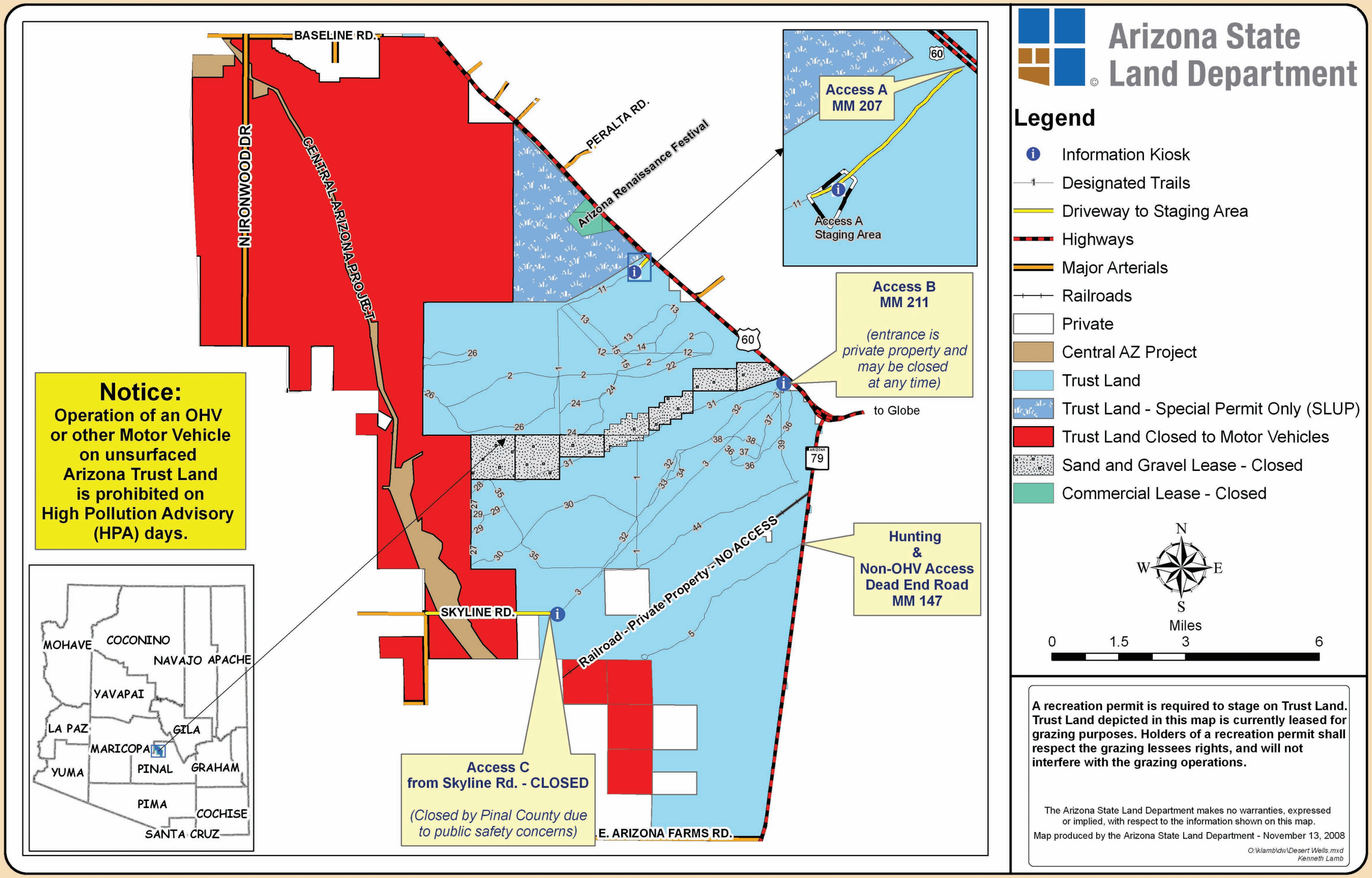
Desert Wells Multiuse Area



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Legend

- Information Kiosk
- Designated Trails
- Driveway to Staging Area
- Highways
- Major Arterials
- Railroads
- Private
- Central AZ Project
- Trust Land
- Trust Land - Special Permit Only (SLUP)
- Trust Land Closed to Motor Vehicles
- Sand and Gravel Lease - Closed
- Commercial Lease - Closed

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A recreation permit is required to stage on Trust Land. Trust Land depicted in this map is currently leased for grazing purposes. Holders of a recreation permit shall respect the grazing lessees rights, and will not interfere with the grazing operations.

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- A State Land Recreational permit is required to park, play and stage on State Trust land.
- For permit information call (602) 364-ASLD (2753). For OHV Decal information go to www.servicearizona.com.
- Keep out of closed areas and off closed routes (see map).
- Avoid creating excessive dust.
- No dumping or littering.
- Use designated routes only: Cross-country travel is illegal and has always been prohibited in Arizona.
- No target shooting.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages while operating any vehicle is strictly prohibited.

You need a recreational permit from the State Land Department to park, play and stage on Trust Land at the Desert Wells Multiuse Area. Permits are available by phone or can be obtained at State Land Department offices. For more information call (602) 364-ASLD.

Desert Wells Multiuse Area cooperative partners

The creation of the Desert Wells Multiuse Area is the result of a commitment by a diverse group, which comprises government agencies, private ranchers, and organized multi-use groups. The group worked together to seek long-term and practical solutions to issues such as illegal shooting, dumping, littering, impacts from unregulated OHV use, and repeated damage to private ranching developments and federal flood control properties.

Desert Wells is a multiuse area where you may encounter others at any time. OHV use is an interim use of State Trust Land during the transition from desert to development. Always operate in a safe, ethical and responsible manner when recreating in Arizona.

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Rules for OHV use in this area are subject to change. It is your responsibility to obtain the most current information on OHV use in the Desert Wells Multiuse Area.

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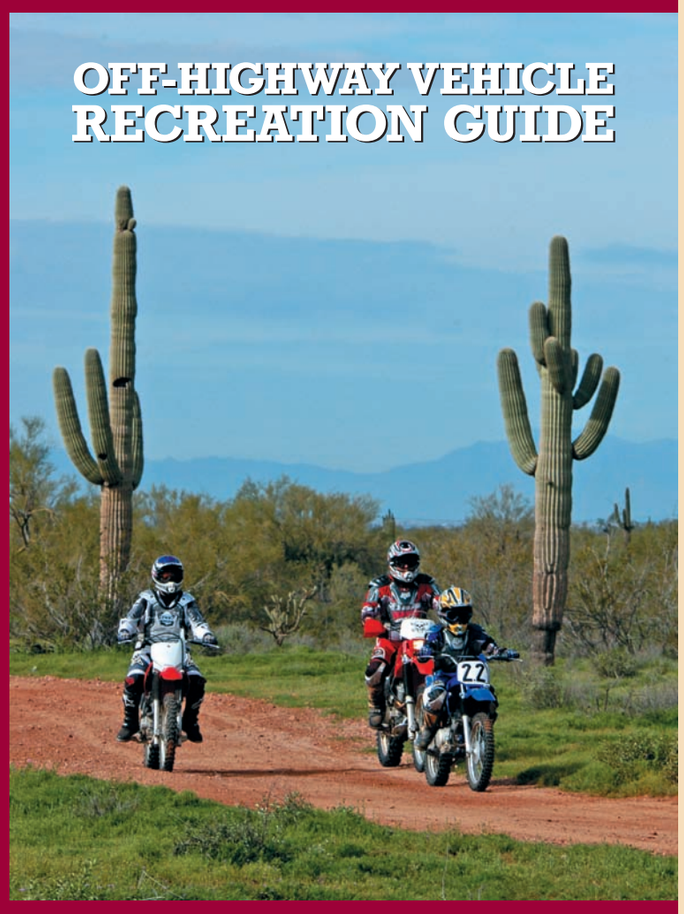
OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION GUIDE



Desert Wells Multiuse Area
Pinal County, Arizona

Welcome to Desert Wells:

The Desert Wells Multiuse Area is open for motorized OHV use under an agreement between two state agencies, Pinal County, ranchers, a gravel company, the Chandler Rod and Gun Club and OHV user groups. OHV use is an interim use of State Trust Land during the transition from desert to development. Currently, most of this use area is used as an active, operating ranch. All gates need to be left as they are found (either open or closed) and never cut fences. An active gravel operation is also located on this property. Always stay out of the quarry area and be aware of heavy truck traffic. All the partners thank you for your continued cooperation and ask that you practice safe, ethical and responsible use.

Traveling on State Land:

State Trust Land is not public land. You are reminded to always stay on marked roads and trails. Cross country travel is illegal and has always been prohibited in Arizona.

You must get a recreational permit from the Arizona State Land Department to recreate on State Trust land. The permit is valid for one year from date of purchase. As of Jan. 1, 2009, the new OHV Decal allows for crossing State Trust Land on designated trails. A State Land Recreational permit is required to park, play and stage on State Trust Land.

All OHVs are required to have a title to operate in Arizona.

OHVs need to be registered or "street legal" to operate on any maintained public road or highway.

All qualified OHVs need to display the OHV Decal for operation in Arizona.

Motor vehicles are not allowed in any area that is barricaded, gated, or signed as closed to motorized use.

Operation is prohibited within one-quarter mile of any structure (occupied or not), stock tanks or flood control devices.

Persons actively hunting or fishing with a valid Arizona hunting or fishing license do not need a recreational permit to hunt or fish on State Trust Land. A State Land Recreational permit is required to park, play and stage on State Trust Land.

Respect the area

- Keep out of closed areas.
- It is illegal to harass wildlife.
- Avoid creating dust: Excessive dust complaints can force OHV closures.

- Do not litter.
- Leave all gates as you find them, either open or closed.
- Designated open roads within the Desert Wells Multiuse Area are marked on all entry gates and on the enclosed map.
- A State Land Department Recreational permit is required to park, play and stage on State Trust Land. The new OHV Decal allows for crossing Trust Land on designated trails.
- Cross-country travel is prohibited for all users, motorized and nonmotorized. This type of illegal use leads to severe habitat damage and use area closures.
- Respect the rights of others sharing the same trails, including hikers and horseback riders.
- Be aware of the potential for your vehicle to frighten pets, horses and cattle.
- It is illegal to operate an OHV while intoxicated.
- It is illegal to operate an OHV with careless disregard for persons or property.
- Target shooting is strictly prohibited.
- Stay away from stock tanks, ponds and the berms and dams around them.

Areas closed to all motor vehicles

Several parcels in the Desert Wells Multiuse Area are closed to all motorized vehicles (see map). These closures are in response to long-term damage to wildlife habitat, dust problems, chronic littering, and vandalism to private ranching property.

If you observe any acts of vandalism or habitat destruction report this information to the Arizona Game and Fish Department 24-hour hotline at 1-800-VANDALS (1-800-826-3257).

No OHV use is allowed on PM10 HPA days. For information, go to www.azdeq.gov.

Protect your right to ride

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for managing Arizona's wildlife and for helping to protect wildlife habitat. By law, the department is responsible for identifying habitat damaged by off-highway vehicles, providing information and education about off-highway vehicles, and enforcing off-highway vehicle laws. OHVs include motorcycles, four-wheel drive vehicles, dune buggies, all-terrain vehicles, pick-up trucks, sand rails, sport utility vehicles, and any other motorized vehicle that is operated off of main roads. The Arizona Game and Fish Department encourages OHV users to protect wildlife habitat by following all rules and regulations.

Keep it legal

OHV title, registration, license plates and the OHV Decal

The Arizona Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) is responsible for title, registration and the OHV Decal on any motor vehicle in Arizona. MVD offices are located statewide. For immediate service you can go online to www.servicearizona.com.

Title, registration and the OHV Decal are all separate things. A title is proof of ownership, registration allows you to operate on maintained roads, and the OHV Decal is a "user play, user pay" program developed by law to better manage OHV use in Arizona.

TITLE — Beginning in 1985 all newly purchased OHVs in Arizona were required to have an Arizona title and license plate. Those plates had the letters RV for recreational vehicle. The RV plate allows for use over unimproved roads and trails. As of July 1, 2009, **ALL** OHVs in Arizona will now need to obtain a title from MVD and, if qualified, need to obtain an OHV Decal.

REGISTRATION — If the driver of an OHV is going to drive on Arizona streets, highways or improved roads, known as being "street legal," the vehicle must be registered. Some special equipment may need to be added to your machine to meet the street legal standards. Registration plates contain the letters MC just like a motorcycle plate. If your OHV qualifies for the OHV Decal, you must obtain and display the OHV Decal in the upper left corner of your license plate. If you use your machine primarily off-highway, purchase your OHV Decal first, then if you upgrade to registration or when your registration comes up for renewal, you'll get free registration and pay $3 in vehicle license tax.

OHV DECAL — If your vehicle is made by the manufacturer primarily for use over unimproved terrain ***and*** your vehicle weighs 1,800 pounds or less you are required to obtain the OHV Decal. Both titled and registered owners with vehicles that meet these requirements need to obtain the OHV Decal from MVD. The decal is valid for one year from the date of purchase. This is not registration nor is it especially for off-highway use. This is a user play, user pay program designed to help better manage OHV use in Arizona. Revenue collected will be used for grant programs, educational opportunities, and most importantly, OHV law enforcement.

Arizona law requires that your title plate or your registration plate and your OHV Decal all be displayed in a clearly visible position on the back of your OHV.

Equipment

Minimum equipment necessary to ride:

- Brakes in good working order
- Working headlights and taillights if operating at night
- Muffler or noise dissipative device that prevents sound above 96 decibels
- USDA approved spark arrestor
- Those who are 18 and younger need to wear a properly fitted and fastened USDOT approved helmet when operating an OHV in Arizona.
- At least one brake that can be operated by hand or foot
- Brake light
- Headlight(s)
- Taillight
- Red rear reflector, if not part of the taillight
- License plate
- Muffler (in good working order)
- Rearview mirror
- Seat and footrests for the operator

You must have the following equipment to get your OHV registered:

- License plate light
- Horn

An emissions test may be required if you live in metropolitan Phoenix or Tucson and some areas of Yavapai County.

Alcohol and drugs

The operation of an OHV requires skill and good judgment. Drugs and alcohol impair both. Drivers become dangers to themselves and others when operating a motorized vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Laws regarding DUI apply everywhere in Arizona. OHV drivers can be arrested while driving under the influence, even on a backcountry trail. The penalties, including jail and the loss of your driver's license, are the same whether you are driving a car on a state highway or an OHV on a trail.