

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, today both funds are used for OHV projects.

Arizona State Parks administers the program azstateparks.com/ohv :

- 60 percent of the funds goes to OHV grants and agreements (12 percent is for administration of the program), road construction, development, maintenance, signage and maps of roads/trails;
- 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 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 good for one year from date of purchase or at www.azmvdnow.gov

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/



Required Equipment for OHV's

Equipment required for OHV vehicles include, rear view mirror, seat, foot rests, 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-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.



Nogales/Sierra Vista RD Front



Nogales/Sierra Vista RD Back



Southwest FS Region

More Information

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

Arizona Game & Fish Department, Tucson Field Office, 555 N. Greasewood Road, Tucson, AZ 85745, 520-628-5376

Arizona State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, www.asa4wdc.org

Santa Rita OHV Area Coronado National Forest, Nogales Ranger District



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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.

OHV Information

This brochure is for information only and may not show changes to the area with regard to Travel Management. Refer to the latest Motor Vehicle Use Map for this area.

The ASA4WDC and the affiliated clubs, Arizona Four Wheel Drive Foundation, TRR, 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.

- Check with local clubs about difficulty of the trail.
- Let someone know where you are going, your destination and time you expect to return.
- Leave all gates as you found them, this is open range. If they were open do not close, if they were closed please close them.

- Travel on designated routes only.
- 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/pack it out.
- Roads marked with blue numbers are for street legal vehicles only.
- Roads marked with red numbers are for vehicles 50" wide or less.

LEGEND

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

This map is not to scale, refer to the Coronado National Forest Nogales/ Sierra Vista Ranger District Back Side Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM).

