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Rasor

Off-Highway Vehicle Area



Map and Guide



Razor provides for a remote motorized recreation experience amidst an expansive landscape of small rugged mountains and scattered sand dunes. Razor Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) open area encompasses nearly 24,000 acres of public land along with a few private sections. This Special Recreation Management Area is located about 50 miles east of Barstow, CA where self-reliant OHV enthusiasts challenge themselves against the elements. The remote and rugged nature of the terrain appeal to those seeking primitive camping opportunities as well as challenging terrain, fabulous scenery, and opportunities for solitude.



Recreation



Visitors to Rasor enjoy excellent recreation opportunities including open desert riding on All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), motorcycles, dune buggies, Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs), and camping. In addition to the riding and camping activities this area provides access and support facilities for staging OHV and 4X4 vehicle touring into the adjacent area of the Mojave Trails National Monument (MTNM). This and other surrounding limited use areas require vehicles to travel on designated routes. There is also street legal vehicle access into the Mojave National Preserve along the Mojave Road. Access roads to Rasor are Basin and Rasor Roads via Interstate 15, 12 miles southwest of Baker, CA.



Hunting and Shooting

The Razor OHV Area, as well as surrounding Limited Use Areas, are open to recreational shooting with the exception of the Afton Canyon Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The Afton Canyon ACEC is closed to recreational shooting except legal shotgun hunting outside a ½-mile perimeter of the campground and middle of railroad trestle. Seasons and bag limits vary so be sure to check with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for complete and current hunting regulations. Fire and county ordinance restrictions may apply as well. In the immediate vicinity of wildlife guzzlers, hunting is limited to 30 minutes. It is illegal to shoot within 150 yards of any campsite or to shoot at trees, signs, glass bottles, domestic livestock, outbuildings, or other objects on federal land. On private land, visitors must obtain permission from the landowner to discharge firearms.

Camping

Camping is permitted anywhere within the open area of Razor, but is limited to a maximum of 14 consecutive days. There is less primitive camping available at the Afton Canyon campground, situated at the west end of the canyon. This newly renovated campground provides several sites, available on a first-come basis for a fee of \$6 per night. There is also a 14-day stay limit. Each site is equipped with a shade structure, parking area, table, fire pit, and grill. Vault toilets are centrally located. Campfire permits are required and may be restricted in the fire season (typically May-October). Fire danger is extreme during most of the year. Campfire permits can be obtained online at www.preventwildfireca.org.

Historic Highlights

The Mojave Road, an important historic period travel route, bisects the OHV area in a southwest-to-northeast direction. Remnants of the 1906 Tonapah & Tidewater Railroad berm is adjacent to the eastern OHV area boundary, and a portion of the historic and still active Union Pacific Railroad follows the southern boundary.

The Mojave Road was first an Indian trail used by Native Americans as a trade route for thousands of years, followed by early Spanish explorers and traders. In 1829, Mexican explorer Antonio Armijo pioneered the Old Spanish Trail through this area. Evidence of the trail, now designated a National Historic Trail, can still be found at Afton Canyon.

When the Americans began pushing westward, Jedediah Smith, Kit Carson, John Fremont and others came this way to reach the pueblos on the coast. When gold was discovered in '49, most of the 'Niners took the northern route, but thousands followed the southern route and took the Mojave Road.

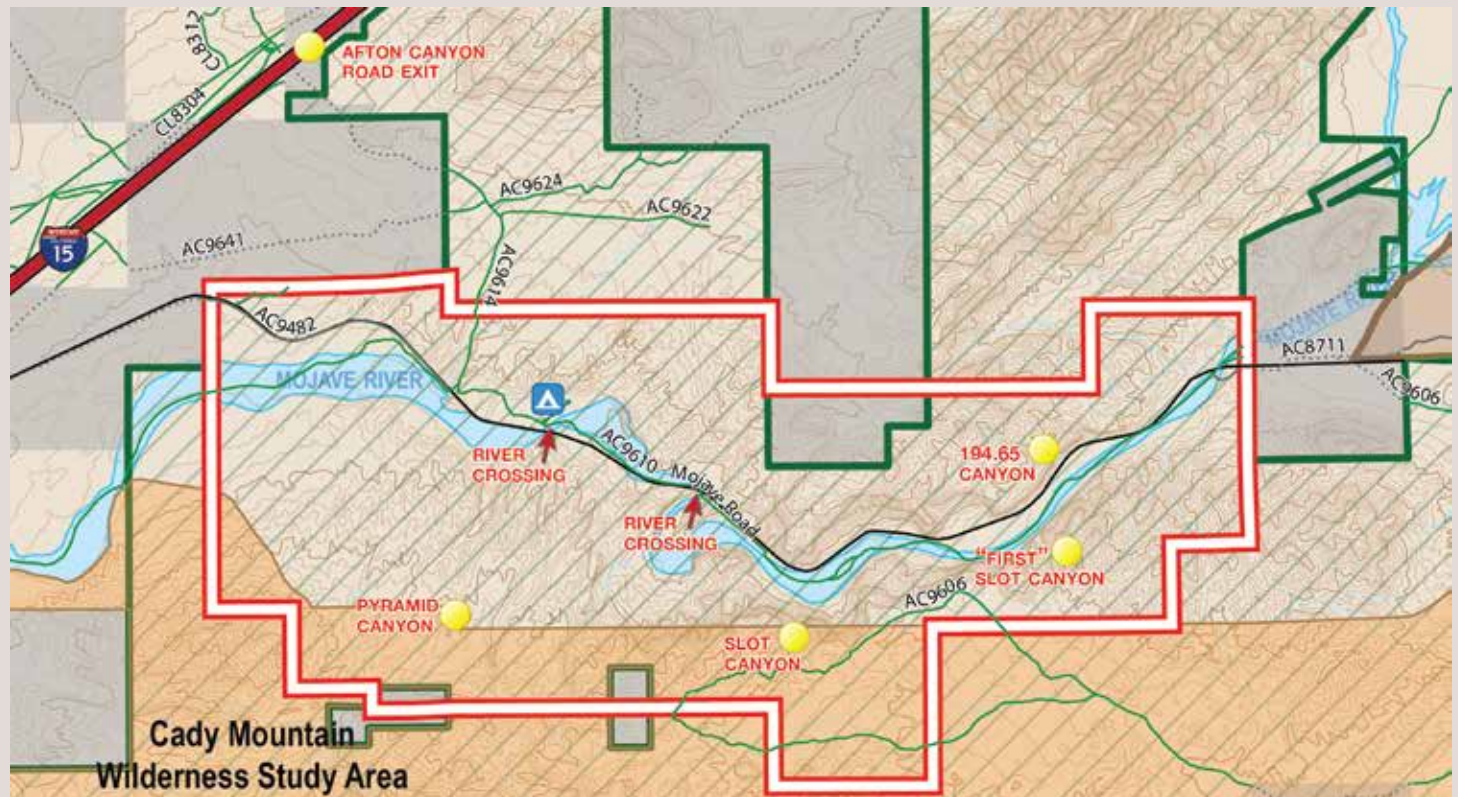
Today, visitors can enjoy this 138-mile 4-wheel drive trail from nearby Camp Cady to the shore of the Colorado River.



Afton Canyon Campground

Located within the Mojave Trails Monument, Afton Canyon is designated an ACEC to protect plant, wildlife, and other resources within the canyon. Recreation opportunities abound for OHV touring, birdwatching, wildlife viewing, and hiking in the ACEC.

OHV use is restricted to signed designated "open routes" within the canyon - cross-country travel is not authorized. For more information, contact the Bureau of Land Management, Barstow Field Office, at (760) 252-6000.



Flora



Touring



Wildlife

**For more information,
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**Public lands in the Razor OHV Area
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Campground w/ toilets

Open Route

Authorized/Permitted

Administrative

Railroad

Place of Interest

Open OHV Area

Afton ACEC

BLM Land

State Land

Private Property

Wilderness Study Areas

Military - DOD

National Preserve - NPS

National Monument - BLM

1 Inch = 1.52 Miles

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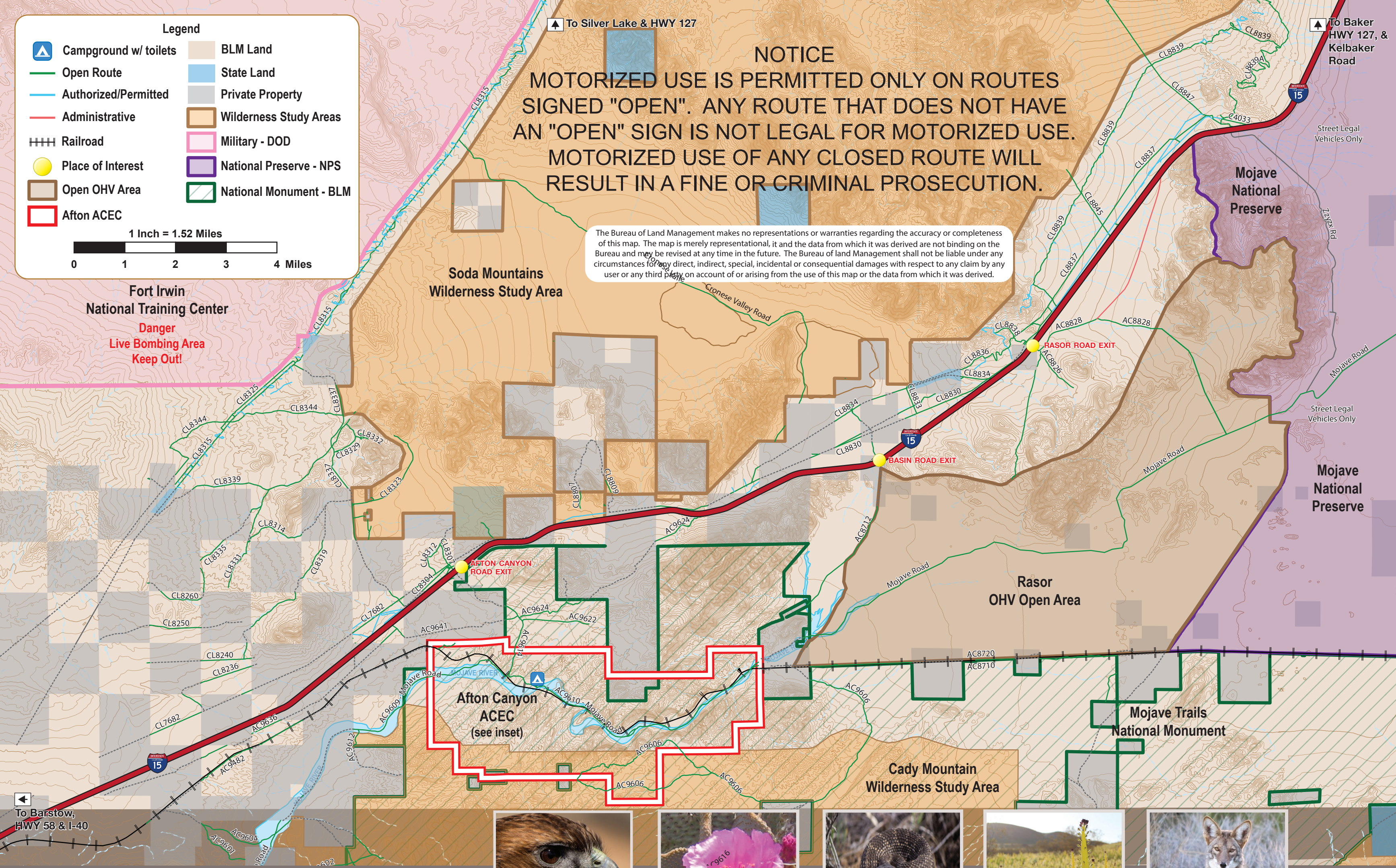
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4 Miles

NOTICE

MOTORIZED USE IS PERMITTED ONLY ON ROUTES SIGNED "OPEN". ANY ROUTE THAT DOES NOT HAVE AN "OPEN" SIGN IS NOT LEGAL FOR MOTORIZED USE. MOTORIZED USE OF ANY CLOSED ROUTE WILL RESULT IN A FINE OR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

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TAKE PRIDE IN RASOR OHV AREA AND LEAVE IT AS YOU FOUND IT!



While Rasor is an open area, off-route recreation travel through adjacent wildlands has caused damage or disturbance to the soil and wildlife habitat, as well as cultural and vegetative resources. Please stay on designated routes if you leave The Rasor OHV Area.

Pack out all trash. Even orange peels and other natural items decompose slowly in the high desert climate.

Respect wildlife. Do not feed or approach wild animals. Observe them from a distance. Secure food out of their reach.

Be careful with fire. Keep campfires small. Comply with campfire permit requirements and fire restrictions.

SAFETY

Expect wild, rugged conditions and extreme temperatures. Prepare for your trip by learning about ways to stay safe in the backcountry. This brochure provides only limited safety information.

If you arrive unprepared, you could become lost, dehydrated, injured, or even die. Your safety is your responsibility.

A FEW RECOMMENDED SAFETY TIPS

- Carry plenty of water—a *minimum* of 1 gallon per person, per day.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you plan on returning.
- If you are stranded, stay with your vehicle.
- Dress appropriately for the season and changing weather.
- Do not approach or feed wildlife.

IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL 9-1-1

Nearest Hospitals:

Barstow Community Hospital
820 E. Mountain View Street
Barstow, CA 92311
(760) 256-1761

St. Mary Medical Center
18300 Highway 18
Apple Valley, CA 92307
(760) 242-2311

Victor Valley Global Medical Center
15248 11th Street
Victorville, CA 92395
(760) 245-8691



Red-Tailed Hawk



Beavertail Cactus



Rattlesnake



Desert Candle



Coyote