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ARIZONA OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE GUIDE

OHV Laws and Places to Ride

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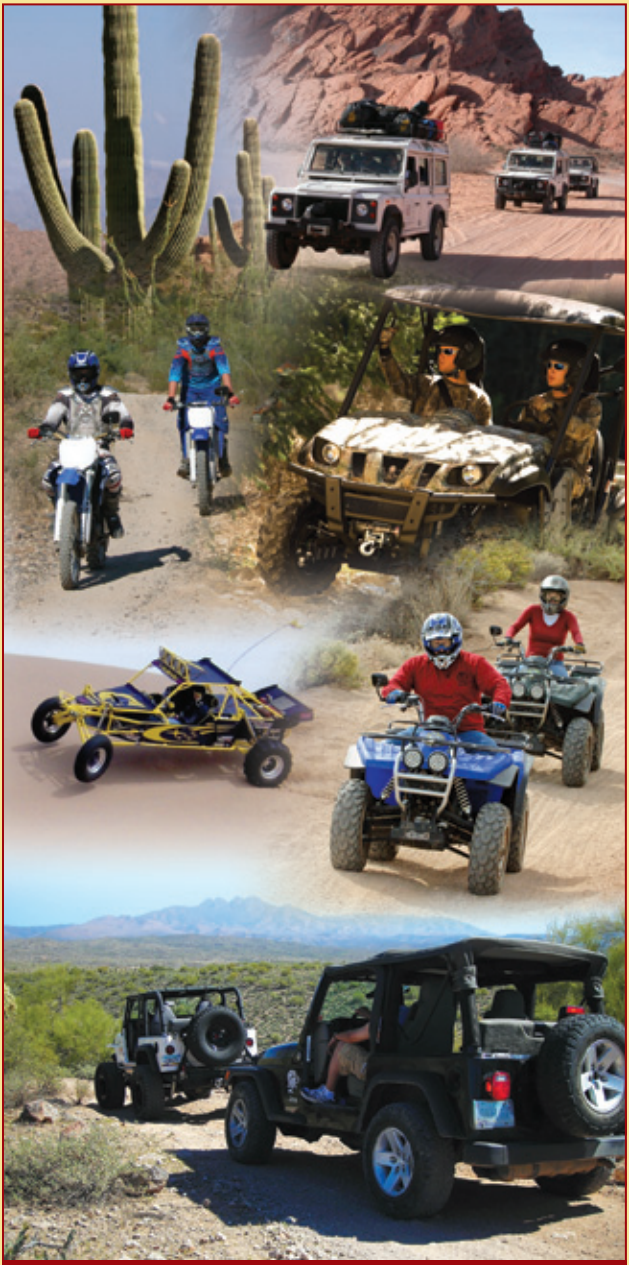

Nature Rules! Stay on Roads and Trails

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Introduction

Off-highway vehicle (OHV) use can be a safe, enjoyable, low-impact activity when users follow the laws, stay on open or designated roads and trails, and ride safely and responsibly. The opposite is true when OHV users lack respect for the environment, other recreationists and safety. This guide outlines safe, legal and common sense approaches to OHV activities to help promote responsible OHV use and protect your privilege to ride.

The OHV Recreation Fund was used to create this Arizona OHV Guide and also funds riding facilities, education, signage, maps, mitigation and enforcement. These elements are essential to providing sustainable OHV use in the state of Arizona.

Arizona OHV Recreation Program

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www.azstateparks.com/ohv

Definitions

Land Manager: Federal, state, county, city, town, tribal lands or local municipal agency responsible for the management of properties either publicly owned or held in trust for beneficiaries.

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV): A motorized vehicle when operated primarily off of highways on land, water, snow, ice or other natural terrain or on a combination of land, water, snow, ice or other natural terrain. Includes a two-wheel, three-wheel or four-wheel vehicle, motorcycle, four-wheel drive vehicle, dune buggy, amphibious vehicle, ground effects or air cushion vehicle, and any other means of land transportation deriving motive power from a source other than muscle or wind.

Off-Highway Vehicle Special Event: An event that is endorsed, authorized, permitted or sponsored by a federal, state, county or municipal agency and in which the event participants operate off-highway vehicles on specific routes or areas designated by a local authority pursuant to section ARS § 28-627.

Off-Highway Vehicle Trail: A multiple-use corridor that is open to recreational travel by an off-highway vehicle and is designated or managed by or for the managing authority of the property that the trail traverses for off-highway vehicle use.

ROV (Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle): An ROV – sometimes broadly referred to as a side-by-side or UTV – is a motorized off-highway vehicle designed to travel on four or more non-highway tires, with a steering wheel, and non-straddle seating equipped with seat belts. Some models are designed with seats for a driver and one or more passengers.

Street Legal: Refers to vehicles that are registered for on-highway use. These vehicles are required to have specific equipment and to carry proof of financial responsibility (liability insurance). OHVs that are "street legal" will display a registration sticker on the upper right corner of the license plate.

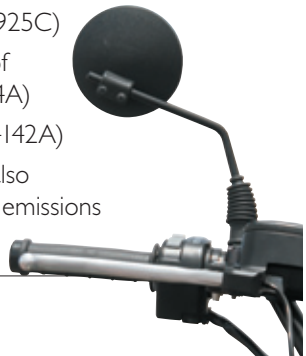
Spark Arrestor: A spark arrestor is a device intended to prevent combustible materials, usually sparks or other tiny flaming debris, from escaping an exhaust system into an area where they may start a fire. In Arizona, only United States Department of Agriculture approved spark arrestors are allowed.

Equipment and Safety Requirements

Equipment you need to operate your OHV in Arizona:

- **Helmet** that is properly fitted, fastened and has a USDOT safety rating for those under 18 who ride ***on*** an OHV. Riders ***in*** an OHV such as an ROV do not need helmets; however, it is recommended that all OHV users wear a helmet. (ARS § 28-1179B)
- **Spark arrestor** that is USDA approved. (ARS § 28-1179A.4)
- **Brakes** adequate to stop and hold the vehicle. (ARS § 28-1179A.1)
- **Muffler** or noise dissipative device that prevents sound above 96 decibels during prescribed stationary sound testing. (ARS § 28-1179A.3)
- **Eye protection** for operators of vehicles not equipped with a windshield. (ARS § 28-964A)
- **Headlights and taillights** for use from dusk to dawn. (ARS § 28-1179A.2)
- **Safety flag** at least 6" by 12" and 8 feet above the ground on sand dunes or areas designated by the land management agency. (ARS § 28-1179A.5)
- **Brake light** and at least one red rear reflector (if taillight does not reflect). (ARS § 28-927)
- **License plate** securely fastened to the rear of the OHV and clearly visible. (ARS § 28-2512D.1&2)
- **Rearview mirror.** (ARS § 28-964B)
- **Seat and footrests** for the operator and passenger if vehicle is designed to carry a passenger. (ARS § 28-964B)

To make your OHV street legal you will also need:



- **License plate light.** (ARS § 28-925C)
- **Horn** audible from a distance of at least 200 feet. (ARS § 28-954A)
- **Proper insurance.** (ARS § 28-4142A)
- **Emissions:** Certain areas may also require you to have your OHV emissions tested. (ARS § 49-542C&D)

TITLE-ONLY PLATE

REGISTRATION PLATE

Title, User Fee and Registration

The Arizona Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) is the issuing agency for certificates of title, registration, license plates and the OHV Decal. MVD offices are located statewide and online services are available at www.servicearizona.com.

Title: A certificate of title is proof of ownership for motor vehicles. Since 1985, most OHVs have been required to obtain an Arizona certificate of title. As of July 1, 2009, ***all*** OHVs in Arizona will need to be titled. All OHVs must have and properly display a license plate.

TIP: *If you buy a new or used OHV, it is your responsibility to ensure your vehicle is properly titled.*

Title-Only License Plate: The title-only license plate is currently identified by the letters "RV" displayed on it. This is an identification plate and ***does not*** allow travel on roads that require "street-legal" registration. (For exceptions see www.azgfd.gov/ohv.)

Registration License Plate: The registration license plate is currently identified by the letters "MC" displayed on it. This "street legal" plate ***does*** allow travel on roads, trails and areas on which registration is required. It is your responsibility to ensure that your vehicle meets the necessary "street legal" requirements.

Displaying your License Plate: License plates are required to be securely attached to the rear of your vehicle and clearly displayed.

OHV Decal: A vehicle designed by the manufacturer primarily for travel over unimproved terrain ***and*** having an unladen weight of 1,800 pounds or less requires the annual purchase of an OHV Decal to operate on public and state lands. You ***must*** display the OHV Decal in the upper left-hand corner of the license plate.

Sequence for compliance with OHV Decal law

- Determine if your vehicle qualifies for the OHV Decal (See above).
- Obtain a certificate of title for the qualifying vehicle.
- Obtain a license plate for the qualifying vehicle.
- Purchase OHV Decal.
- Affix OHV Decal to upper left-hand corner of license plate.
- Purchase street legal registration (needed if you intend to ride on roads that require registration; see www.azgfd.gov/ohv for details).

How the OHV Decal Benefits YOU!

- Funds your OHV needs, such as maps, safety training, trailheads, trail maintenance.
- May reduce your vehicle registration fee.
- Allows for OHV use in some other states.
- Allows you to cross State Trust Land on existing roads, trails and designated routes. **Note:** An Arizona State Land Department Recreation Permit is required for any other additional recreational activities on State Trust Land. Comply with Land Department use requirements. *www.land.state.az.us.*

TIP: *Remember to purchase your OHV Decal prior to applying for or renewing your registration. This may make you eligible for a reduced registration fee if you use your OHV primarily on roads that are not suited for conventional 2-wheel-drive vehicular travel.*

OHV Decal exceptions (ARS § 28-1178A)

You do not need an OHV Decal if you are:

- Participating in an off-highway special event.
- Operating an ATV or OHV on private land.
- Loading or unloading an ATV or OHV from a vehicle.
- Operating during a period of emergency or if directed by a peace officer or other public authority.

Non-resident OHV Decal requirements

- Non-residents that meet ***all*** of the following are exempt from OHV Decal purchase:
  - The person is not a resident of Arizona.
  - The person owns the vehicle.
  - The vehicle displays a current OHV Decal or registration from the person's home state of residency.
  - The vehicle is not in the state for more than 30 consecutive days.
- For more non-resident OHV Decal information visit *www.azgfd.gov/ohv.*

Operation Regulations – Safe and Ethical Use

Safe and responsible operation (ARS § 28-1174A-D)

One of the largest threats to sustainable OHV operation in Arizona is the closure of riding areas due to irresponsible use. Irresponsible use not only creates safety hazards, it can also detrimentally impact Arizona's natural resources (See photo above). Arizona has adopted regulations to help protect Arizona's fragile resources. ***The following regulations apply to all off-highway vehicles operated in Arizona and prohibit operation:***

- With reckless disregard for the safety of persons or property.
- Off of an existing road, trail or route in a manner that causes damage to wildlife habitat, riparian areas, cultural or natural resources, or property or improvements.
- On closed roads, trails, routes or areas.
- Over unimproved roads, trails, routes or areas unless driving on roads, trails, routes or areas is allowed by rule or regulation.
- That causes damage to the environment as prohibited by rule, regulation, ordinance or code.

OHV travel is limited to roads, trails, routes or areas that are opened as indicated in rules or regulations by the land management agency.

Regulatory Signs: A person shall not place or remove a regulatory sign governing off-highway vehicle use on any public or state land. Signs are important for travel and for your safety. Do not remove or destroy signs.

Other OHV Regulations

Riding Double: When operating your OHV, only carry the number of passengers that your vehicle is designed for, especially on ATVs. Proper ATV riding techniques require operators to shift their weight and change position in order to maintain control of the machine. Carrying a passenger can impede proper riding technique, drastically changing how the vehicle responds. Many roll-over accidents can be attributed to the improper carrying of passengers on an ATV. The addition of an after-market "seat rest" does not lawfully increase the vehicle's seating capacity. (ARS § 28-892)

Driving While Impaired: DUI laws apply to OHV operation too! Never operate under the influence of alcohol or other drugs — they can impair your judgment and ability. (ARS § 28-1381)

Wildlife: It is unlawful to chase or harass wildlife. Remember, where you play is where wildlife calls home. Ride responsibly by staying on roads and trails and avoid travel in sensitive habitat areas. If lawfully traveling off-road, tread lightly and with care to reduce the likelihood that others will use the same path. (ARS § 17-309A.1 CR12-4-320A)

Courtesy and Landowner Relationships

- **Protect your access** – respect property, don't litter, and always stay on roads and trails. Do not make new trails.
- **Keep your OHV muffled to reduce exhaust noise** – more complaints, more closures!
- **Mineshafts –** stay out, stay alive!
- **Ride responsibly** – riding over plants destroys wildlife habitat.
- **Reduce the risk of fire** – make sure your vehicle's spark arrestor is in good working condition.
- **Be considerate of others** – by sharing trails.
- **Avoid creating dust** – slow down.
- **Do not cut fences** – fences are important for range management.
- **Leave gates as you found them** – open or closed.
- **Keep out of closed areas** – do not trespass.
- **Make sure the trail is at least as wide as your OHV.**
- **Know the OHV use regulations for the area you are in.**

Land Management Agencies

Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) – Do I Need a Permit? – Arizona's Trust Land is managed by the Arizona State Land Department. Trust Land is not public land. An OHV Decal allows crossing Arizona State Trust Land when operating on existing roads, trails (unless otherwise prohibited) and designated routes. A valid hunting and fishing license allows for that specific activity on State Trust Lands. A recreation permit is required to camp, hike or conduct any other recreational activity. To obtain a State Land Recreational Permit, go to a State Land office, call (602) 364-2753, or go online to *www.land.state.az.us/programs/natural/recreation_permit.htm.*

United States Forest Service (USFS) – Land of Many Uses! – There are six national forests in Arizona, and OHV rules vary from forest to forest. It is extremely important to check with the forest you plan to visit to find out what is allowed. Some roads in national forests require OHVs to be registered as "street legal." Rules change regularly. Visit the U.S. Forest Service Web site at *www.fs.fed.us.*

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – National System of Public Lands! – Eight BLM field offices currently exist in Arizona. BLM offices are required to allocate planning areas into three area subdivisions: open (travel permitted anywhere), closed (e.g., wilderness areas), and limited (e.g., existing or designated roads/trails, administrative uses, certain vehicles). Some roads on BLM lands require OHVs to be registered as "street legal." Visit the BLM Web site at *www.blm.gov/az.*

Indian Nations and Reservations – Tribal lands have their own rules and regulations regarding OHV use. Although Federal and State laws are enforced along some roads and highways, Nation and Reservation laws pertain in all other areas. To operate your OHV on tribal lands you will need the proper permit or permission. Visit the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs at *www.indianaffairs.state.az.us.*

Private Property – Many dirt roads cross private property. Respect private property! Ask for permission before you operate your OHV on private roads and trails. Operating without permission or in a manner that is disrespectful can lead to closures directly impacting your OHV opportunities. Do not trespass — there are criminal and civil penalties for violating trespass laws.

PLACES TO RIDE

Most places that authorize responsible OHV use in Arizona are managed by the BLM, USFS and ASLD. Sites listed in this guide offer sightseeing opportunities, and prohibit reckless operation. If you are interested in high-speed riding, jumps and other activities, contact a local "motocross" (MX) facility.

CALL BEFORE YOU GO – Before you operate your OHV off-highway, always contact the appropriate land manager to check on the type of OHV recreation opportunity available, route closures, fire danger, local conditions, special permits/permission, OHV rules, and maps of routes and area information.

GET A MAP – To obtain a travel map for the area in which you wish to operate your vehicle, call the land manager. For a custom map, call the **Explore Arizona Outdoor Information Center at (602) 417-9300.**

Arizona Places to Ride

For more detailed descriptions of places to ride visit www.azstateparks.com/ohv

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1. **Arizona Strip (north of Colorado River, St. George)**
   BLM, Arizona Strip Field Office
   (435) 688-3200, *www.blm.gov/az*

2. **Cinder Hills OHV Area (Flagstaff)**
   Coconino National Forest, Peaks Ranger District
   (928) 526-0866, *www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino*

3. **Kendrick and Mormon Lake / Pinewood Snowmobile Trail Systems (2 locations)**
   Coconino National Forest, Peaks Ranger District
   (928) 526-0866, *www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino*

4. **Long Draw OHV Route (Payson-Heber)**
   Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest
   Black Mesa Ranger District
   (928) 535-4481, *www.fs.fed.us/r3/asnf*

5. **Munds Park (south of Flagstaff)**
   Coconino National Forest, Peaks Ranger District
   (928) 526-0866, *www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino*

6. **Hayfield Draw/Bryant Park OHV Area (Cottonwood)**
   Prescott National Forest, Verde Ranger District
   (928) 567-4121, *www.fs.fed.us/r3/prescott*

7. **Alto Pit OHV Recreation Site (Prescott)**
   Prescott National Forest, Bradshaw Ranger District
   (928) 443-8000, *www.fs.fed.us/r3/prescott*

8. **Sheridan Mountain/Smith Mesa OHV Trail System (Prescott)**
   Prescott National Forest, Bradshaw and
   Chino Valley Ranger District
   (928) 443-8000 or (928) 777-2200
   www.fs.fed.us/r3/prescott

9. **Hualapai Mountain OHV Trailhead (Kingman)**
   Hualapai Mountain Park, (928) 757-3859
   www.mcparks.com/hualapai_mt_park.htm

10. **Standard Wash (Lake Havasu City)**
    BLM, Lake Havasu Field Office, (928) 505-1200
    www.blm.gov/az

11. **Parker 400 Desert Race Course (La Paz County)**
    BLM, Lake Havasu Field Office, (928) 505-1200
    www.blm.gov/az

12. **Shea Spectator/Pit Areas and Osborn Wash (Parker)**
    BLM, Lake Havasu Field Office, (928) 505-1200
    www.blm.gov/az

13. **Swansea Townsite (Parker)**
    BLM, Lake Havasu Field Office, (928) 505-1200
    www.blm.gov/az

14. **Ehrenberg Sandbowl (Ehrenberg)**
    BLM, Yuma Field Office, (928) 317-3200
    www.blm.gov/az

15. **Ehrenberg-Cibola (Ehrenberg)**
    BLM, Yuma Field Office, (928) 317-3200
    www.blm.gov/az

16. **La Posa (Quartzsite)**
    BLM, Yuma Field Office, (928) 317-3200
    www.blm.gov/az

17. **Harquahala Mountain Summit Road Backcountry Byway (Aguila)**
    BLM, Hassayampa Field Office, (623) 580-5500
    www.blm.gov/az

18 Yuma East (Yuma)
BLM, Yuma Field Office, (928) 317-3200
www.blm.gov/az

19 Hieroglyphic Mountains Area/ Boulders Staging Area (Lake Pleasant)
BLM, Hassayampa Field Office, (623) 580-5500
www.blm.gov/az

21 Rolls OHV Area (Mesa)
Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District
(480) 610-3300, *www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto/home.shtml*

22 Bulldog Canyon OHV Area (Mesa)
Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District
for a required permit (480) 610-3300
www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto/home.shtml

23 Desert Wells (Apache Junction)
ASLD recreation permit information
(602) 364-2753. AZ Game and Fish Department
for an access guide at (602) 942-3000
www.azgfd.gov/ohv

24 Mescal Mountains OHV Area (Kearny)
Town of Kearny, (520) 363-5547
www.townofkearny.com

25 Sunrise to Big Lake Snowmobile Route (Springerville)
Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest
Springerville Ranger District, (928) 333-4372
www.fs.fed.us/r3/asnf

26 Saffel Canyon Trail (Eagar)
Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest
Springerville Ranger District, (928) 333-4372
www.fs.fed.us/r3/asnf

27 Rattlesnake Gap (Greenlee County)
Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest
Clifton Ranger District, (928) 687-8600
www.fs.fed.us/r3/asnf

28 Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area (Safford)
BLM, Safford Field Office, (928) 348-4400
www.blm.gov/az

29 Black Hills Backcountry Byway (Safford)
BLM, Safford Field Office, (928) 348-4400
www.blm.gov/az

30 Hot Well Dunes Recreation Area (Safford)
BLM, Safford Field Office, (928) 348-4400
www.blm.gov/az

31 Redington Pass Backcountry Touring Area (Tucson)
Coronado National Forest, Santa Catalina
Ranger District, (520) 749-8700
www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado

32 Pima Motorsports Park (Tucson)
Pima County, (520) 762-8771
www.pimamotorsportspark.org

33 Santa Rita Mountain Backcountry Touring Area (Sonoita)
Coronado National Forest
Nogales Ranger District, (520) 281-2296
www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado

34 South Patagonia Mountains (Sierra Vista)
Coronado National Forest
Sierra Vista Ranger District, (520) 378-0311
www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado

35 Great Western Trail (statewide)

For more information visit www.azstateparks.com/ohv or www.azgfd.gov/ohv.

OHV Air Quality Laws

Special consideration – New laws have been adopted across the Phoenix metropolitan area in response to air quality concerns. Maricopa County and cities and towns in the Valley now restrict the operation of motorized vehicles on unpaved roads and vacant lots. Check with the Maricopa County Air Quality Department, the land owner/manager, or the local city office to find out where recreational use is permissible.

On days when a high pollution advisory (HPA) for particulate matter (PM_{10}) has been issued by the Arizona Department for Environmental Quality (ADEQ), recreational off-highway vehicle use on an unpaved surface that is not a public or private road, street or lawful easement is prohibited in the greater Phoenix metropolitan area. For a map of the affected area and more details on the HPA law, go online to *http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/air/prevent/index.html#ohv*. ADEQ also offers free HPA text message alerts; you can sign up for this service online at *www.azdeq.gov/sms.html*.

CLEAN AIR MAKE MORE

For more information on Maricopa County air quality visit www.cleanairmakemore.com

Hunting and OHV use

It is illegal in Arizona to discharge a firearm from a motor vehicle. A Challenged Hunter Access Mobility Permit (CHAMP) from the Arizona Game and Fish Department is available for those who have a disability and qualify. (ARS § 17-301B)

Do not shoot any firearm or shoot any other device upon, from, across or into a road or railway. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it. (ARS § 17-301B)

Shed Hunting – The use of motorized vehicles to find sheds of cast antlers has increased in popularity. Irresponsible shed hunting impacts wildlife habitat and could adversely impact motorized access to sensitive areas. Shed hunters who use motorized vehicles must stay on roads and trails when out shed hunting. Some areas may be closed. (ARS § 17-454 and ARS § 28-1174A.2,3,4,B and C)

Report Violations

GAME THIEF OPERATION 1-800-352-0700

Wildlife – When you encounter wildlife in the backcountry, appreciate it and respect it. If you observe a game law violation or wildlife harassment, contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department at (800) 352-0700. You can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the provided information leads to an arrest.

Vandalism – If you observe acts of vandalism or habitat destruction, note a description of the persons, vehicles, license plate number, location, time, date, and any other information. Report this information to the Arizona Game and Fish Department's 24-hour hotline at (800) VANDALS (1-800-826-3257).

Protective Gear

Some OHV operation requires protective clothing

Helmet: Minimum DOT-safety rated motorcycle helmet. Full-coverage recommended. Protects against injury and discomfort from windblast, cold, noise, vegetation and flying objects. A helmet is the most important piece of protective gear you can wear.

Eye Protection: Motorcycle goggles worn outside the helmet. Protects against injury from flying debris and reduces dust which irritates your eyes and impairs vision. Get high-quality lenses, clear or tinted.

Riding Jersey: Cotton or synthetic. Some synthetic materials wick away perspiration and keep you cool. Some include light elbow pads. They protect against abrasion, sunburn, windburn, dehydration and hypothermia. Bright colors increase your visibility on the trail.

Elbow Guards: Slip-on elbow guards may be worn over or under riding jersey. Make sure they fit properly without restricting movement. They should also be comfortable.

Gloves: Specially designed off-road motorcycle or ATV gloves. Protect against injury from flying debris, trailside hazards like branches and bushes. They also provide a more secure grip on the handlebars and protection in case of a fall.

Riding Pants, Hip Pads, Knee Pads: Special riding pants made of leather, denim or synthetic materials. Hip pads and knee pads may be built-in or available separately. The choice is yours.

Riding Boots: Special motocross (MX) boots. Made of thick leather with steel reinforcements. Get one size larger to accommodate thick socks to cushion and wick away moisture. MX boots are the best protection against foot and ankle injuries. They also provide the best grip on footrests and provide sure-footing when you get off the ATV.

Courtesy of the ATV Safety Institute, www.atvsafety.org

Kids and Motorized Vehicles

Youth ATVs are only intended for one operator with no passenger. Children should ***not*** ride adult ATVs. Parents are responsible for their children's safety. Make sure your kids only ride with appropriate safety equipment.

Ride the Proper Size ATV

There are ATVs designed for children. Always follow manufacturer minimum age recommendations. Supervise children under 16.

One of the first questions you need to ask yourself is whether your child is old enough, big enough and mature enough to handle an ATV. Certainly you know your child better than anyone, but evaluate them as objectively as you can ... their safety is at stake. Download the Young Rider "Readiness Checklist" at *www.atvsafety.org* to help you evaluate:

- Physical development.
- Visual perception/motor development.
- Social/emotional development.
- Reasoning and decision-making ability.

OHV Education and Training

Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD)

AZGFD provides an online OHV curriculum for safety, ethical use, OHV laws, the desert environment, landowner relations, and other components designed specifically for Arizona OHV operators. *www.azgfd.gov/ohv*

Arizona State Parks (ASP)

ASP's Web site provides information on OHV clubs, where to ride, permits, ethics and safety, OHV laws, volunteering, vehicle equipment, mine shaft safety, the State OHV Program, and much more. *www.azstateparks.com/ohv*

ATV Safety Institute (ASI)

ATV RiderCourse provides hands-on training in basic techniques for riding an all-terrain vehicle. *1-800-887-2887, www.atvsafety.org*

Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF)

DirtBike School provides hands-on off-highway motorcycle rider training with an emphasis on safety and skill development. *1-877-288-7093, www.dirtbikeschool.com*

National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC)

NOHVCC develops and provides a wide spectrum of programs, materials and information, or "tools," to individuals, clubs, associations and agencies in order to further a positive future for responsible OHV recreation. *1-800-348-6487, www.nohvcc.org*

Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association (ROHVA)

ROHVA promotes the safe and responsible use of a new and emerging category of recreational off-highway vehicles; the ROV is sometimes referred to as a side-by-side or utility terrain vehicle. *www.rohva.org*

United Four-Wheel Drive Association (UFWDA)

UFWDA provides a 4WD Safety and Awareness Program. *www.ufwda.org/4wdawareness.htm*

Tread Lightly

Tread Lightly! is a nonprofit organization that promotes responsible recreation through ethics education and stewardship.

The word TREAD reminds us to help keep Arizona beautiful while preserving access to places to ride.

Travel responsibly on roads, trails and permitted areas.

Respect the rights of others, especially private landowners and other recreationists.

Educate yourself on laws and equipment.

Avoid sensitive areas like meadows, lakeshores, wetlands and streams unless on a designated route.

Do your part to leave the area better than you found it.

Safety Checklist Go Prepared

Inspect your vehicle before each trip.
A great resource is your owner's manual!
Remember START-GO:

Steering and drive system
Throttle and brakes
Activate lights
Registration
Tires, wheels and suspension
Gasoline and oil
Operate safely, ethically and responsibly

Safety Checklist

Off-Highway Vehicle enthusiasts need to be prepared for the unexpected. Of course, some necessities depend on what type of vehicle you are riding or driving, where, in what season, and how long your adventure will be. Here are a few ideas for your checklist:

Navigational Needs:

- ☐ Area maps & guides
- ☐ Permits, if needed
- ☐ Compass, with mirror
- ☐ GPS equipment

Personal Safety:

- ☐ ***Extra water*** & food
- ☐ Cell phone*
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Whistle
- ☐ Waterproof matches
- ☐ Medicine**
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ First-aid kit
- ☐ Spare eyeglasses
- ☐ Iodine
- ☐ Blanket
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Jacket

Tool Box:

- ☐ Pocket knife
- ☐ Nylon cord
- ☐ Electrical & duct tape
- ☐ Basic tools

Field Recovery:

- ☐ Tire repair kit
- ☐ Leather gloves
- ☐ Tow strap
- ☐ Sturdy tow rope or chain
- ☐ Shovel
- ☐ Extra spark plugs
- ☐ Flashlights
- ☐ Firestarter
- ☐ Spare ignition key
- ☐ Spare tire & jack
- ☐ Extra fuel & oil
- ☐ Extra batteries
- ☐ Jumper cables
- ☐ Emergency flares
- ☐ Fire extinguisher
- ☐ Headlight and taillight bulbs
- ☐ Extra water!

Remember to:

- ☐ Tell a responsible person where you are traveling and when you will be returning.
- ☐ Do not go alone. Consider riding with a club.

**Cell phones cannot be relied on to work outside of metropolitan areas.*

***Carry necessary prescriptions in case you have an unexpected extended outing.*

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