

# ARIZONA OHV INFORMATION HANDBOOK



Arizona OHV information,  
permits, OHV Decal  
requirements, necessary vehicle  
equipment and trail locations



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## **OHV Information**

Off highway vehicle (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, mechanized or human. These areas are open to human traffic only and in some cases bicycles, but are not open to motorized equipment.

The type of signs on roads and trails can help explain many things, direction uses, location trail use, etc. Generally - horizontal road sign markers require licensed and registered vehicles. Roads with vertical signs generally do not mandate registration.



### **Abbreviations and Acronyms**

ARS—Arizona Revised Statute  
ASL—Arizona State Land  
ASLD—Arizona State Land Department  
ATV—All Terrain Vehicle  
BLM—Bureau of Land Management  
CB—Citizens Band Radio  
CFR—Code of Federal Regulations  
CE—Categorical Exclusion  
FO—Field Office  
FS—Forest Service  
FRS—Family Radio Service  
EIS—Environmental Impact Statement  
G&F—Game and Fish Department  
GMRS -  
GPS—Global Positioning Satellite  
HURF—Highway User Revenue Fund  
MVUM—Motor Vehicle Use Map  
MOU—Memorandum of Understanding  
NEPA—National Environmental Policy Act

NF — National Forest  
NM—National Monument  
OHV—Off Highway Vehicle  
QR—Trademark for matrix bar code  
RD—Ranger District  
ROV—Recreational Off Highway Vehicle  
RS—Ranger Station  
RS—Regulatory Statute  
RTP—Recreational Trails Program  
RV—Recreational Vehicle  
ST—Single Track  
SUV—Sport Utility Vehicle  
TMP—Trail Management Plan  
UTV—Utility Terrain Vehicle  
WR—Wildlife Refuge  
WSA—Wilderness Study Area

### **How do your roads and trail access stay open?**

Our motorized roads and trails stay open because some of the users, organizations and clubs stay involved with the land agencies. These groups and people work with the land managers on projects to help offset the agencies continuing budget cuts. Project can include the following: trail clean up, commenting on travel management plans, sign installation, road/trail/route repairs and other work that might be required.



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 those that hold office might not understand or consider in their documents.

This work unfortunately needs to be funded, which is where you come in with your dues and donations to clubs and organizations. The users help keep our access open in many ways.





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### **Arizona Land Management**

There are approximately 72.95 million acres of land in Arizona. Lands administered by the Federal and State agencies comprise about 42% of the land in Arizona this does not including Tribal lands.

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

Roads cannot be opened, signs cannot be installed, trailheads cannot be done without studies, this is the law. This is where NEPA comes in. The act was signed into law in 1969 and declares a national policy to "encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment; to promote efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and stimulate the health and welfare of man; [and] to enrich the understanding of the ecological systems and natural resources important to the Nation...".

NEPA imposes no requirements on the public. Rather, it directs Federal agencies to "utilize a systematic, interdisciplinary approach ... in planning and decision making which may have an impact on man's environment", to insure that "environmental amenities and values ... be given appropriate consideration in decision making along with economic and technical considerations", and to "study, develop, and describe

appropriate alternatives to recommended courses of action...". This mandate applies to all "Federal actions". As a result, NEPA affects virtually all decisions regarding the use of the public lands.

After NEPA is finished, the agency is required to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which is highly formalized process that consists of eight major steps:

- 1) Issue the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS;
- 2) Conduct public and agency scoping of the issues and alternatives;
- 3) Prepare the interdisciplinary analysis of the issues and alternatives;
- 4) Issue the Draft EIS;
- 5) Conduct the public review and comment period;
- 6) Issue the Final EIS, which includes responses to comments;
- 7) Conduct another public review and comment period;
- 8) Issue the Record of Decision. This statement can take 8 to 12 months to complete.

The final process is an Environmental Assessment (EA) to determine whether the proposed action may result in direct or indirect effects which could cause significant impacts, either considered individually or cumulatively with other actions which may be occurring in the area.

The process is not simple, easy or fast. So it is important that we try to respect our access as much as possible because the process is long and tedious to keep it.

## **Arizona State Land**

Arizona State Trust Land (ASLD) is not public land, but was created by a congressional bill enacted in the late 1800's 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 Arizona state land. It is difficult to know when you are on state land 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). But, you are not allowed to stop, if you do, you can be fined. All other vehicles are required to have a permit if you plan on using state land to camp, drive across or stop. A hunting license is not enough, as it is only for use in pursuit of game or scouting.

The permit is \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. It is recommended that all vehicles have a 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)

## **Tribal Nations**

Tribal lands in Arizona are not public lands and require a permit for use. Some areas are sacred, 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.

## **Ranching Property**

Ranching is a big business in Arizona and some of our trails run through ranches and their facilities. These lands are private property and also consist of leased land through the different land managers.

As an OHV user we need to respect these ranches and the work that they do. They can work to close the roads if necessary due to damage, danger to stock and destruction to habitat. Ranchers lease land from federal and state property to graze cattle. This is why it is so important to leave all gates as you found them.

Ranchers make improvements such as cattle ponds, cattle tanks, wind mills which provide water to their cattle but also to the local wildlife. These improvements are paid for by the rancher and not the land manager so they need to be treated as private property. Destruction of these facilities is against the law and will hinder the cattle and wildlife.

## **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 with 8 field offices.

When referring to OHV use BLM refers to motorized recreation with regard to roads and trails. Some areas of BLM managed land have maps available. Check with your local office refer to the contacts in the back of this booklet for addresses and phone numbers.

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 trash.

## **National Forest Service**

There are six national forests in Arizona, which totals approximately 15% of the land in the state. Check with your local office, refer to the contacts in the back of this booklet for addresses and phone numbers.

Each forest will provide maps of the area called an MVUM or Motor Vehicle Use Map. 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 to these maps.

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 to know 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 district's website or electronically downloaded for use with the Avenza App



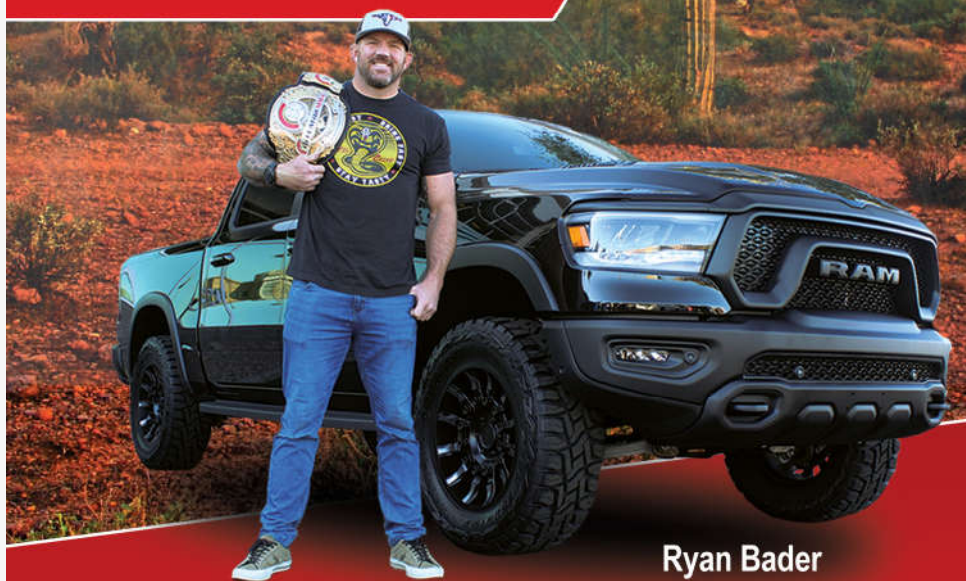
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program. Refer to apps in this booklet.

Some forests require a permit for any use of their recreational facilities such as the Tonto NF which 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.

### **OHV Etiquette**

We share the road with all modalities, so who has the right of way?

- Always yield to horses as they can be spooked by loud noises or unexpected movement
- Yield the trail to smaller vehicles or larger groups
- Uphill traffic has the right of way to keep up the momentum on steep climbs
- When passing others let them know how many are in your group
- Never stop on blind curves
- Never be embarrassed to ask for help, some obstacles are easier with a spotter
- Monitor language on your radios, you are not the only one listening
- Keep the person behind you in view, so they don't miss turns or might need help

### **What is Required to Ride on Public Lands**

The following are required for any off highway vehicle for the use of public lands:

- An Arizona State Land Recreational Permit;
- An OHV Decal if your vehicle is under 2500 pounds;
- Large events require insurance and permits

## **Equipment Required for ROV's**

The following equipment is required for your OHV to be legal off highway or "off road" equipped:

- Anyone under the age of 18 to wear a helmet
- Rearview mirror, seat and footrests
- Eye protection if not equipped with a windshield
- Rear view mirror; Seat and footrests
- Muffler limit 96 decibels
- Spark arrestor
- Safety flag
- License plate

Equipment required to be "Street Legal: "

- License plate light
- Horn
- Proper insurance
- License plate shall be securely attached to rear of your vehicle and clearly visible
- ADOT approved street legal tires

## **Children and ATV's**



Most ATV's have big, long seats that looks like it can accommodate two riders. That is not true, only two people should ride on an ATV that is made for that use.

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

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

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.

### **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. Vehicles 2500 pounds or less are required to have an Arizona certificate of title; Arizona license plate (MC motorcycle or RV recreational vehicle); OHV decal or purchase street legal registration.



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

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.

You will need the following for Arizona Residents:

- Decals for 2500 pounds and less, can be purchased through [www.azdmvnow.com](http://www.azdmvnow.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 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.
- Pickup trucks, SUV's, cars, jeeps and other full size recreational vehicles (over 2500 pounds) are **not** required to have an OHV decal.

### **Non Resident OHV Sticker**

Non Arizona residents shall purchase an OHV Non Resident Decal:

- 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 program
- Non Resident decal can be purchased through the Arizona Game & Fish

## **OHV Decal Exceptions**

You do not need an OHV Decal if you are participating in an off highway special event; operating an OHV on private land; loading or unloading an OHV from a vehicle or operating during a period of emergency or if directed by a peace officer or other public safety authority.

For more information on single track, ATV and side x side refer to the Arizona Game and Fish Rules and Regulations booklet.

## **Arizona Off Highway Vehicle Program**

The Arizona Off Highway Vehicle Program was created in 1991 by the Arizona Legislature with the intent to guide outdoor recreationist and public land managers in making responsible choices to enhance off highway vehicle recreation opportunities throughout Arizona.

## **How the OHV Program Works**

Arizona 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. Giving the program approximately \$1.5 million for OHV projects.

The decal is a user based fee system that generates approximately \$1.5 million a year, and administered by the Arizona State Parks as follows:

- Arizona State Parks receives 60 percent of the funds for grants and agreements; 12 percent of which is for administration of the program, road construction, development and maintenance, signage and maps
- 35 percent goes to AZ 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: [azgfd.com/ohv/](http://azgfd.com/ohv/).

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

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 costs.

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

## **OHV Event Requirements**

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

## **BLM**

Special Recreation Permits (SRP) are required for commercial use, competitive events,



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group activities, recreation events and events providing vending services or supplies associated with the recreation event. The information for permits 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. Each district 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;
- Cost for Commercial (including vending) 3 percent of the 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 less than 20 people that are not competitive or commercial are \$15; Costs for large group permit application is \$300 non refundable, requires 90 days and liability insurance.

## **Camping on Public Lands**

Dispersed camping is also considered Boondocking, Overlanding and Wildcat camping. Dispersed camping is allowed on most public lands and some AZ State Lands unless otherwise posted.

Dispersed camping is using an area to camp that does not typically have any facilities or designated as a developed campground. So you are required to take out everything you bring including trash, waste. Human waste should be buried but all paper should be taken out.

Most dispersed camping is allowed for a 14 day state. You must take all of your refuge and waste with you as there are **no** facilities or trash pick up service.

Some land managers have individual designated dispersed camp sites and others have areas along the roadways that are open and numbered for dispersed camping. This is due to overuse and damage to the environment.

Check with the local land manager for restrictions or dispersed camping areas. Most public lands allow camping 300 feet from the roadway. All AZ State Land requires a permit to camp on.

## **Law Enforcement**

The FS, BLM and Game and Fish (G&F) all have law enforcement officers. The G&F 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.

## Mapping Apps

Maps of Arizona trails are available in different formats from many locations. There are many mobile map and trail programs available. Links to these apps can also be found on the ASA4WDC website at [ASA4WDC.org/apps](http://ASA4WDC.org/apps).

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

- All Trails ([alltrails.com](http://alltrails.com)) — website lists trails across the US. This app requires a fee.
- Avenza— use with the FS MVUM, see more information below.
- Caltopo— Mapping software with a lot of options, requires internet to work, can buy a subscription to work off line.
- Earth Mate— by Delorme, has GPS for your phone, tablet, (android or IOS). Program requires a subscription and can be found at your app store.
- GAIA GPS—Mapping software requires a subscription to use the maps offline, [gaiagps.com/](http://gaiagps.com/)
- On X— Mapping software which also includes campgrounds, trails and points of interest, [onxmaps.com](http://onxmaps.com)
- View Ranger—map and trail app using USGS topo maps, [viewranger.com/en-us](http://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.



This program only uses your minutes to download the app and the maps, otherwise it uses the devices GPS for navigation. The individual forest and ranger districts are available on the forest service website at [FS.fed.us](http://FS.fed.us). Other maps are also available and more are being added all of the time.

Scan (with a barcode reader) the following QR codes for your device to download the Avenza program onto your phone or other device. Or log into your app store to also download the program.



The QR Code to the left will link to the Southwestern Region [forests](#) in Arizona.



## Maps

Paper maps are available at local agencies, online or by phone.

**BLM Surface Maps**—a free index sheet of maps is available at the state office in Phoenix, 1-602-417-9200. These maps cover one degree of longitude and one half degree of latitude at a scale of 1:000,000, one mile = about 5/8". Map sheets are approximately 40"x 27" and cover roughly 60 x 35 miles. There are color coded by

managing agency. Check with the agency for current costs and shipping.

**USGS (United States Geologic Survey) Topographical Maps**—a free index is available, 1-888ASK-USGS or 1-888-2758747. These maps cover 7 1/2” (minutes) of latitude and longitude at a 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 1/2 miles. Check with the agency for current costs and shipping.

Maps and books are also available on line, some 4 wheel drive shops and other stores.

Some useful maps are Delorme Atlas & Gazetteer—www.delorme.com and Benchmark Maps—www.benchmarkmaps.com.

### **OHV Recreation Do's and Don'ts**

Do:

- bring plenty of water
- travel on designated routes only and let someone know where you are going
- 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 ft from water, camps or trails and cover when finished
- Pack it out if you bring it in, please pick up litter left by others

Don't:

- go wheeling alone
- travel cross country, **no areas are open to motorized cross country travel.**

### **What Should I Carry**

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:

Additional items to consider carrying in your vehicle:

- |                       |                        |                             |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ◆ Basic first aid kit | ◆ Flashlight/batteries | ◆ Duct tape                 |
| ◆ Water               | ◆ Multi tool           | ◆ Battery for cell phone    |
| ◆ Fire extinguisher   | ◆ Plastic poncho       | ◆ Backpack to put it all in |
| ◆ Emergency blanket   | ◆ Toilet paper         |                             |

Other items to consider, most of these can fit into a backpack:

- |                  |                        |                              |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| ◆ CB Radio       | ◆ Common Tools         | ◆ GPS                        |
| ◆ Spill Kit      | ◆ Matches              | ◆ Carpenters/parachute chord |
| ◆ Tow strap      | ◆ Comb (remove cactus) |                              |
| ◆ Folding Shovel | ◆ Map                  |                              |

## Trail Communications

- ◆ Ham/GMRS Radio
- ◆ Safety Wire
- ◆ Survival Food
- ◆ Diamond Saw
- ◆ Flares
- ◆ Compass
- ◆ Mirror
- ◆ Small Axe
- ◆ Carpet for Traction

Communications on the trail is also important, it allows you to keep in touch with those in your group, inform each other of trail issues, traffic and when someone needs help. The most common way to keep in touch on the trail has been with CB radios. These are easy to get, install and do not require a license.

More recently the FRS and GMRS radios have become the choice to use when out on the trails. They have a better distance and are also easy to install or purchase.

FRS—Family Radio Service can be used without a license. They have a lower wattage than the other radios which means less distance. The transmission is clearer than a CB radio though.

GMRS Radios have become one of the better ways to communicate on the trail, but require a license to operate legally. The license can be applied for through the FCC and is relatively inexpensive and good for 10 years.

GMRS are higher wattage than FRS or CB and communications are clearer and able to transmit longer distances.



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Ham radios are good to have in case of emergency as they can transmit through repeaters, but require a license and test to use.

### **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.

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

### **Trail Ratings**

The AZ State Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs typically 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. No vehicle or driver are the same, 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.

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

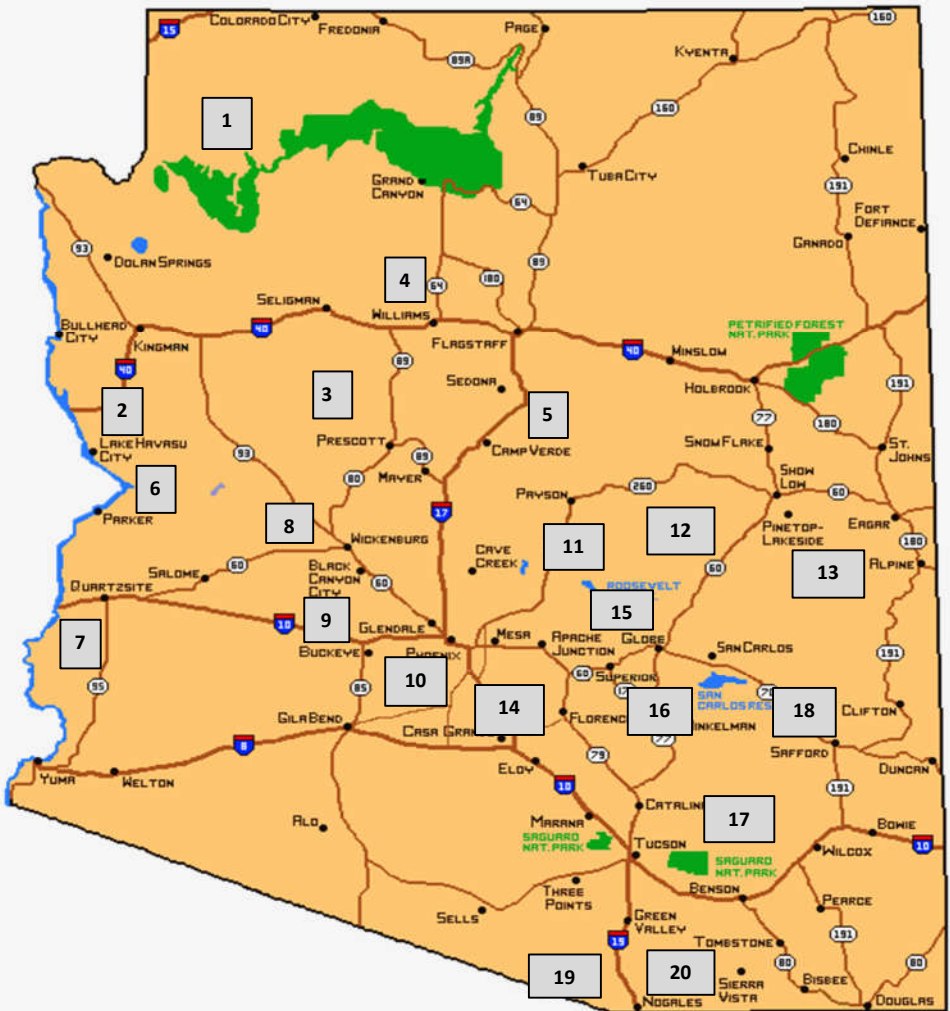
- 1.0 Easy**—Dirt gravel roads passable with most 2 wheel drive vehicles
- 2.0 Easy:** Unimproved dirt roads, stock 4x4 with street tires and higher clearance.
- 3.0 Moderate:** Unimproved dirt roads, gravel large potholes, steep inclines, 4 wheel drive vehicle, locker in rear, low range capabilities and off highway 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, off road tires.
- 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/gearing.
- 4.5 Extreme:** All of 4.0 equipment plus tight squeezes, steep inclines, off camber, waterfalls, narrow shelf roads, modified 4 wheel drive, 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, crevice's, 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 ASA4WDC website. The ASA4WDC or any of its affiliated clubs or 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 Map**

The following are trails located in the areas shown on the map of popular and grant funded trails (or projects) in Arizona. check with the local land managers or local clubs/





associations for exact locations.

### Trail Abbreviations

<b>AT</b>	Adopted trail through an organization or club	<b>OHVG</b>	OHV Grant Funded Project
<b>BFG</b>	Funded with a BF Goodrich Grant	<b>TT</b>	Technical Trail (Rock Crawler)
<b>PT</b>	Popular OHV Trails	<b>TV</b>	Technical Vehicle Trail (Rock Crawler in Table Mesa)

### 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.

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 and how these trails are rated.

The following map indicates some of the more popular trails in Arizona that are open to



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motorized recreation. Not all trails are 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 such as All Trails, Fun Treks, Arizona Four Wheel Drive Foundation provide GPS tracks for you to and maps. Most require a subscription.

## **Trails**

### **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 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.

### **AREA 2—KINGMAN**

#### ***Hualapai Mountain Park***

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

#### ***BLM Kingman FO***

- ♦ Chloride Mines (PT) - easy trail through in the Cerbat Mountains.
- ♦ Moss Wash (OHVG) - moderate trail through rough wash to the Gold King Mansion and mining district.
- ♦ Pass Canyon (PT) - difficult trail through mining areas, trail can be hard to find.
- ♦ Secret Pass (PT) - moderate trail with near Golden Valley
- ♦ Sleeping Princess (PT) - difficult trail near Bullhead City.



*Moss Wash—Photo Rebecca Antle*



*Sleeping Princess—Photo Rebecca*

### **AREA 3—PRESCOTT/COTTONWOOD**

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

- ♦ Blue Monster (PT) - moderate trail with curves, passes that is 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" or less with a tot lot, motocross track and open riding areas.

***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.

***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.



*Cinders—Photo Rebecca Antle*

***Kaibab NF Williams RD***

- ◆ Great Western Trail (PT) - This part through Williams is already designated, easy to moderate through the mountains.
- ◆ Steel Dam (PT) - fairly easy trail to a historic dam build by the railroad.



*Steel Dam—Photo Rebecca Antle*

**AREA 5—SEDONA/CAMP VERDE**

***Coconino NF Red Rock RD***

- ◆ Broken Arrow (PT) - moderate to difficult trail with ledges
- ◆ Dry Creek Basin (PT) – east trail to several hiking trails that access Devils Bridge, Vultee Arch and historic Van Deren Cabin.
- ◆ Greasy Spoon (PT) - difficult, less traveled and fairly remote.
- ◆ Schnebly Hill (PT) - fairly easy trail through tall pines.
- ◆ Soldier Pass (PT) - short difficult trail that requires a permit and limits the amount of vehicles.



*Broken Arrow—Photo Tucson Roughs*

***Coconino NF Sedona RD***

- ◆ Casner Mtn (PT) - rugged trail that requires a permit, trail goes between two wilderness areas.
- ◆ Cliffhanger (PT) - moderately difficult trail with stair steps.

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- ◆ Diamond Back Gulch (PT) - moderate, one way in one way out, steep with drop offs.
- ◆ Outlaw Trail (PT) - moderate, one way in one way out with great views.

**Prescott NF**

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

**AREA 6—PARKER/LAKE HAVASU**

**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.
- ◆ Moss Wash (PT) - difficult, rocky creek bed, steep climbs and narrow tight wash.
- ◆ Swansea Townsite (OHVG) - moderate trail to a historic mining town.
- ◆ Standard Wash (OHVG) - low desert for all types of OHV, trail runs through sandy washes.
- ◆ Vampire Mine (PT) - difficult, low sandy washes, rock obstacle and narrow.



*Castle Dome – Photo 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.
- ◆ Dripping Springs (PT) - moderate trail through mountains near Quartzsite.
- ◆ Dome Basin (PT) - moderate trail through low desert and mountains near Quartzsite.
- ◆ Ehrenberg Sandbowl (OHVG) - small sand dunes, side trails, loading ramps, toilets, ramadas, 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) - moderate trail through mountains and low desert.
- ◆ Tank Pass (PT) - easy to moderate trail through low desert and historic areas such as Salome Prison.



*Dripping Springs—Photo Rebecca*



*Preachers Pass—Photo Erwin Greven*

**Kofa Wildlife Refuge**

- ◆ 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 trail with high buttes and low desert.

### ***Organ Pipe NM/Cabasa Prieta WR/Goldwater AF Range***

- ◆ El Camino Del Diablo (PT) - 120 mile trail through desolate desert along Mexican border, permits are required and traveled should be in groups.



*King Road—Photo Rebecca Antle*

### **AREA 8—WICKENBURG**

#### ***BLM Hassayampa FO***

- ◆ Belmont Road (PT) - moderate road through historic mining area.
- ◆ Box Canyon (PT) - easy to moderate trail down 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.
- ◆ Copperopolis (PT) - easy trail through mining areas.
- ◆ Harquahala Mtn Summit Rd Backcountry Byway (OHVG) - easy to moderate trail, elevation of 5670 feet.
- ◆ Mill Wash (PT) - very easy relative flat trail.
- ◆ Vulture Mine OHV Area (PT) - easy to moderate trails through mountains outside of Wickenburg, historic mining areas.



*Harquahala—Photo 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.
- ◆ Hieroglyphic Mtns/ Boulders Staging Area (OHVG) — easy to difficult trails through desert.
- ◆ 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 Technical Vehicle trails: all these trails are for highly modified full size four wheel drive, experienced drivers. Trails include Anaconda (TV4), Annaltor (TV), Collateral Damage (TV6), Crapshoot (TV), Die Hard (TV1), Predator (TV), Terminator



*Vulture Mine—Photo Rebecca Antle*



*Crown King—Photo Mike Drawsky*



*Die Hard—Photo Tim Naylor*

(TV2&3).

- ◆ Turkey Creek (PT) - difficult trail through a narrow canyon, stock vehicles not recommended.

## AREA 10—PHOENIX

### *Tonto NF Mesa RD*

- ◆ The Rolls (OHVG) - easy to moderate trails overlooking Saguaro Lake.
- ◆ Bulldog Canyon (OHVG) - moderate trail, not recommended for stock vehicles, requires a permit.
- ◆ Four Peaks (AT) - moderate trail, not recommended for stock vehicles.
- ◆ Log Corral (AT-Mesa 4 Wheelers) - moderate to difficult trail.
- ◆ Montana Mtn (PT) - moderate narrow, steep trail wind through the mountains
- ◆ Sycamore Creek (PT) - easy to moderate narrow steep trail.



Log Corral—Photo Mike Drawsky



Pyeatt—Photo—Andy Sacio

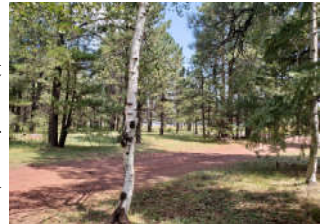
## AREA 11—PAYSON

### *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) - moderate trail that ends at lookout tower at 7100 feet
- ◆ Sunflower Mine (AT-Honeywell 4 Wheelers) - moderate trail, two loops to an elevation of 6100 feet.
- ◆ Pyeatt Draw (BFG) - difficult trail through rocky terrain.



Greens Peak—Photo Rebecca Antle

## AREA 12—SHOW LOW/SPRINGERVILLE

### *Apache/Sitgreaves NF Lakeside RD*

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

### *Apache/Sitgreaves NF Springerville RD*

- ◆ Greens Peak (PT) - easy trail to radio towers.
- ◆ Sunrise to Big Lake Snowmobile Route (OHVG) - trail is moderate, 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—Photo Rebecca

## AREA 13—GLOBE

### *Tonto NF Globe RD*

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

## 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



Upper Ajax—Photo Tim Naylor

canyon.

- ◆ Florence Junction difficult trails (Technical Trails)— Ajax Mine (TT), Axle Alley (TT), Elvis (TT), H2H (TT), Jackhandle (TT), Woodpecker Mine (TT) trails are difficult and require a well set up modified vehicle with experienced drivers.
- ◆ Middle Gila Conservation Area (OHVG) - trails travel through old mining areas, easy to difficult.
- ◆ Reymert (PT) - easy trail through historic mining areas.
- ◆ Ripsey Mine (PT) - moderate trail through historic mining district.



Reymert—Photo Tucson Rough Riders

## AREA 15—APACHE JUNCTION

### *Tonto NF Tonto Basin RD*

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



Copper Crk—Photo Mark/Bill Bothe

## 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) - moderate to difficult trail, steep, narrow, stock vehicles not recommended.

### *BLM Gila FO*

- ◆ Copper Creek (PT) - easy to moderate trail through mining areas in the Galiuro mountains near Mammoth.
- ◆ Walnut Canyon (PT) - moderate trail through the mountains near Superior.



Charouleau Gap—Tucson Rough

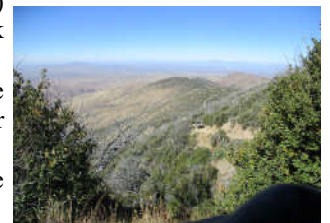
## AREA 17—TUCSON

### *Coronado NF Santa Catalina RD*

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



Reddington—Jeff Merrell



Rice Peak—Photo Rebecca Antle





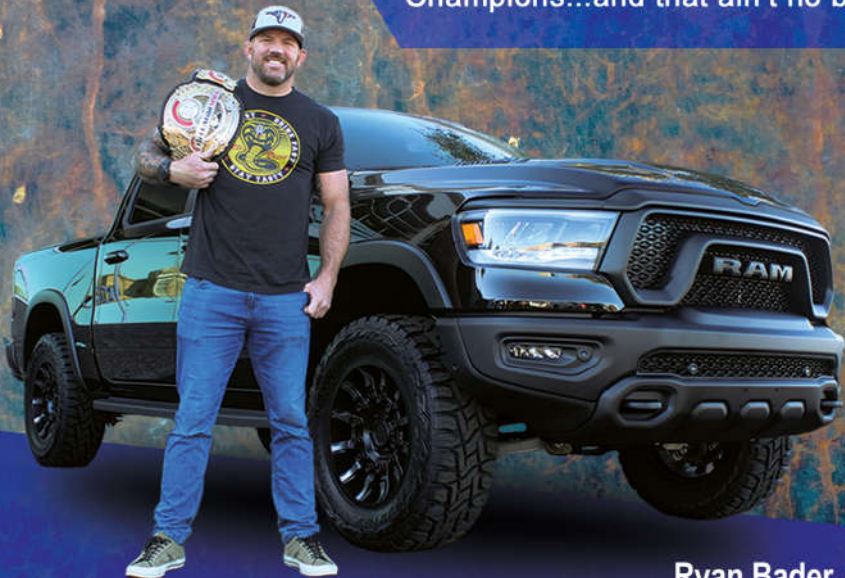
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- ◆ Whiskey Tanks (PT) - moderate one way trail in Redington Pass.

***BLM Gila FO***

- ◆ Ironwood National Monument/Sawtooth Mtn (PT) - easy trails that borders reservation land.



*Jacksons Cabin—Photo Jeff Merrrell*

**AREA 18—SAFFORD**

***Apache—Sitgreaves NF Clifton RD***

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

***Coronado NF/ Safford RD***

- ◆ Jacksons Cabin (PT) - one way moderate trail to a cabin in the Galiuro Mountains.
- ◆ Mansfield Canyon (PT) - moderate rocky trail through mining districts.
- ◆ Temporal Gulch (PT) - moderately difficult trail through grassland with steep shelf road.

***BLM Safford FO***

- ◆ Black Hills Backcountry Byway (OHVG) - easy primitive road near Morenci.
- ◆ Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area (OHVG) - offers rugged OHV opportunities in the high desert for spring, fall and winter months.
- ◆ Hot Well Dunes (OHVG) - sandy trails, dunes, day use fee, area has parking/staging area, campsites, walkways, kiosk, ramadas and restrooms.



*China Camp—Photo Rebecca Antle*

**AREA 19—SIERRA VISTA**

***Coronado NF Sierra Vista RD***

- ◆ China Camp (PT) - moderate short steep shelf road through historic mining district.
- ◆ Patagonia Mtns (PT) - moderate trails through his historic mining areas.

**AREA 20—SONOTIA**

***Coronado NF Nogales RD***

- ◆ Bull Springs (PT) - moderate trail through the Santa Rita Mountains.
- ◆ Guajolote Flats (PT) - easy to moderate trail through low hills, plains and pastures.
- ◆ Santa Rita Mtn OHV Area (OHVG) - easy to moderate trails in open planes/ hills.



*Bull Springs—Photo Steve Archer*

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