

Northeast Riverside County

Primary OHV Routes



Long-term Camping



In southern California and Arizona, 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 require 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.

Open September 15 to April 15 every year, the Midland LTVA provides easy access to the scenic beauty and recreational opportunities of the Colorado Desert. It is located eight miles north of the city of Blythe and offers the more traditional open desert dispersed camping opportunity with minimal services. Campers must be 100% contained for waste and grey water since vault toilets are not available. Dispersed 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/ltv.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 brochure are Open Routes.

Limited Routes are open to all motorized vehicle travel subject to certain use restrictions, such as seasonally. There is one Limited Route in this area. A portion of Meccacopia Trail is closed from June 1 to September 30 to protect wildlife access to critical water resources.

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.
- Look 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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Primary Routes to Explore

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 rating symbols below can be

found on the carsonite or metal posts at the beginning of each trail.

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.



EASIEST

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



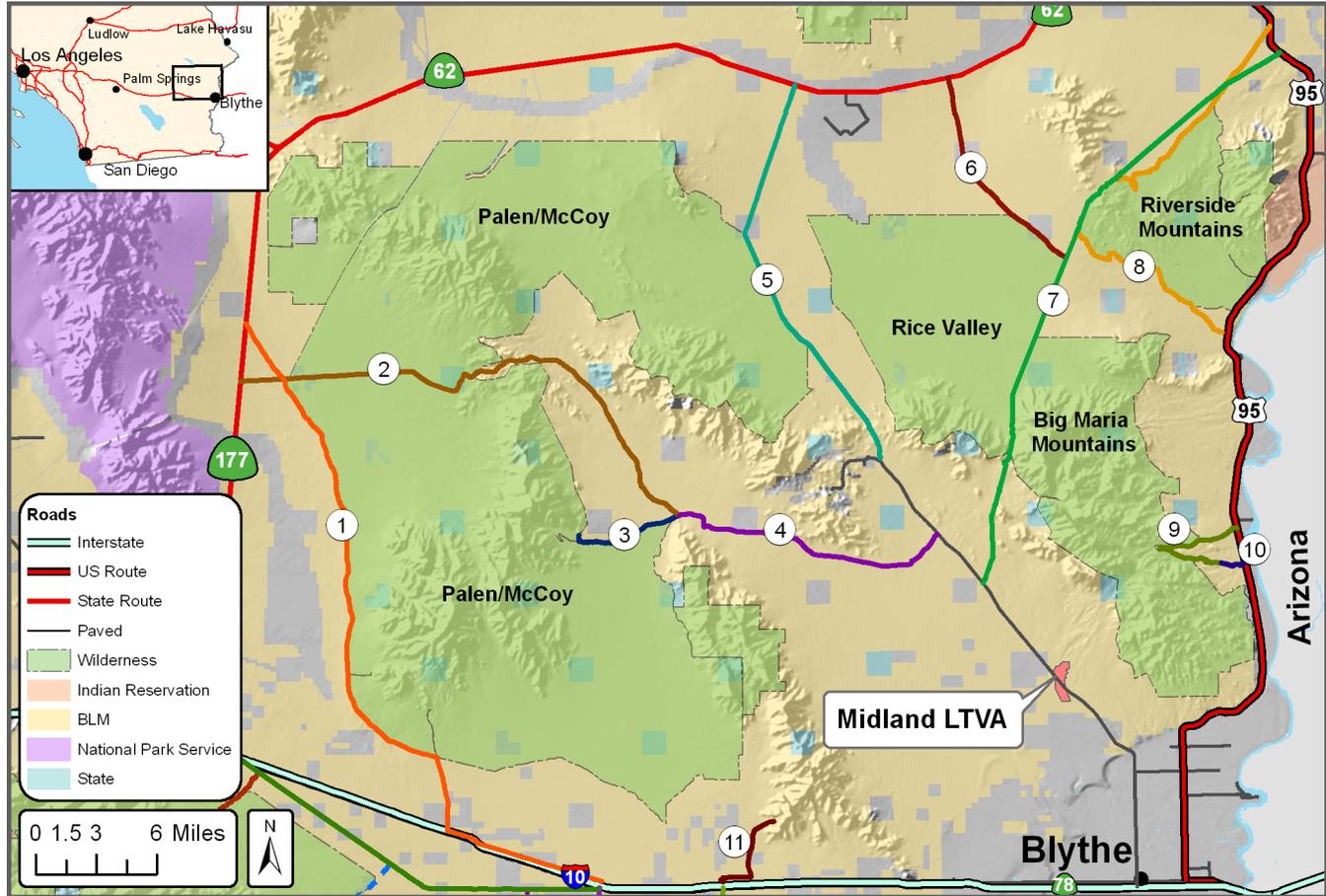
MORE DIFFICULT

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

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 routes may be difficult to follow. Users should have knowledge of navigation and survival. Obstacles are challenging. Only experienced users should drive these routes.



Trail	Mileage	Surface	Difficulty Rating	Difficulty
1 Palen Dunes Road	31	Sand/Dirt		Easiest; some deep sand
2 Palen Pass	22.5	Sand/Rock/Dirt		Most Difficult; eroded
3 Patton's Cabin Road	4.5	Dirt/Sand		Easiest
4 Arlington Mine Road	12	Dirt/Sand		Easiest
5 Rice-Midland Road	17.5	Improved Dirt		Easiest
6 Rice-Midland-Vidal Road	9.5	Sand		Easiest
7 Midland-Vidal Road	27	Sand/Dirt		More Difficult
8 Blythe-Vidal Road	22.5	Dirt		More Difficult
9 Worthington Trail	6.5	Dirt		More Difficult; one narrow spot
10 Blythe Intaglios Road	1	Improved Dirt		Easiest
11 McCoy Springs Road	4.5	Dirt		Easiest