Along with this a large portion of the raffle money is donated to local charities, this also includes a donation to the A4WDA/ASA4WDC land use fund to help keep our access open.



BLM refers to motorized recreation on “roads and trails as OHV use.” Some areas of BLM managed land have maps available, either at their offices or on Avenza.



Shooting is generally allowed on BLM lands, but should be done in a safe manner with out damage to natural resources. Please pick up all spent shells, targets and other shooting debris.

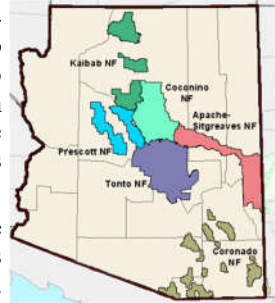
The Bureau of Land Management has five District offices, Arizona State Office (Phoenix), Arizona Strip DO (St. George, Utah), Colorado River DO (Lake Havasu), Gila DO (Tucson), Phoenix DO (Phoenix).

Each district office has several field offices, contact information is listed at the end of this booklet.

**National Forest Service**



There are six National Forests in Arizona; — *Apache-Sitgreaves* (orange), *Coconino* (turquoise), *Coronado* (sage), *Kaibab* (green), *Prescott* (teal), and *Tonto* (purple), this totals approximately 15% of the land in the state. Check with your local office for more information. Contact information for main and district offices are listed at the end of this booklet.

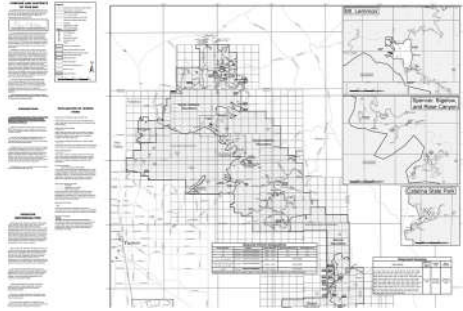


Each forest provides maps of that area called an Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM—show here). These maps show the roads that are open for motorized use, dispersed camping areas, designated campgrounds and other important information.

The MVUM’s maps should be updated every year, which allows changes to be made.

When referring to OHV use NF refers to motorized recreation with regard to “roads and routes.” Due to budget cuts and lack of manpower you will be responsible for knowing whose land you are on and where it is open to motorized use or not.

The MVUM’s are available at all forest ranger districts and can be downloaded from each districts website or electronically downloaded for use with the Avenza App program. Refer to apps in this booklet.



Some forests require a permit for any use of their recreational facilities, such as the Tonto NF requires a Tonto Pass to use campgrounds, day use areas and other improvements.

**National Parks and Monuments**

National Parks and Monuments have restricted motorized travel to existing roads as marked. When driving in a national park or monument, have the latest map so you know what is open to motorized use and what is not.

**National Wildlife Refuges**



Arizona’s eight National Wildlife Refuges are protected areas managed primarily for the conservation of wildlife and habitat. They offer wildlife

viewing, hiking, fishing, boating, and hunting.

When using a refuge assume “it is closed unless marked open.” This means only designated areas and activities are permitted, if a trail, road or area is not marked open to the public consider it off limits.

- Vehicles are permitted on designated roads only.
- All off road vehicle travel is prohibited on the refuge.
- All backwater lakes are no wake.
- Dispersed Camping is permitted where posted.

Check with the Refuge you will be visiting for camping and fire regulations. Refuge regulations are not the same at all refuges.

The following are not permitted: removal, defacing or damaging of rocks, minerals, artifacts or objects of antiquity.

Collecting, possessing, molesting, disturbing, removing or transporting any animal or plants is prohibited except for legally taken game.

National Wildlife Refuges require all vehicles, including OHV/ORVs, all-terrain cycles, dirt bikes, motorcycles, sand rails, “gators”, and “E-Z Go” golf carts must be registered, insured, and street legal. All drivers must also have a state issued drivers’ license in good standing.

Arizona National Wildlife Refuges: *Bill Williams River NWR (Parker), Buenos Aires NWR (Sasabe), Cabeza Prieta NWR (Ajo), Cibola NWR (Cibola), Havasu NWR (Needles, CA), Imperial NWR (Yuma), Kofa NWR (Yuma), and San Bernadino/Leslie Canyon NWR (Douglas).* Contact information is located in the back of this book.



## Arizona Classic Broncos

To promote the Bronco Community and outdoor recreation for current and future generations. To maintain access to public lands for the benefit of all through responsible use and education.

The Arizona Classic Bronco Club (ACB) has been in existence since 1991, making us the 2nd longest running Bronco club in the nation.

We started with the title "Classic" but owners of any year Bronco (running or not) are welcome to join. Any 4x4 is welcome on our monthly runs and at the Stampede. We are a family friendly group of four wheelers.

The newest info regarding the club is also on our Facebook page: Search for "AZ Classic Broncos."

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

Facebook: Arizona Classic Bronco



## ***Wilderness***

The Wilderness Act was passed in 1964, and signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson. This Act established the National Wilderness Preservation System "...for the permanent good of the whole people." This law also directs federal land management agencies, including the National Park Service (NPS), to manage these wilderness areas and preserve wilderness character.

The Wilderness Act of 1964 established the National Wilderness Preservation System, a national network of more than 800 federally designated wilderness areas. These wilderness areas are managed by the NPS, BLM, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and USFS.

Travel in designated wilderness is by foot or horseback only.

## ***Tribal Lands***

Tribal lands in Arizona ***are not public*** lands and require a permit for use. Some areas are sacred and are restricted and not open to the public.

There are 22 Native American reservations in Arizona and all operate under their own unique government structure. Contact the individual tribes in the area prior to any visit.

## ***Private property***

Private property is owned individually. Some roads on private property are open to use and some are not. Respect private property and obey signs as posted. Contact the individual land owner for access across their property prior to use.

# **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PERMITS**

## **Law Enforcement**

The FS, BLM and AZGFD all have law enforcement officers. The AZGFD have dedicated OHV Law Enforcement Officers which have jurisdiction on all AZ lands except private property and tribal lands.

AZ State Police also have jurisdiction on all AZ lands.

Large OHV events require permits and insurance for the land you are using. The permits need to be obtained from the agency whose land is being used.

Always check with the agencies website for the latest information.

## **Permits**

**BLM**— Special Recreation Permits (SRP) are required for commercial use, competitive events, group activities, recreation events and events providing vending services or supplies associated with the recreation event.

Permit information can be found in the H-2930 Recreation Permit and Fee Administration Handbook.

The BLM requires permits for all events that are larger than 25 participants. Individual offices and/or districts might be different so check prior to your event.

Requirements for permits:

- ◆ All permits require 180 calendar days before the event to process
- ◆ Events require liability insurance
- ◆ Cost for organized groups, competitive, commercial/competitive are \$5/participant/day plus any use fees, check for the latest costs

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520-881-4108

- ◆ Cost for Commercial (including vending); 3% of adjusted gross receipts plus any site fees

### ***Forest Service Permits***

FS requires permits for any events that use FS land:

- ◆ Costs are 5% of the adjusted gross receipts for one time events; or
- ◆ 3% of adjusted gross receipts for multiple events under a single permit
- ◆ Events require liability insurance

### ***Arizona State Land Recreational Permits***

ASLD permits are required for competitive, commercial and group events.

- ◆ Small group events of fewer than 20 people that are not competitive or commercial are \$20 per family.
- ◆ The cost for a large group permit application is \$300 non refundable
  - ◆ Requires 90 calendar days prior to event
  - ◆ Events require liability insurance

### ***National Wildlife Refuges***

NWR requires permits for any events that use NWR land:

- ◆ Special Use Permits (SUP) are required for special events, group visits, one-time events and other commercial activities and are subject to specific conditions and fees.
- ◆ Please check with the local office for permit requirements and refuge rules.

## **OHV VS ORV**

**OHV** by definition of the Arizona OHV Bill includes ATVs, UTV, side by sides, RZR<sup>®</sup>s, ROVs, ORVs, motorcycles, mopeds and snowmobiles are all considered OHV's. ORV's are full size street legal vehicles.

**Dirt Bike** (single track), 2 wheels, less than 50cc, OHV decal required.

**ATV** (All Terrain Vehicle)/**OHV** (Off Highway Vehicle) 3 to 4 wheels, seat—straddle type, maximum 50” width, 61” maximum wheelbase, **OHV decal required.**

**UTV** (Utility Type Vehicle) 4 tires, 50” minimum width, 80” maximum width, 110” maximum wheelbase, 2,500 pounds maximum weight, **OHV Decal required.**

UTVs over 2500 pounds are registered as a full size vehicle.

**ORV** (Four Wheel Drive Full Size Vehicle) 4 tires, weight exceeds 2,500 pounds, **No OHV Decal required.**

## **WHAT IS REQUIRED TO RIDE ON PUBLIC LANDS**

The following is requirements for any OHV:

- ◆ All vehicles (OHV/ORV) are required to have an Arizona State Land Recreational Permit
- ◆ A drivers license is required to operate an OHV with exceptions for designated roads and trails.

All vehicles under 2500 lbs. are required:

- ◆ An OHV Decal if your vehicle is under 2500 pounds
- ◆ As of January 1, 2025, all operators of a vehicle 2500 lbs. or less are required to take an OHV Safety Class prior to applying for a registration or renewing. Refer to the AZ Game and Fish Website at <https://www.azgfd.com/off-highway-vehicle/> for more information.



***Equipment Required for OHVs***

The following equipment is required for your OHV (2500 lbs. or less) to be legal off highway or “off road” equipped:

**Legal Off Road—Requirements**

- ◆ Anyone under age of 18 to wear a helmet
- ◆ Eye protection— without a windshield
- ◆ Rearview mirror
- ◆ Seat and footrests
- ◆ Muffler sound limit 96 decibels
- ◆ Spark arrestor
- ◆ Safety flag
- ◆ License plate

**Street Legal—Requirements**

- ◆ Horn
- ◆ Proper insurance
- ◆ Emissions
- ◆ License plate light securely attached and clearly visible
- ◆ ADOT approved street legal tires



***Children and ATVs***

Most ATVs have big, long seats that look like they can accommodate two riders. That is not true, two people should only ride on an ATV that is made for that use.

Children should never ride OHVs designed for adults. There are size and age appropriate OHV’s designed for children, and they are intended for one operator with no passenger.

ATV “Size” and “Minimum Ages” recommended by the ATV Safety Institute and ATV manufacturers:

- ◆ Under 70cc; 6 years and older
- ◆ 70-90cc; 12 years and older
- ◆ Over 90cc; 16 years and older

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

Parents are responsible for their children's safety.

## ARIZONA OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE PROGRAM

The Arizona Off Highway Vehicle Program was created in 1991 by the Arizona Legislature.

The intent of the program is to guide outdoor recreationist and public land managers in making responsible choices to enhance off highway vehicle recreation opportunities throughout Arizona.

The bill actually states the following is an OHV in Arizona—*tracked or wheeled vehicle, utility vehicle, all terrain vehicle, motorcycle, dune buggy, sand rail, amphibious vehicle, ground effects or air cushion vehicle.*

### ***OHV Decal Information***

The OHV decal is required for vehicles designed by the manufacturer primarily for travel over unpaved, unimproved roads and having a laden weight of 2500 pounds or less and/or an engine greater than 49cc.

These vehicles are required to have an Arizona certificate of title; Arizona license plate (MC or RV); OHV decal or purchase street legal registration.

The off highway vehicle decal allows these vehicles to travel over unpaved, unimproved roads on state, public or federal lands. The decal must be displayed on the upper-left hand corner of your license plate.

### ***Arizona Resident OHV Decal***

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

Arizona Residents will need the following:

- ◆ Decals for vehicles 2500 pounds or less, can be purchased through [www.servicearizona.com](http://www.servicearizona.com) or at any Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) Office, cost of \$25 and good for one year from date of purchase. This does not include other fees required by the state of Arizona.
- ◆ Title only license plate—is identified with the letters “RV” (Recreational Vehicle) and does not allow travel on roads that require “street legal” registration.
- ◆ Registration license plate—is identified with the letters “MC” (Motorcycle). This “street legal” plate allows travel on roads and trails where registration is required.
- ◆ Full size vehicles such as pickup trucks, SUV’s, cars, jeeps and other full size recreational vehicles including side x sides over 2500 pounds are not required to have an OHV decal.



### ***Non Arizona Resident OHV Decal***

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

- ◆ The person is not a resident of Arizona and owns the vehicle
- ◆ Prior to riding your vehicle in Arizona
- ◆ Arizona does not have reciprocity with other states’ OHV programs

- ◆ Non Resident decal can be purchased through the Arizona Game & Fish Department or online at: [accounts.azgfd.com](http://accounts.azgfd.com)

### ***OHV Decal Exceptions (ARS§28-1178)***

You do not need an OHV Decal if you are:

- ◆ 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



### ***How the OHV Program Works***

OHV funds come from the OHV decal and gas tax. Arizona sets aside 0.55% of the total taxes on motor vehicle fuel from the Highway User Revenue Fund.

The decal is a user based/gas tax fee system that administered by the Arizona State Parks. The money is divided between the following agencies:

- ◆ The Highway User Revenue Fund (distributed to counties and cities for road and highway maintenance)
- ◆ Arizona State Parks and trails for grants funding, trail maintenance, signage, education and enforcement; 12% of is for administration of the program.
  - Arizona Game and Fish Department for enforcement, education and outreach
  - Arizona State Land Department for mitigation, signage and enforcement.

More information can be found at the Game and Fish Website: [azgfd.com/ohv/](http://azgfd.com/ohv/).

### ***How the OHV Decal Benefits you***

Through education of enthusiasts, the program will increase awareness of ways to enjoy the land while minimizing or reversing adverse vehicle impacts.

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The funds from the OHV decal and the gas tax money fund the following OHV facilities and grants:

- ◆ Trail construction/maintenance
- ◆ Maps
- ◆ Safety training/education
- ◆ Trailheads, staging areas
- ◆ OHV law enforcement officers
- ◆ Reduced OHV registration cost

## MAPPING APPS

Maps of Arizona trails are available in different formats from many sources. There are many mobile map and trail programs available. Many websites such as All Trails, OnX and Fun Tracks require a subscription.

The following are just a few of the apps that people have been using:

**All Trails** (*alltrails.com*) — website lists trails across the US. This app requires a fee

**AFWDF** (*afwdf.org*) — Arizona Four Wheel Drive Foundation lists apps and trails for a membership fee

**A4WDA** (*A4WDA.org/apps.html*) — Arizona 4 Wheel Drive Association website lists mapping apps


**Caltopo**— Mapping software with a lot of options, requires internet to work, can buy a subscription to work off line

**Earth Mate**— by Delorme, GPS for your phone, tablet, (android or IOS). Program requires a subscription and found at your app store.

**GAIA GPS**—Mapping software requires a subscription to use the maps offline, *gaiagps.com/*

**View Ranger**—Map and trail app using USGS topo maps, *viewranger.com/en-us*

### Avenza Map App

 Avenza is an app for using FS Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) digitally and other maps by scanning the QR code below which will take you directly to the Avenza app so you can download it onto your device or at your app store.

The forest and ranger district MVUMs are available at the individual Forest Service offices or at: *FS.fed.us*. Other maps are also available and more are being added all of the time.



This program only uses your minutes to download the app and the maps, otherwise it uses the device's GPS for navigation.

Scan the correct QR code for your device with a barcode reader to download the Avenza program onto your phone or other device. You can also log into your app store to also download the program.



The QR Code to the right will link to the FS Southwestern Region forests in Arizona, there you can find your area.

### Maps

Maps of the individual trails can be found in many places including the agency that manages the area, OHV clubs/organizations/associations and on the internet.

Maps of Arizona trails are available in different formats from many locations. There are many mobile map and trail programs available.

**BLM Surface Maps** - a free index sheet of maps at their state office in Phoenix, the phone number is 1-602-417-9200. The maps cover one degree of longitude and one-half degree of latitude at the scale of 1:100,000, one mile = about 5/8”.

Map sheets are approximately 40”x27” and cover roughly 60 x 35 miles. Maps are also color coded by the managing agency. Check with the agency for current costs and shipping.

**USGS (United States Geologic Survey) Topographical Maps** –a free index for each state is available. Their phone numbers are 1-888-ASK-USGS or 1-888-275-8747. Maps cover 7 ½” (minutes) of latitude and longitude at the scale of 1:24,000, one mile = about 2 5/8”.

The map sheets are approximately 27” x 22” and cover roughly 7 x 8 ½ miles.

Maps and books on roads/trails can be found at Amazon.com, some four-wheel drive shops, Walmart, or bookstores.

Check with the agency for current costs and shipping.

Book maps available: Delorme Atlas & Gazetteer – 207-846-700, Yarmouth, Maine - [www.delorme.com](http://www.delorme.com); Benchmark Maps – 541-772-6965, Medford, Oregon, [www.benchmarkmaps.com](http://www.benchmarkmaps.com)

## PROTECTED PLANTS AND ANIMALS

Arizona has a very diverse landscape and as users of our public lands we need to respect that, but also the plants and animals.

These are some of the more common protected and threatened species in Arizona. Which means you need to leave them alone as you can be fined.

Some of the protected animals you might find when you are out wheeling and possible fines are the Gila Monster \$400 (federally protected— can live 25 years), Mojave Desert Tortoise up to \$5,000 (threatened species— can live 50 to 100 years), Sonoran Desert Tortoise (threatened species— 35 to 40 years).



*Desert Tortoise Photo  
Malcolm Leslie*

There are also protected plants, disturbing protected plants can result in a fine from of \$200 to \$2,500. Example, damaging a saguaro cactus can incur fines based on its height and number of arms.



*Banana Yucca Courtesy of Wikipedia*

A saguaro cactus can live 150 to 200 years or more and typically does not grow the first arm until they are 75 to 100 years old. They also retain water during dry periods which allow them to live this long.

Some of these include, but are not limited to: Goldenflower Century Plant, Saguaro, Teddybear Cholla, Jumping Cholla, Christmas Cactus, Hedgehog Cactus, Ocotillo (fine \$200—\$2,500), Staghorn Cholla, Desert Ironwood, Velvet Mesquite, Banana Yucca, Soaptree Yucca.

Disturbing habitat can be dangerous for the animals and plants, but also may come with a fine and possible jail time.



*Gila Monster Photo  
Malcolm Leslie*

Check with the local agency or search for information about protected animals and plants in Arizona to find out more information.

# TRAIL ETIQUETTE

## OHV Recreation Do's and Don'ts

Do:

- ◆ bring plenty of water.
- ◆ Always travel on designated routes only.
- ◆ check with local clubs about difficulty of the trail.
- ◆ use the most updated maps for the area, state or federal lands you are on.
- ◆ use existing campsites and fire rings
- ◆ leave all gates as you found them; If open do not close; if closed please close them; This is open range.
- ◆ dispose of human waste properly by digging a small hole 6 to 8 inches deep and at least 200 feet from water, camps, or trails, and cover it when your finished.
- ◆ pack it out if you bring it in, please pick up litter left by others
- ◆ let someone know where you are going.
- ◆ use 4 point turns to turn around, this causes less impact to the landscape.
- ◆ Stop for equestrians, always.



Don't:

- ◆ go wheeling alone
- ◆ **travel cross country, stay on designated roadways**
- ◆ do donuts, this causes damage to the landscape, which could result in



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a fine for reckless operation of a vehicle.

- ◆ Drive on stock tanks,
- ◆ Use flashing lights they are illegal, especially red and white. Front of vehicle colors are amber and white, rear are red and amber.
- ◆ Trespass, acquire permission for private lands and other lands that are listed closed

### ***When Meeting Other Users on the Trail***

We all use the trails and need to be polite to other users.

All vehicles should yield to non motorized uses, especially equestrians as horses can spook easily and buck a rider. When sharing the trail with horses give them as wide a berth as possible.

Vehicles should yield to smaller faster vehicles such as bicycles and motorcycles

When passing on a hill it is recommended that you yield to uphill traffic as they have the right of way.

When passing on the trail typically the smaller group will yield to the larger group. We need to communicate with other users while on the trail.

One way to do this is with hand signals. This is a simple way to let people know how many are in your groups.



### **Hand signals**

Let the smaller group know how many vehicles you have by using hand signals. Hold up the amount of fingers for the size of your group. The last one holds up a closed fist to say it is the end of the group.

When passing others on the trail let them know how many vehicles are in your group by holding up the amount of fingers that represent those behind you. That way each group can decide who will pull off the trail. Usually the smaller group will pull off.

Stay the Trail ([staythetrail.org](http://staythetrail.org)) has good information on how to pass other users.



Always pack out your trash as there is no trash service in the back country.

If you leave it the rest of us have to pick it up. Leave the trail cleaner than you found it.

For more information check out the Arizona Game and Fish Website about OHV's at: [AZGFD.gov/ohv](http://AZGFD.gov/ohv).

## **HUNTING AND SHOOTING**

If you choose to carry a firearm, know how to use it safely and properly.

Arizona is a constitutional carry state meaning you do not need a permit or license to carry concealed. Federal laws apply certain restrictions and while they allow firearms possession and carry according to the state laws where federal lands are located, they are prohibited at Visitor Centers and Ranger Stations.

Recreational Shooting Etiquette

- Visit <https://azshooters.org/map> for locations to shoot in Arizona.

- Shooting is not allowed within 150 yards of a campsite, developed recreational area, occupied area, residence or building.
- No shooting across a road, trail, water, or in a cave
- Do not shoot at vegetation, kiosks, buildings, or signs.
- Pack out what you brought in, shell casings, cartridge boxes and clay pigeons.
- A hunting license is applicable only in the pursuit of game and is not a recreational permit.
- Do not shoot in an area with high fire danger.  
Shoot with a solid backstop.



Target shooting is not allowed on AZ State Trust Land, but you can actively hunt.

Other land agencies allow target shooting unless otherwise posted. Always check for the latest regulations for any area you may use.

## E-BIKES

E-Bikes are considered Federally, as motorized by the BLM and FS “E-Bike Rule”, which can be found at this location: [https://www.congress.gov/crs\\_external\\_products/IF/PDF/IF12459/IF12459.4.pdf](https://www.congress.gov/crs_external_products/IF/PDF/IF12459/IF12459.4.pdf).

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## WHAT IS FOUR WHEEL DRIVE

### *AWD vs 4WD*

What is the difference between 2WD, AWD, and 4WD.

2WD vehicles have traction on one axle, either front or back. With a typical open differential that would provide traction only to one wheel on that axle.

### All Wheel Drive



All Wheel Drive (AWD) system is typically best for all weather traction. This system sends power to both the front and rear wheels.

The AWD has two different systems. One is full time AWD or automatic and part time AWD.

Full time AWD both the front and rear wheels are driven all of the time, which is good for all weather conditions.

Part time AWD in normal operations sends power to two driven wheels, either front or rear. This system will automatically engage as necessary.

The AWD systems provide limited traction assistance when the terrain becomes difficult or muddy, rough uneven or slippery conditions. These systems are good for dirt roads, snow and slippery roads, but are not true four wheel drive.

### Four Wheel Drive



A Four Wheel Drive (4WD) is the more traditional system that can handle rugged terrain, but come in part time or full time 4WD.

Four wheel drive systems have a two speed transfer case, either

electronic or mechanical. This type of system sends power to the rear wheels by default and requires pushing a button or shifting a lever.

Full time four wheel drive sends power to all four wheels on a continuous basis. This system also allows for high and low for different situations.

Full time four wheel drive is designed for difficult terrain, ruggedness and maximum traction when you need it most.

## UPGRADES AND SAFETY

There are many ways to upgrade your vehicle, it just depends on what type of four wheeling you want to do, from easy to extreme.

### Four Wheel Drive Equipment

#### Tires

Stock tires are usually designed for street use and have “mild” tread design, which gives longer wear and overall good road manners.



Tread design is often the first consideration in choosing a tire. A designation of A/T (all terrain) indicates that a tire is suitable for both highway and off highway use, is more ruggedly constructed and has a more aggressive tread design than a street tire but is a little harsher riding and a little noisier on pavement.

A designation of M/T (mud terrain) indicates that a tire is designed for more extreme conditions. The tread has larger blocks of rubber and larger voids between the blocks. M/T's are noisier on pavement than A/T's but provide better traction for use on primitive 4x4 trails. We use larger tires



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because they will raise the entire vehicle (including the axle differentials) away from obstacles.

Dropping a tire’s air pressure (“airing down”) for trail use has a great effect on how the vehicle performs on the trail. A tire at 10 PSI will ride much more smoothly on a trail than a tire at 30 PSI because it can conform more easily to bumps, rocks, and other small irregularities.

This same conformability allows the tire to grip larger obstacles much better – an analogy would be the difference between walking on a rock barefoot (low tire pressure) versus walking on that same rock in dress shoes with leather soles (high tire pressure).

There are several options for airing back up after you leave the trail, these can be onboard air compressors, air tanks or small portable air compressors.

### Differentials

A common misconception is that if a vehicle has four wheel drive then it is “locked,” or has locking differentials in the axles. This is not true.



Most vehicles come from the factory with what are called “open” differentials, while others come equipped with “limited-slip” or locking differentials.

An open differential transfers power to the wheel that has the lesser amount of resistance.

A locking differential usually referred to as a “locker,” physically locks the two axle shafts together, forcing both wheels to turn at the same speed regardless of the resistance on each wheel.

A locker will send equal power to both wheels. The lockers are typically upgrades to the vehicle and can be automatic (Detroit, Lock Rite, Sparton, lunch box type) or selectable (Air , Cable and electric lockers). A limited slip is not a locker as it uses a clutch pack, but will help with traction.

The locking differentials aids the vehicles in off road traction.

### Suspension Modifications

Suspension Modifications provide more ground clearance helping to protect the underside of the vehicle from damage.



These systems can be shocks, springs, spacers, or a combination of them. Upgraded suspension systems allows better articulation to help keep the tires on the ground and gives the vehicle better traction.

### Recovery devices

Recovery Devices can include winches, straps and jacks. But just because you have them does not mean you know how to operate them. Without knowledge of how they work they can be more dangerous than your situation.

**Winch**— winch is frequently the first modification made to a newly acquired vehicle. Winches are powered variously by an electric motor, a hydraulic pump, or by a power takeoff (PTO) from the transmission. All consist of a spool or drum holding a length of wire rope or synthetic rope, a control for playing the line in and out, a release control for “free spooling” and a fairlead – either roller or hawse – to guide the line into the drum.



**Tow Strap**—The tow strap works on the same idea as a winch except that it requires the vehicle to pull the strap and move instead of the winch doing all of the work.



The strap works great for small pulls, like up an obstacle the vehicle can’t make or to provide just enough extra traction to assist in climbing the rest of an obstacle.

**Other Accessories**—Tree saver strap, shackles, clevis, heavy work gloves. Pieces of carpet for traction.

**Hi Lift Jack**—A high lift is an important addition to any off road vehicle. The device not only will lift the vehicle if you have to change a tire but will also work on extraction of vehicles. And after a suspension lift, larger tires or other modifications a stock jack will probably not be high enough anymore to lift a modified vehicle.



Make sure you know how to use this device as it can be a life saver or not! Some carry a floor jack, but most do not have the room.

## ON THE TRAIL

### **Trail Communications**

How do we communicate on the trail?

CB radios were the choice for a long time until race radios or GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) came out a several years ago. GMRS is a licensed radio service used for short distance, two way communications using hand held radios, mobile radios and repeater systems.

A few of the more popular GMRS radios are Rugged Radios ([www.ruggedradios.com](http://www.ruggedradios.com)) and Midland.

**Radios**—OHV users are now using race radios because of their distance, clarity, and reliability.



The things you need to know about these radios. you should have a license to use them. This has become easier over the years for us to get.

Services that provide functionality similar to GMRS include the Citizens Band Radio Service (CBRS), the Family Radio Service (FRS) and the Multi-Use Radio



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An FCC license is required to operate GMRS system. Licenses are issued for a ten-year term and can be renewed between 90 days prior to the expiration date and up to the actual expiration date of the license. After a license expires, an individual must request a new GMRS license.

A GMRS system licensed to a non-individual prior to July 31, 1987 is also eligible for renewal, but the licensee may not make any major modification to the system.

You may apply for a GMRS license if you are 18 years or older and not a representative of a foreign government.

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You can apply at: <https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/licensing>

### ***Camping On Public Lands***

Not all public land agencies allow camping, so it's important to know the rules before you set up camp.

The National Forests and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) generally offer a wide variety of designated campgrounds, which can be found on maps, apps, official websites, and at ranger stations or agencies' offices.



Arizona State Trust Land, however, requires a valid recreation permit to access, stop, or camp on their land—even for a quick overnight stay. These permits are easy to obtain online and are essential for legal access.



Dispersed camping—also known as boon docking, overlanding, or dry camping—is allowed on most NF and BLM lands. This type of camping takes place outside of developed campgrounds, offering more solitude and flexibility.

While dispersed camping areas are not always clearly marked, there are tools like public land maps, travel management maps, and apps like OnX Offroad, Gaia GPS, or iOverlander that can help you identify legal locations.

Dispersed camping is usually free unless otherwise posted. However, it comes with no amenities—no restrooms, no trash service, no water.



The rule is simple: *if you pack it in, you pack it out.* Leave no trace, respect the land, and follow any posted rules or fire restrictions to help keep these areas open and beautiful for everyone.

The FS has maps called MVUM (Motor Vehicle Use Maps) these show which roads allow dispersed camping.

## WHAT SHOULD YOU CARRY IN THE VEHICLE

The following is a suggested list of items you should carry with you when you are off on a 4 wheel drive trail away from city life. These are the most important items and could all be put in a backpack and kept in your vehicle:

Basic First Aid Kit	Water	Fire Extinguisher
Emergency Blanket	Flashlight	Batteries
Multi Tool	Plastic Poncho	Toilet Paper
Duct Tape	Phone Charger	Backpack for items



Additional items to consider carrying in your vehicle:

CB Radio	Spill Kits	Tow Strap	Folding Shovel
Common Tools	Matches	GPS	Comb (remove cactus)
Map	Parachute Chord		

Other items to consider carrying:

Ham/Race Radio	Safety Wire	Survival Food
Diamond Saw	Flares	Compass
Mirror	Small Axe	Carpet traction



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## TRAIL RATINGS



The A4WDA follows a trail rating from 1 to 5. The following are recommendations for full size vehicles, but can loosely be applied to the smaller vehicles.

Not all vehicles or drivers are the same, and all have different experience levels. If you are unsure, ride with someone else who has done the trail before you attempt it in your own vehicle. A4WDA rates trail by its most difficult spot, whether that is 50 feet or 500 feet.

Moderate and difficult trails are not recommended for stock vehicles. The following are recommendations only.

- 1.0 Easy:** Dirt/gravel roads passable with most 2WD vehicles
- 2.0 Easy:** Unimproved dirt roads, stock 4x4 with street tires and higher clearance
- 3.0 Moderate:** Unimproved dirt roads, gravel, large potholes, steep inclines, 4WD vehicle, locker in rear, low range capabilities and off road tires
- 3.5 Difficult:** All of 3.0 equipment plus off camber, rock climbs/ledges, possible body damage, off highway tires 31" or larger, one hard locker (preferably in the rear), full cage and suspension lift
- 4.0 Extreme:** All of 3.5 equipment plus large rocks/boulders, shelf roads, body/tire damage likely, 33-35" tires recommended, locker in front, lower gearing, experienced driver, upgraded steering
- 4.5 Extreme:** All of 4.0 equipment plus tight squeezes, steep inclines, off camber, waterfalls, narrow shelf roads, modified 4WD, 33" tires or larger, winch, body armor, upgraded axles/suspension, tie rods/steering, spotter might be required.
- 5.0 Technical:** All of 4.5 equipment plus large rock ledges, crevices, steep rock climbs, steep waterfalls, roll over possible, fully modified vehicle, rock crawler/buggy, 35" tires or larger, hard locker in front and rear, upgraded axles, spotter required

For a full description of the trail ratings refer to the A4WDA website at: [www.A4WDA.org](http://www.A4WDA.org). The A4WDA, its affiliated clubs and sponsors are not responsible for any mishap, damage, personal injury, or death.

You are responsible for yourself and your vehicle when out on public lands.

## ARIZONA TRAIL LOCATIONS

### *Arizona OHV Roads and Routes*

The following is a list of popular trails for motorized OHV use across our state. The list also includes projects have been funded through an OHV Grant, other grant sources or are maintained by local OHV clubs as indicated below.

Keep in mind that some trails are not for stock four wheel drive vehicles.

The best way to find out more about these areas is to contact the local OHV club, association or organization. These clubs and associations are knowledgeable in the use the trails and know what to expect. A4WDA/ASA4WDC provides GPS tracks and maps for some of the trails (for all paid members).

Check with the local agency for the latest maps and information about the trail visit their website or visit AZ State Parks website at: [azstateparks.com/where-to-ride](http://azstateparks.com/where-to-ride).

Motorized two track, high clearance 4 wheeled vehicles are limited to existing roads, graded roads.

### *Trails by Area*

All trails are open to all vehicles unless otherwise noted. Always check with the local land managers for the latest maps and information.

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Area 1—Arizona Strip Area  | Area 11—Payson                 |
| Area 2—Kingman             | Area 12—Show Low/Springerville |
| Area 3—Prescott/Cottonwood | Area 13— Globe                 |
| Area 4—Flagstaff/Williams  | Area 14— Florence              |
| Area 5—Sedona/Camp Verde   | Area 15— Apache Junction       |
| Area 6— Parker/Lake Havasu | Area 16— Kearny/Superior       |
| Area 7—Quartzsite/Yuma     | Area 17—Tucson                 |
| Area 8—Wickenburg          | Area 18—Safford                |
| Area 9—Black Canyon        | Area 19—Sierra Vista           |
| Area 10—Phoenix            | Area 20—Sonoita                |

No trail rating numbers are applied to the following trails due to insurance and liability issues, only the type of trail.

Contact local clubs and associations for more information.

**Two Arizona Locations:**  
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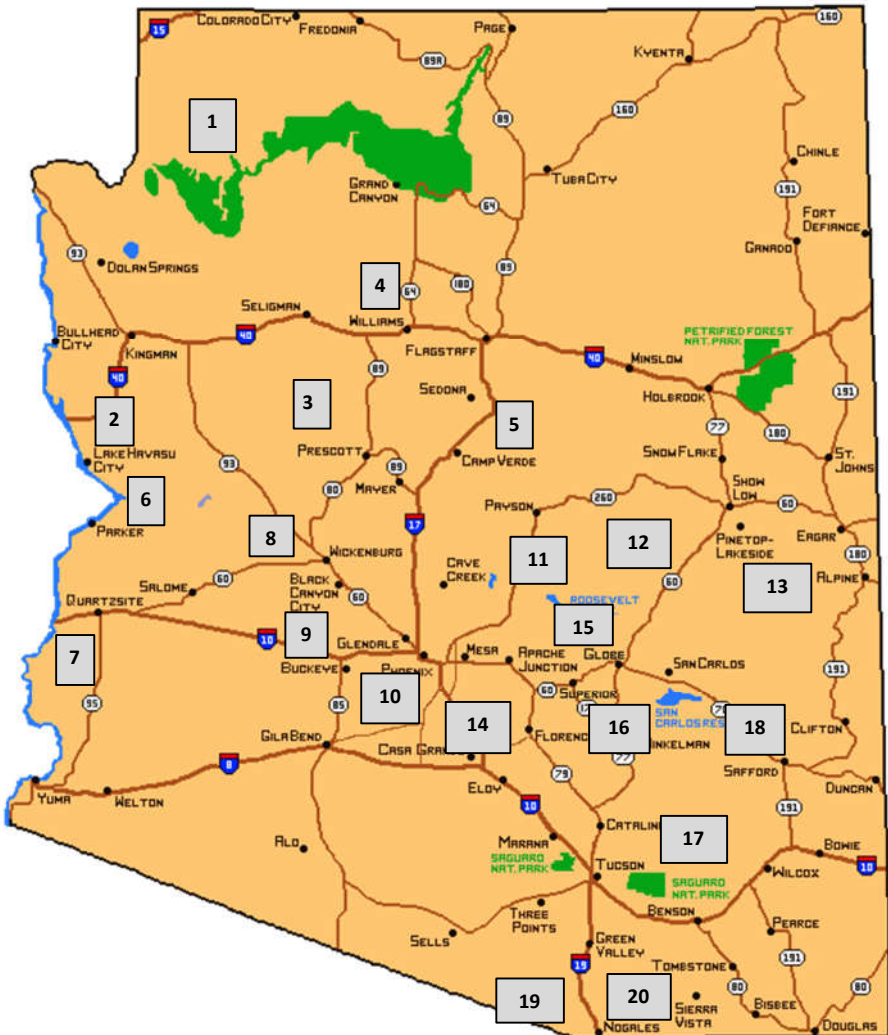
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## Trail Locations

Numbers indicate trails on the following pages.

The state map indicates the general location of some of the more popular trails in Arizona that are open to motorized recreation by area. Not all trails are suited for all vehicles or drivers.



Maps of the individual trails can be found in many places including agency who manages the area, OHV clubs/organizations/associations and on the internet.

Many websites show trail locations and information, such as All Trails, Fun Treks. Most require a subscription.

## Trail Legend

These are simple descriptions, how they are maintained by being Adopted or by grants.

**AT** Adopted trail through an organization or club  
**BFG** Funded with a BF Goodrich Grant  
**PT** Popular OHV Trails  
**OHVG** OHV Grant Funded Project

**NFS** Not recommended for stock vehicles  
**TT** Technical Trail (Rock Crawler)  
**TV** Technical Vehicle Trail (Rock Crawler in Table Mesa)

## TRAILS

The following are trails are popular, adopted and grant funded trails (or projects) in Arizona.

### AREA 1—ARIZONA STRIP

#### *Kaibab NF*

- ◆ Buffalo Ranch Road (PT) - fairly easy trail with view of the Vermillion Cliffs
- ◆ Grandview Lookout (PT) - fairly easy trail through red dirt and pines.
- ◆ Jumpup Point (PT) - very remote moderate long trail, a little rocky and steep.
- ◆ Orderville Canyon (PT) - easy well marked trail through tall ponderosa pines.
- ◆ Tater Ridge (PT) - easy trail on hard packed dirt.

#### *Tuweep RS Grand Canyon NP*

- Toroweap Overlook (PT) - moderate trail to edge of the Grand Canyon. A separate back country permit is required and needs to be purchased prior to starting this trail as they are limited. This permit is in addition to your National Parks entrance fee.



*Jumpup Point—Rebecca Antle*



*Toroweap—Rebecca Antle*



*Moss Wash—Rebecca Antle*

### AREA 2—KINGMAN

#### *Hualapai Mountain Park*

- Hualapai Mtn OHV Trail (OHVG) - trails for full size vehicles And 50” located in the Hualapai Mountains, staging and camping area, “tot lot” (kids lot), ramadas, toilets.

#### *BLM Kingman FO*

- ◆ Chloride Mines (PT) - easy trail through the Cerbat Mountains.
- ◆ Moss Wash (OHVG) - moderate trail through rough wash to the Gold King Mansion and mining district.
- ◆ Pass Canyon (PT/NFS) - difficult trail through mining areas, trail can be hard so use of a map or app is beneficial.
- ◆ Secret Pass (PT/NFS) - moderate rock, fairly steep trail in the mountains near Golden Valley.
- ◆ Sleeping Princess (PT/NFS) - difficult trail near Bullhead City, steep inclines boulders and off camber areas.

#### *Kaibab NF / Williams RD*

- ◆ Great Western Trail (PT) - This part through Williams



*Secret Pass—Rebecca Antle*



*Sleeping Princess—Rebecca Antle*

is already designated, easy to moderate through the mountains.

- ◆ Steel Dam (PT) - fairly easy trail along the power line road to a historic dam build by the railroad. The rail to the dam is overgrown and difficult

### AREA 3—PRESCOTT/COTTONWOOD

#### *Prescott NF / Verde Valley RD*

- ◆ Blue Monster (PT/NFS) - moderate trail with curves, passes that are narrow and steep.
- ◆ Copper Canyon Trailhead (OHVG) - single track, ATV/UTV only.
- ◆ Mingus Mtn (PT) - moderate narrow trail that quickly climbs up Mingus Mountain, not recommended in winter.
- ◆ Hayfield Draw (OHVG) - open to vehicles 50" wind or less with a tot lot, motocross track and open riding areas.



*Great Western Trl—Rebecca Antle*



*Steel Dam—Rebecca Antle*

#### *Prescott NF / Bradshaw RD*

- ◆ Alto Pit OHV Recreation Area (OHVG) - single track, ATV, UTV trails.
- ◆ Sheridan Mtn/Smith Mesa OHV Trail (OHVG) - single track and ATV/UTV with some full size trails.

### AREA 4—FLAGSTAFF/WILLIAMS

#### *Coconino NF / Peaks RD*

- ◆ Kendrick and Mormon Lake/Pinewood Snowmobile Trail (OHVG).
- ◆ Kelly Canyon (OHVG) - mainly single track. some full size trails on FS roads.
- ◆ Munds Park (OHVG) - available for single track vehicles only.



*Cinders—Rebecca Antle*

#### *Coconino NF / Flagstaff RD*

- ◆ Cinder Hills OHV Area (OHVG) - easy to moderate with steep hill climbs in cinder lava rock, paddle tires recommended.
- ◆ Elden Mountain/Shultz Pass (PT) - easy scenic trail, narrow and steep at the top.
- ◆ O'Leary Peak (PT) - scenic loop trail around Sunset Volcanic NM.



*Elden—Rebecca Antle*

### AREA 5—SEDONA/CAMP VERDE

#### *Coconino NF / Red Rock RD*

- ◆ Broken Arrow (PT/NFS) - moderate to difficult trail with ledges Vulture Mine OHV Area (PT).
- ◆ Dry Creek Basin (PT) - east trail to several hiking trails that access Devils Bridge, Vultee Arch and Van Deren Cabin.
- ◆ Greasy Spoon (PT/NFS) - difficult, less traveled and fairly remote.
- ◆ Schnebly Hill (PT) - fairly easy trail through tall pines.
- ◆ Soldier Pass (PT/NFS) short difficult trail that requires a permit.



*Broken Arrow—Tucson Rough Riders*



*Greasy Spoon—Tim Naylor*

### **Coconino NF / Sedona RD**

- ◆ Casner Mtn (PT) - rugged trail that requires a permit, trail goes between two wilderness areas.
- ◆ Cliffhanger (PT/NFS) - moderately difficult trail with stair steps.
- ◆ Diamond Back Gulch (PT/NFS) - moderate, one way in one way out, steep with drop offs.
- ◆ Outlaw Trail (PT/NFS) - moderate, one way in one way out with great views.

### **Prescott NF**

- ◆ Blue Monster (PT/NFS) - moderate trails narrow steep trail.
- ◆ Hayfield Draw (OHVG) - “tot lot” , motocross track, 40 acres of open riding, day use area only, toilets, ramadas, grills and tables.



*Swansea—Rebecca Antle*



*Vampire Mine—Rebecca Antle*

### **AREA 6—PARKER**

#### **BLM Lake Havasu FO**

- ◆ Bison Falls (PT) - moderate, steep climb to the falls.
- ◆ Cattail Cove (PT) - moderate, sand wash and rocky areas.
- ◆ Copper Basin Dunes (PT) - unrestricted OHV play area, with parking, unloading ramp and vault toilets.
- ◆ McCracken Cabin (PT) - moderate trail down washes, through mining areas.
- ◆ Mohave Wash (PT) - moderate trail through a rocky wash.
- ◆ Parker 400 Desert Race Course—race is in late January, course offers demanding, difficult trails all year long.
- ◆ Swansea Townsite (OHVG) - moderate trail to a historic mining town.
- ◆ Standard Wash (OHVG) - low desert for all types of OHV.
- ◆ Vampire Mine (PT/NFS) - difficult, low sandy washes, rock obstacle and narrow.



*Castle Dome City – Rebecca Antle*



*Dripping Springs—Rebecca Antle*

### **AREA 7—QUARTZSITE/YUMA**

#### **BLM Yuma FO**

- ◆ Castle Dome (PT) - moderate trail through relocated historic mining town and an easy drive through the mountains of the Kofa Wildlife Refuge. Well worth the trip, there is a cost to tour the town.
- ◆ Dome Basin (PT) - moderate trail through low desert.



*Preachers Pass—Erwin Greven*



## **Redhawk Exploration**

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- ◆ Dripping Springs (PT/NFS) moderate trail through the mountains near Quartzsite.
- ◆ Ehrenberg Sandbowl (OHVG) - small sand dunes, numerous side trails, loading ramps, toilets, ramadas, kiosk, staging area, paddle tires are recommended.
- ◆ Jasper Springs (PT) - easy trail winds through flat.
- ◆ LaPosa (PT) - vehicle travel limited to existing routes, low desert, great riding in spring, fall and winter, borders wilderness.
- ◆ Laguna Mtn (PT) - moderate, with diverse landscape of dry desert.
- ◆ New Water Mountains (PT) - located near Quartzsite, moderate trail through the mountains
- ◆ Preachers Pass (PT/NFS) - moderate trail through mountains and low desert.
- ◆ Tank Pass (PT) - fairly easy, trail through desert, historic areas such as Salome Prison.



*Tank Pass—Erwin Greven*



*King Road—Rebecca Antle*



*El Camino—Rebecca Antle*

### **Kofa NWR**

- ◆ Kofa Queen/Palm Canyon (PT) - easy trail, high buttes, hiking trail natural to California Fan Palms in the canyon.
- ◆ King Road/Castle Dome Mine (PT) - easy route to a restored ghost town, back country, high buttes, low desert.



*Castle Hot Springs - Mike Drawsky*

### **Organ Pipe NM/Cabaza Prieta NWR/Goldwater Range**

- ◆ El Camino Del Diablo (PT) - 20 mile trail through desolate desert along Mexican border, permits are required and traveled should be in groups.



*Harquahala—Rebecca Antle*

## **AREA 8—WICKENBURG**

### **BLM Hassayampa FO**

- ◆ Belmont Road (PT) - moderate road through historic mining area.
- ◆ Box Canyon (PT) - easy to moderate trail through Hassayampa River to Box Canyon, very busy in summer months.
- ◆ Castle Hot Springs Road (PT) - easy for all vehicles, passes by historic Castle Hot Springs.
- ◆ Harquahala Mtn Summit Rd Backcountry Byway (OHVG) - easy to moderate trail, steep grades and rocky, elevation of 5670 feet.
- ◆ Vulture Mine OHV Area (PT) - easy to moderate trails through mountains outside of Wickenburg, historic mining areas. Many areas for dispersed camping are available.



*Vulture Mine—Rebecca Antle*

## **AREA 9—BLACK CANYON**

### **BLM Hassayampa FO**

- ◆ Big Maggie Creek (PT) - moderate trail following the Big Maggie May Creek views of Gray Gulch and New River.



*Crown King—Mike Drawsky*

- ◆ Hieroglyphic Mtns/ Boulders Staging Area (OHVG).
- ◆ China Dam/Fort Tule (PT) - moderate trail north of Lake Pleasant.
- ◆ Crown King (PT) - easy trail follows old railroad grade to historic town of Crown King, heavy traffic on weekends.
- ◆ Sheep's Bridge (PT) - fairly easy trail up to the last 8 miles, a long, rough, bumpy ride down to the river. Most stock SUVs would be able to make it to the bridge, high clearance is recommended.
- ◆ Table Mesa OHV Area (OHVG) - parking/staging areas, trails from easy to technical (marked with a Technical Vehicle Trail sign).
- ◆ Table Mesa Areas Technical Vehicle trails (NFS) - The following trails are not for stock or slightly modified vehicles these are all rated extreme and are all rated for highly modified full size vehicles and experienced drivers only no stock vehicles.  
Anaconda (TV4), Annialtor (TV), Crapshoot (TV), Die Hard (TV1), Terminator (TV2&3), all of these trails are rated as technical and require well set up vehicles and spotters.
- ◆ Turkey Creek (PT/NFS) - difficult trail through a narrow canyon.



*Die Hard—Tim Naylor*



*Bulldog Canyon —Mike Drawsky*



*Log Corral—Mike Drawsky*



*Montana Mountain—Eugene Veltre*



*Mt Ord - Mike Drawsky*



*Pyeatt—Andy Sacio*

## AREA 10—PHOENIX

### ***Tonto NF / Mesa RD***

- ◆ Bulldog Canyon (OHVAG/NFS) - requires permit, with moderate trail, great scenery, few steep spots but still challenging in places. Dispersed camping is allowed along the road.
- ◆ Four Peaks (AT/NFS) - moderate trails.
- ◆ Log Corral (AT-Mesa 4 Wheelers/NFS) - moderate to difficult trail.
- ◆ Montana Mtn (PT) - moderate narrow and steep trail winds through the mountains
- ◆ Sycamore Creek (PT) - easy to moderate narrow steep trail.
- ◆ The Rolls (OHVG) - easy to moderate trails overlooking Saguaro Lake.

## AREA 11—PAYSON

### ***Apache Sitgreaves NF / Black Mesa RD***

- ◆ Long Draw OHV Area (OHVG) - loop, parking/staging area, toilets and campsite facilities.
- Tonto NF / Payson RD***
- ◆ Mt Ord Lookout (AT/NFS) - moderate trail that ends at lookout tower at 7100 feet.
- ◆ Pyeatt Draw (PT/NFS) - a difficult road with rocky wash bottoms, ledges, rock gardens, loose rock, and waterfalls.
- ◆ Sunflower Mine (AT-Honeywell 4 Wheelers/NFS) moderate trail with two loops

to elevation of 6100 feet.

## AREA 12—SHOW LOW

### *Apache Sitgreaves NF / Lakeside RD*

- ◆ Maverick Trail (OHVG) — single track/ATV 50" vehicles or less.



Greens Peak—Rebecca Antle

## AREA 13—SPRINGERVILLE

### *Apache Sitgreaves NF / Springerville RD*

- ◆ Greens Peak (PT) - easy trail to radio towers, great overlook.
- ◆ Sunrise to Big Lake Snowmobile Route (OHVG) - moderate trail, from 7600 to 9400 feet to Pat Knoll.
- ◆ Saffel Canyon Trail (OHVG) - moderate trail with views of the White Mountains and climbs to 7600 feet.



Hackberry Creek—Rebecca Antle

## AREA 14—SUPERIOR

### *Tonto NF Globe RD*

- ◆ Hackberry Creek (PT) (NFS) - moderately difficult.

## AREA 14—FLORENCE

### *AZ State Land Dept*

- ◆ Desert Wells (OHVG) - open riding area, good place for the beginner to learn.

### *BLM Gila FO*

- ◆ Box Canyon (PT) - moderate trail into a natural box canyon.
- ◆ Middle Gila Conservation Area (OHVG) - trails travel through old mining areas, easy to difficult.
- ◆ Florence Junction (BLM) —several difficult trails referred to as Technical Trails (TT)— Upper Ajax, Axle Alley, Highway 2 Hill, Woodpecker Mine, trails are difficult requiring a well set up modified vehicle with experienced drivers.
- ◆ Reymert (PT) - easy trail through historic mining areas.
- ◆ Ripsey Mine (PT) - moderate trail through historic mining district.



Upper Ajax—Tim Naylor



Reymert—Tucson Rough Riders



Copper Crk—Bill Bothe

## AREA 15—APACHE JUNCTION

### *Tonto NF / Tonto Basin RD*

- ◆ Apache Trail (PT) - easy historic trail past Roosevelt Lake and Dam, Canyon and Saguaro Lakes.

## AREA 16—KEARNY/SUPERIOR

### *Town of Kearny/BLM Phoenix FO*

- ◆ Mescal Mtns OHV Area (OHVG) - trails range from easy to difficult.

### *Tonto NF / Mesa RD*

- ◆ Sycamore Canyon (PT/NFS) - moderate to difficult trail, steep, narrow.

### *BLM Gila FO*

- ◆ Copper Creek (PT) - easy to moderate trails through historic mining areas in the mountains near Mammoth.
- ◆ Walnut Canyon (PT/NFS) moderate trail through the



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## AREA 17—TUCSON

### *Coronado NF / Santa Catalina RD*

- ◆ Chivo Falls (PT/NFS) - moderate rocky trail., some steep hills.
- ◆ Chimney Rock (PT/NFS) - moderate trail, not recommended for stock vehicles.
- ◆ Charouleau Gap (AT-Tucson Rough Riders/NFS) moderate to difficult trail, steep roads, switchbacks, river crossings especially in monsoon season.
- ◆ Pima Motorsports Park (OHVG) - fee based OHV park with motorcycle tracks.
- ◆ Redington Pass Backcountry Touring Area, (OHVG) open to all vehicles, separate routes for Single Track within the main Redington area.
- ◆ Rice Peak (AT-Tucson Rough Riders/NFS) - moderate trail, steep climbs, narrow switchbacks.
- ◆ Southerland Trail (PT/NFS) - difficult rocky, steep, short one way in/one way out trail.
- ◆ Whiskey Tanks (PT/NFS) - moderate one way trail in Redington Pass.

### *BLM Gila FO*

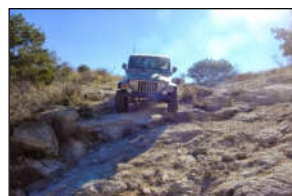
- ◆ Ironwood Forest National Monument (PT) - easy trails that borders reservation land.



Reddington—Jeff Merrell



Rice Peak—Rebecca Antle



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## AREA 18—SAFFORD

### *Apache Sitgreaves / NF Clifton RD*

- ◆ Rattlesnake Gap (OHVG) - 25 miles of designated OHV use, also used by hunters, anglers, photographers and campers.

### *BLM Safford FO*

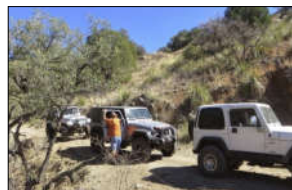
- ◆ Black Hills Back Country Byway (OHVG) - easy primitive road near Morenci.
- ◆ Gila Box Riparian NCA (OHVG) offers rugged OHV opportunities in high desert for spring, fall and winter months.
- ◆ Hot Well Dunes (OHVG) - day use fee with sandy trails, dunes, parking/staging, campsites, walkways, kiosk, ramadas and restrooms.
- ◆ Jacksons Cabin (PT/NFS) - moderate one way trail to a cabin in the Galiuro Mountains.
- ◆ Mansfield Canyon (PT/NFS) - moderate rocky trail through mining districts.
- ◆ Temporal Gulch (PT) - moderately difficult trail through grassland with steep shelf road.



Jacksons Cabin —Jeff Merrell



China Camp—Rebecca Antle



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## AREA 19—SIERRA VISTA

### *Coronado NF Sierra Vista RD*

- ◆ China Camp (PT) - moderate short steep shelf road through historic mining district.

## AREA 20—SONOTIA

### *Coronado NF Nogales RD*

- ♦ Bull Springs (PT) - moderate trail through the Santa Rita Mountains.
- ♦ Guajolote Flats (PT/NFS) - moderate trail through pastures, hills, the hill to the top of the flats can be difficult.
- ♦ Patagonia Mountains (OHVG) - easy to moderate trails, open pastures, hills.
- ♦ Santa Rita Mtn OHV Area (OHVG) - easy to moderate trails in open planes hills.



Patagonia - Tucson Rough Riders

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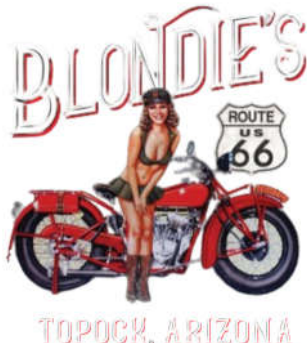
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