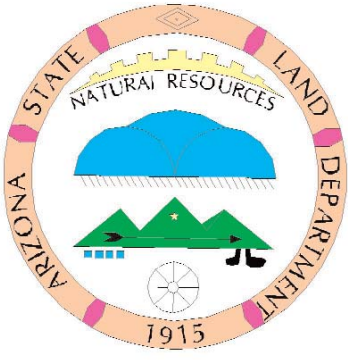
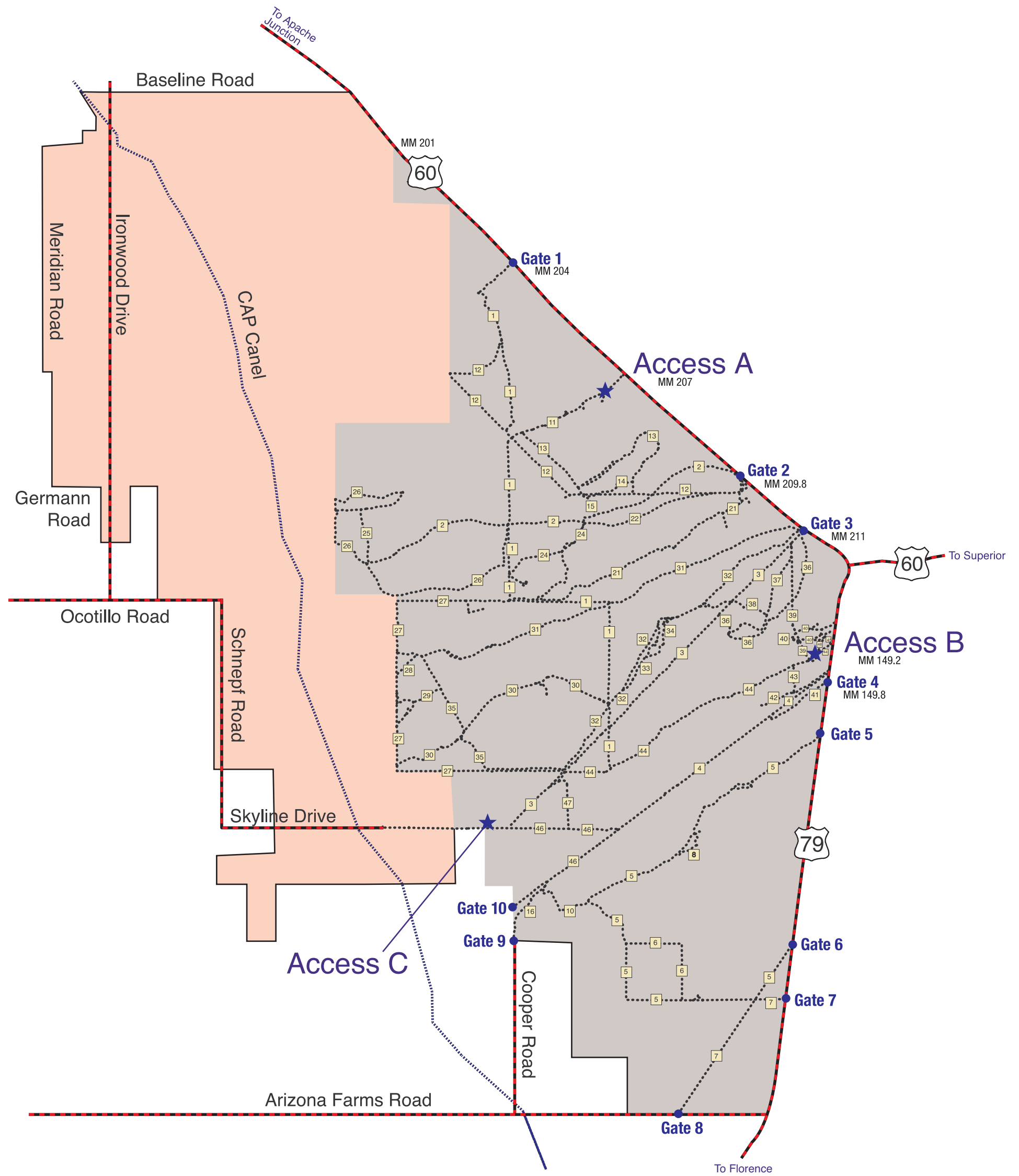
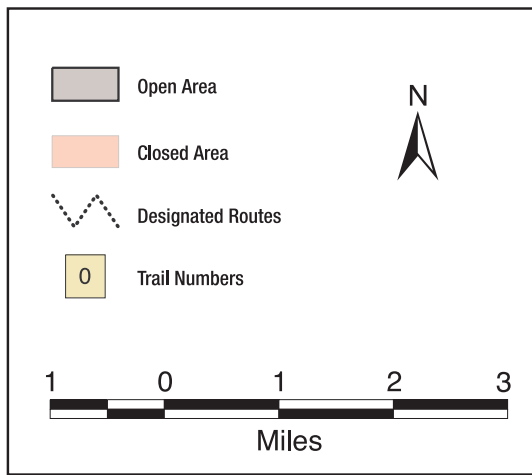


Desert Wells Multiuse Area



- A State Land Department recreational permit is required for legal access.
- For permit information call (602) 364-ASLD (2753).
- Keep out of closed areas and off closed routes (see map).
- Avoid creating excessive dust.
- No dumping or littering.
- Use designated routes only; Cross-country travel is strictly prohibited.
- No target shooting.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages while operating any vehicle is strictly prohibited.



Desert Wells Multiuse Area cooperative partners

A State Land Department recreational permit is required for legal access to Desert Wells Multiuse Area. Permits are available by phone or can be obtained at State Land Department offices. For more information call (602) 364-ASLD. Pursuant to ASLD Rule r12-5-533(D), permit violations are punishable by law.

The creation of the Desert Wells Multiuse Area is the result of a two-year commitment by a diverse group, which comprises government agencies, private ranchers, and organized OHV usergroups. The group worked together to seek long-term and practical solutions to issues such as illegal shooting, dumping, littering, impacts from unregulated OHV use, and repeated damage to private ranching developments and federal flood control properties.

Desert Wells is a multiuse area where you may encounter others at any time. Please be respectful of all users and yield right of way when appropriate.

Team Members



- Motor vehicles may not be operated on or in any road, trail, or area that is barricaded, gated, or signed as being closed to motor vehicles.
- Arizona State Land Department recreational permits prohibit motorized vehicles from operating within one-quarter mile of a structure (occupied or not), stock tanks or flood control structures.
- Persons actively hunting or fishing with a valid hunting or fishing license on state trust land do not need a separate recreational permit. If you are pursuing any other activity then you must get a recreational permit.



- State trust land is not public land.
- You must get a recreational permit from Arizona State Land Department to be on state trust land. Permits are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. They are good for a 12-month period from date of purchase. The recreational permit allows travel only on existing roads and trails.
- You must register your OHV if you plan to drive it on any maintained public roads or highways on state trust land. To determine if a road is maintained, look for road signs such as "speed limit" or "stop" signs. If signs are present, the road is maintained. If the road has been built up with gravel or other natural materials, it is maintained. Your vehicle must be "street legal" and registered in Arizona to use a maintained public road or highway on state trust land.
- ATVs and other OHVs do not require registration if operated only on dirt roads or routes not maintained by the state, town, or county. These roads are vertically numbered within this recreation area with commonly marked within this recreation area with vertically numbered signposts.

Traveling on state trust land

Respect the Desert Wells Multiuse Area

- Keep out of closed areas.
- It is illegal to harass wildlife.
- Avoid creating dust: Excessive dust complaints can force OHV closures.
- A State Land Department recreational permit is required for access.



- Respect the rights of others sharing the same trails, including hikers and horseback riders.
- Be aware of the potential for your vehicle to frighten pets and horses.
- It is illegal to operate an OHV while intoxicated.
- It is illegal to operate an OHV with careless disregard for persons or property.
- Target shooting is strictly prohibited.
- Traveling off-road creates new tracks that others will follow, leading to unwanted roads and severe habitat damage.
- Stay away from stock tanks, ponds and the berms and dams around them.
- Do not litter.
- Leave all gates as you find them, either open or closed.
- Designated open roads within the Desert Wells Multiuse Area are marked on all entry gates and on the enclosed map.
- Cross-country travel is prohibited for all users, motorized and nonmotorized.

Areas closed to all motor vehicles

Several parcels in the Desert Wells Multiuse Area are closed to all motorized vehicles (see map). These closures are in response to long-term damage to wildlife habitat, dust problems, chronic littering, and vandalism to private ranching property.

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



Desert Wells Multiuse Area Pinal County, Arizona



OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION GUIDE

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Rules for OHV use in this area are subject to change. It is your responsibility to obtain the most current information on OHV use in the Desert Wells Multiuse Area.

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Protect your right to ride: Keep it legal

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for managing Arizona's wildlife and for helping to protect wildlife habitat. By law, the department is responsible for identifying habitat damaged by off-highway vehicles, providing information and education about off-highway vehicles, and enforcing off-highway vehicle laws. OHVs include motorcycles, four-wheel drive vehicles, dune buggies, all-terrain vehicles, pick-up trucks, sand rails, sport utility vehicles, and any other motorized vehicle that is operated off of main roads. The Arizona Game and Fish Department encourages OHV users to protect wildlife habitat by following all rules and regulations.

OHV title, registration and license plates

The Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) is responsible for title and registration of motor vehicles in Arizona. Offices are located statewide and are listed in the phone book and on the Department of Transportation Web site at www.azdot.gov.

Title and registration are two different things. A title is proof of ownership, while registration allows you to operate a vehicle on public roads. For title purposes, OHVs are classified as off-road recreational vehicles. A title is required for OHVs.

When you buy an OHV from a licensed dealer in Arizona, the dealer may submit proper documentation to the MVD, so you receive a title in the mail. Some dealers do not submit this information, and you must go to MVD to receive a title. If you buy a used OHV, you must apply for a transfer of title with the MVD.

The MVD sends each new owner of an OHV an off-road license plate. This plate only allows for off-road travel and is clearly marked with the letters RV. The license plate does not mean the OHV is street legal, nor does it mean the driver can operate the vehicle on streets or highways.

If the driver of an off-road vehicle is going to drive on Arizona streets or highways, the vehicle must be registered. An OHV must be street legal in order to be registered. You must go to an MVD office to get your OHV registered, but you are not required to bring the vehicle in for registration. Some OHVs may require additional equipment or modifications in order to be street legal.

Arizona law requires either an off-road plate or current registration plate to be securely fastened in a clearly visible position to the rear of the OHV.

Equipment

Minimum equipment necessary to ride on state trust land:

- Brakes in good working order
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved muffler and spark arrester
 - Working headlights and taillights if riding at night
- In order to get an OHV registered in Arizona, it must have the following equipment:
- At least one brake that can be operated by hand or foot
 - Brake light
 - Headlight(s)
 - Taillight
 - Red rear reflector, if not part of the taillight
 - License plate
 - License plate light
 - Horn
 - Muffler (in good working order)
 - Rearview mirror
 - Seat and footrests for the operator

An emissions test may be required if you live in metropolitan Phoenix or Tucson and some areas of Yavapai County.

Alcohol and drugs

The operation of an OHV requires skill and good judgment. Drugs and alcohol impair both. Drivers become dangers to themselves and others when operating a motorized vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Laws regarding DUI apply everywhere in Arizona. OHV drivers can be arrested while driving under the influence, even on a backcountry trail. The penalties, including jail and the loss of your driver's license, are the same whether you are driving a car on a state highway or an OHV on a trail.