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Dumont Dunes

Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area



Map and Guide

Dumont Dunes provides for a remote motorized recreation experience amidst an iconic dune system reaching over 400 feet above the surrounding desert landscape.



Dumont Dunes Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Recreation Area encompasses 7,620 acres of public land. This Special Recreation Management Area is located about 40 miles north of Baker, CA where OHV sand dune enthusiasts challenge themselves against the big bowls, steep climbs and flowing transitions. The remote location and variety of terrain appeal to those seeking primitive camping opportunities, off-road adventures, fabulous scenery, and opportunities for solitude.



Recreation



Visitors to Dumont Dunes enjoy excellent recreation opportunities including open desert riding on All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), motorcycles, dune buggies, sand rails, Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs), and camping. This area also offers a scenic tour, along a non-wilderness corridor, through the Kingston Range Wilderness. Sperry Wash Route (AR0412) traverses the Amargosa Wild and Scenic River north from Dumont Dunes along the path of the Old Spanish National Historic Trail. This and other surrounding limited use areas require vehicles to travel on designated routes. Dumont Dunes OHV Recreation Area is south of the Amargosa Wild and Scenic River and east of State Highway 127, about 40 miles north of Baker, California.



Camping

Camping is permitted anywhere within the open area of Dumont, but is limited to a maximum of 14 consecutive days. It is illegal to possess and/or discharge fireworks. Firewood containing nails, screws, and other metal hardware is prohibited. Keep pets on a leash and your campsite free of trash and litter during your stay—pack out what you bring in and secure it in your vehicle. Campfire permits are required for the use of a campfire, propane stove, lantern, barbecue of any open flame 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.

OHV Rules & Regulations

- Passengers are not allowed on ATVs except as designed by manufacturer
- ATV operators must wear an approved safety helmet
- Operators and passengers of UTVs less than 1000cc must wear an approved safety helmet
- Maximum speed for OHVs is 15 MPH within 50 feet of a campsite, animal, or pedestrian
- It is illegal for anyone to operate a vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs
- Children under 14 must be under the direct supervision of an adult while riding an ATV
- All OHVs must have a mast and a red or orange flag 6' off the ground for visibility in the dunes



Camping at Dumont Dunes.

- California Nonresident OHV Use permits are required for non-California residents operating an OHV that is not registered in their home state
- OHVs must be equipped with an approved muffler and spark arrester
- Vehicles operating at night must use both headlights and taillights
- Wilderness areas are closed to all motorized vehicles
- Shooting is not permitted within the Dumont Dunes OHV Recreation Area
- Draining of sewage tanks, littering, or dumping trash is prohibited
- Glass containers, fireworks, and firewood containing nails & screws are ALL prohibited.

Surrounding Highlights

Adding to the allure of the majestic sand dunes in the Dumont Dunes OHV area are the surrounding steep volcanic hills, the slow running Amargosa Wild and Scenic River, and the Kingston Range Wilderness. While motorized recreation is not permitted in wilderness, the Sperry Wash Route provides motorized access to experience some of the bordering scenic wonders. Travel is restricted to the designated route.



Kingston Range Wilderness

With a national wild and scenic designation in 2009, the Amargosa River is called the “Crown Jewel of the Mojave Desert”. This unique river begins in Beatty, Nevada and meanders for 200 miles where it finally winds its way to ancient Lake Manly on the floor of Death Valley at 282 feet below sea level, the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere.



Amargosa River



Historic Ruins

Visitors can also explore the Salt Creek Mining District adjacent to the little dunes and discover a piece of gold mining history dating back to the 1800's. Park your vehicle at the kiosk and venture down a ¼ mile interpretive hiking trail to explore the historic, cultural and natural significance of this Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). OHV use is not permitted within the ACEC.



Salt Creek Mining District

Salt Creek is one of the well-documented major campsites used by those who traveled the Old Spanish Trail from 1829 – 1848. It is also the site of the first gold claim in San Bernardino County (1849, though mined by the Mexicans as early as the 1830's) and is home to the remains of the Amargosa Mine headquarters.

Dumont is an expanded amenity recreation fee site.
A **season pass** (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30) is
\$90 non-holiday and \$120 with holidays or a
weekly pass is
\$30 non-holiday and \$40 with holidays.

For more information, contact:



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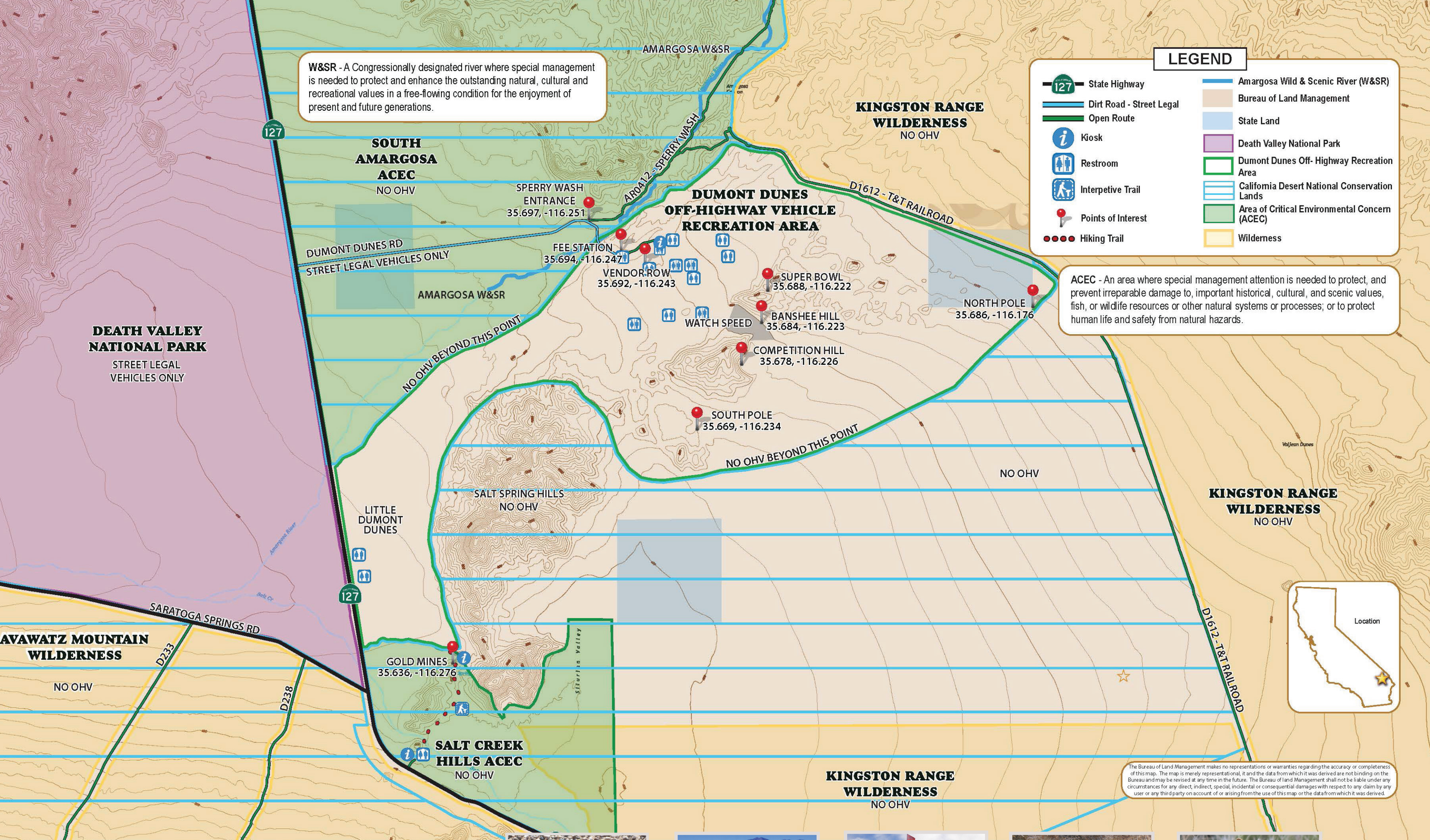
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W&SR - A Congressionally designated river where special management is needed to protect and enhance the outstanding natural, cultural and recreational values in a free-flowing condition for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

ACEC - An area where special management attention is needed to protect, and prevent irreparable damage to, important historical, cultural, and scenic values, fish, or wildlife resources or other natural systems or processes; or to protect human life and safety from natural hazards.

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TAKE PRIDE IN THE DUMONT DUNES OHV RECREATION AREA AND LEAVE IT AS YOU FOUND IT!

-  While Dumont Dunes 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 Dumont Dunes OHV Recreation 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.
- Abandoned mines are potential killers. **STAY OUT, STAY ALIVE.**

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:**
- Desert View Hospital
360 S. Lola Lane
Pahrump, NV 89048
(775) 751-7500
 - University Medical Center
1800 W. Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89102
(702) 383-2000
 - Barstow Community Hospital
820 E. Mountain View Street
Barstow, CA 92311
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