



In southern California and Arizona, the BLM offers several Long-term Visitor Areas (LTVAs) for users who want to camp for an extended period of time during the winter. Camping in LTVAs from September 15 to April 15 requires a special use permit, obtainable onsite or at the BLM El Centro, Palm Springs, and Yuma Field Offices. A season-long permit is \$180 and a short-term 14-day permit is \$40.

The Mule Mountains LTVA is located in the lower Colorado Desert near Blythe, nine miles south of I-10 on Wiley's Well Road. The LTVA consists of the Wiley Well and Coon Hollow campsites, with dispersed camping in the surrounding area. Some basic amenities are provided. The historic Bradshaw Trail passes between the sites, providing easy access to numerous OHV trails and several rock hounding sites. Camping is permitted at the LTVA during the off-season for free, but the standard 14-day limit applies and services are not provided. For more information, please contact the BLM Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office or visit

www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro/recreation/ltnvas.html

Route Designations

All BLM-managed public lands in this area are designated in vehicle-use categories:

Limited Areas are open to motorized vehicle use but use is limited to designated routes, posted with the sign pictured here. No cross-country travel is permitted. Most routes in this area are in Limited Areas.

Closed Areas are closed to all motorized vehicle use, for example a wilderness area. Wilderness areas, marked with signs, are open to hikers and horseback riders but prohibited to bicycles and motor vehicles.

Within **Limited Use Areas**, routes of travel are designated as either **OPEN**, **LIMITED**, or **CLOSED**.

Open Routes are open to all motorized vehicle use, subject to posted restrictions such as driving only on designated routes. The routes shown in this brochures are Open Routes.

Limited Routes are open to all motorized vehicle travel subject to certain use restrictions, such as seasonally. There are no Limited Routes in this area.

Closed Routes are closed to all vehicle use except for emergency or administrative use.



Help Protect Your Valuable Resources

- Drive only on approved routes and obey posted signs. Keep dogs on leash.
- Camping is permitted but limited to 14 days. After 14 days, campers must relocate at least 25 miles from the previous site.
- Park your vehicle or set up camp in previously used or disturbed areas.
- Watch for tortoises on roads and trails, especially during and after it rains.
- Do not touch tortoises. Harassing/collecting them are violations of state and federal law.
- Look under your car before driving away. Tortoises rest in the shade of parked cars.
- Watch tortoises from a distance. Getting closer than 10 feet can cause a defensive response of emptying the bladder, which can be fatal to the tortoise.



Ride Responsibly

OHV riding provides the opportunity to get away from the rush of everyday life and build family traditions. Arriving at remote outdoor sites inspires curiosity and a sense of shared discovery. Responsible riders know that riding on public lands is a privilege. The best way to protect your riding privilege is to stay on designated trails and act respectfully toward other users, wildlife, and the environment. Illegal and inappropriate OHV use has resulted in soil compaction, habitat degradation, habitat fragmentation, and erosion. It can take the desert more than 100 years to heal from damage caused by illegal OHV use.

Mine Shafts and Tunnels Safety

For your safety, avoid entering mine shafts or tunnels. They are extremely dangerous due to odorless toxic fumes, rotten boards and timbers, and unstable walls. Entering mines can also disturb wildlife (bats, snakes, mountain lions, etc.) living inside.

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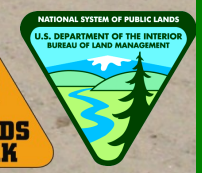
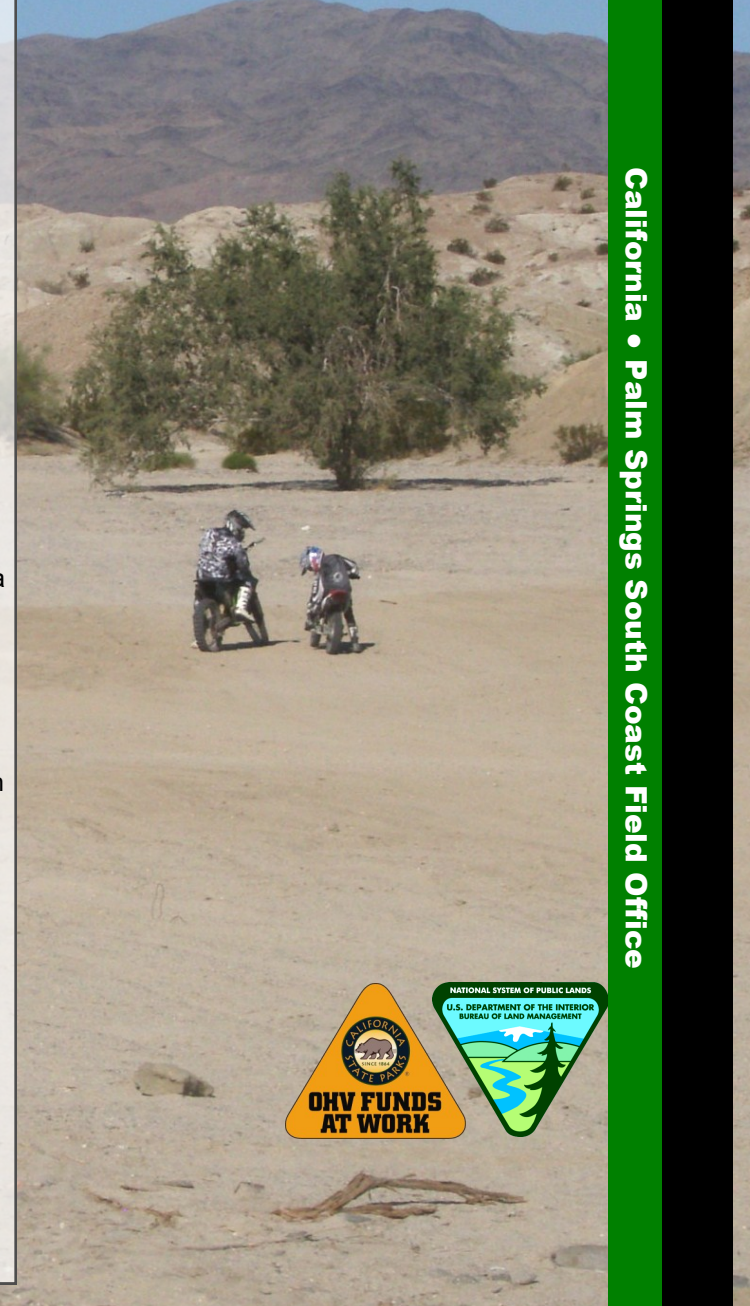
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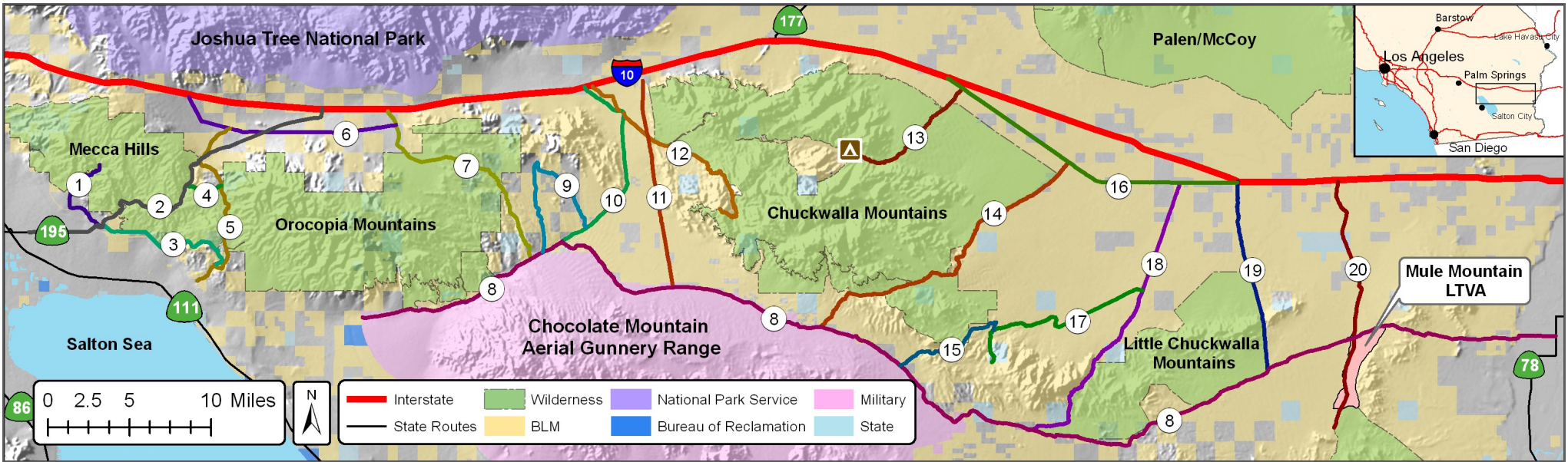


Chuckwalla-Meccacopia

Main OHV Routes



Routes to Explore



It is important to remember these ratings are merely guides and are independent of individual ability. Also, route difficulty can change suddenly due to weather events. It is ultimately up to you to determine whether you and your vehicle can navigate the route safely.

Trail	Mileage	Surface	Difficulty
1 Painted Canyon Road	5.5	Dirt/Sand	Easiest
2 Box Canyon Road	15	Paved	Only Street Legal Vehicles
3 Godwin Trail	8	Dirt/Sand	More Difficult
4 Little Box Canyon Road	2	Sand	Easiest
5 Meccapopia Trail	11	Sand/Dirt	More Difficult
6 Powerline Road	11.5	Sand/Dirt	Easiest
7 Red Canyon Jeep Trail	12.5	Dirt/Rock	More Difficult
8 Bradshaw Trail	70	Dirt/Sand	Easiest
9 Amy's Wash	9.5	Sand/Dirt	Easiest, some deep sand
10 Summit Road	11	Improved Dirt	Easiest
11 Gasline Road	10.5	Improved Dirt	Easiest
12 Red Cloud Road	12	Dirt/Rock	Most Difficult Easiest until last 2 miles
13 Corn Springs Road	7	Improved Dirt	Easiest Leads to campground

Trail	Mileage	Surface	Difficulty
14 Dupont Road	17.5	Dirt	Most Difficult
15 Augustine Pass Road	6.5	Dirt	Most Difficult
16 Chuckwalla Valley Road	16.5	Paved	2WD
17 Chuckwalla Springs Road	10.5	Dirt	More Difficult
18 Graham Pass	16	Dirt/Rock	More Difficult
19 Government Pass	10	Dirt/Sand	More Difficult
20 Wiley's Well Road	13.5	Improved Dirt	Easiest

Route Difficulty Rating

The BLM Palm Springs-South Coast (PSSC) Field Office is beginning to implement a Route Difficulty Rating System. This is a work-in-progress, so most trails are not yet rated. The Route Difficulty Rating system is only a guide. The rating symbols can be found on the carsonite or metal posts at the beginning of each trail.

Easiest- Suitable for beginning route users and for a less challenging ride. These routes have a low level of risk for the user and are relatively flat. Few obstacles will be found on these routes.

More Difficult- Steeper and narrower than the Easiest, these routes require skills beyond that of a novice and at times will challenge the average user. Some obstacles may occur along these routes, but nothing extreme.

Most Difficult- The steepest and narrowest, these routes often do not have an outlet and require users with advanced skills who are seeking a higher risk. The terrain is often rugged and the routes may be difficult to follow. Obstacles are challenging. Only experienced users should drive these routes.

