

## Welcome to the California Desert District....

A unique blend of contrasting landscapes rich in beauty, recreational opportunities, resources, cultural and historic values, and fragile habitats can be discovered in the California Desert.

The Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District encompasses 12.5 million acres—approximately one-third of the state—and is subdivided into five resource areas, which oversee the management of your public lands.

The California Desert District attracts millions of visitors each year that take part in many kinds of recreation. For some, the motorized vehicle is merely a means of reaching a particular place. For others, use of the vehicle - in competition or for individual challenge - is the main reason to visit the desert.

Vehicle access is needed for a variety of other activities such as mining exploration, construction and service of pipeline and electrical transmission facilities, and to reach isolated private property.

Off-highway vehicles (OHVs) provide you and your family with fun, entertainment, and discovery.

However, many of the desert's most attractive and fragile resources can be destroyed if vehicle access is not properly controlled. Resources, cultural and natural, can be unintentionally damaged or destroyed by uncontrolled vehicle use. We all have the responsibility for the proper use of our vehicles, so please remember to TREAD Lightly! on public and private lands.

### Where can I ride?

All public lands in the California Desert District are placed in one of three vehicle categories: **Open, Limited, or Closed.**

**Open Areas** are available for all forms of motor vehicle use, including cross-country use. Motorized vehicles may be operated anywhere within the posted boundaries of open areas.

**Limited Use Areas** encompass a majority of the public lands in the California Desert. In these areas, motor vehicle use is limited to existing or designated routes of travel only. No cross-country vehicle use is allowed.

**Closed Areas** are closed to ALL motorized vehicle use. Hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, and other forms of non-motorized vehicle use are permitted.

### How we can TREAD Lightly!

- Protect the environment, help teach new riders trail etiquette. Lead by example.
- Minimize erosion by staying on designated trails, avoid running over young shrubs and grasses. Such damage endangers future use.
- Ride only where permitted. Comply with signs and barriers, and leave gates as you found them. Remember, wilderness areas are closed to mechanized vehicles. Please respect boundaries.
- Please don't litter. Pack out more than your share.
- Ride safely, stay in control. OHV enthusiasts share the desert with other recreational enthusiasts. Be considerate of hikers, and equestrians. Horses can be unpredictable, so yield to them. You're also sharing the road with others - Please watch out.
- Plan your trip. Get acquainted with the area, get maps and ride on trails marked for your ability. Be prepared for sudden weather changes.
- The California Desert District is public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management. With the right to use public land comes an obligation to protect it. By riding responsibly and respecting the rights of others, Off-highway vehicle enthusiasts can help to insure that areas remain open for future use. Enjoy!

For current information on specific riding areas, contact the Resource Area Offices.

#### Ridgecrest Resource Area

300 S. Richmond Road  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555  
(619) 375-7125

#### Barstow Resource Area

150 Coolwater Lane  
Barstow, CA 92311  
(619) 256-3591

#### El Centro Resource Area

1661 S. 4th  
El Centro, CA 92243  
(619) 353-1060

#### Needles Resource Area

101 W. Spikes Road  
Needles, CA 92363  
(619) 326-3896

#### Palm Springs-South Coast Resource Area

63-500 Garnet Avenue  
Palm Springs, CA 92258-2000  
(619) 251-0812

#### California Desert Information Center

831 Barstow Road  
Barstow, CA 92311  
(619) 256-8313


#### California Desert District Office

6221 Box Springs Blvd.  
Riverside, CA 92507  
(909) 697-5200

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All Emergencies (24 hours) Dial 911

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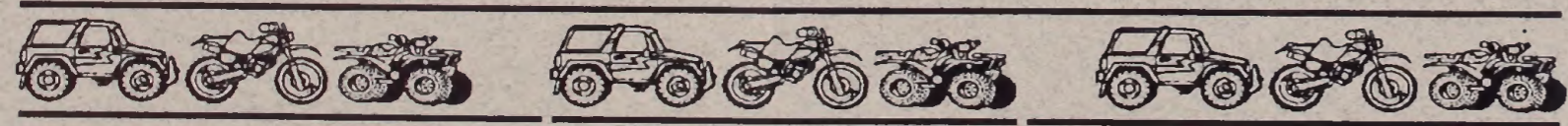


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## Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Opportunities



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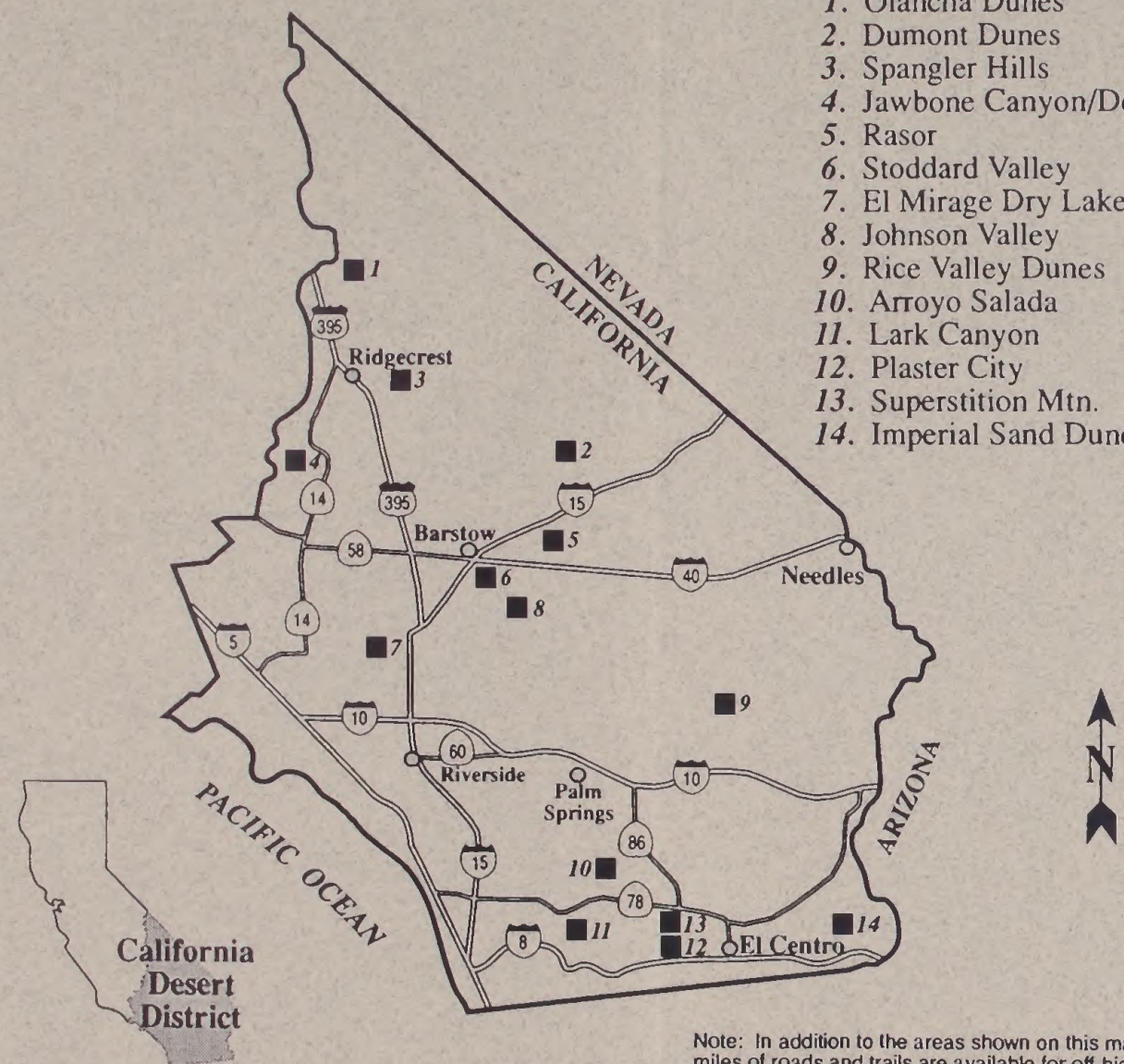


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## California Desert Conservation Area OHV Areas

1. Olancha Dunes
2. Dumont Dunes
3. Spangler Hills
4. Jawbone Canyon/Dove Springs
5. Rasor
6. Stoddard Valley
7. El Mirage Dry Lake
8. Johnson Valley
9. Rice Valley Dunes
10. Arroyo Salada
11. Lark Canyon
12. Plaster City
13. Superstition Mtn.
14. Imperial Sand Dunes



Note: In addition to the areas shown on this map, thousands of miles of roads and trails are available for off-highway vehicle use.

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OHV Area	Acres	Access Location	Terrain	Remarks
Olancha Dunes Ridgecrest RA	640	2 mi. east of Olancha on State Hwy 190	Sand dunes	Designated Open Area; receives low use.
Dumont Dunes Barstow RA	2,200	30 mi. north of Baker on Hwy 127, off Dumont Dunes Road.	Steep & tall sand dunes	Designated Open Area; adjacent Amargosa Canyon & Salt Creek areas are closed.
Spangler Hills Ridgecrest RA	57,000	10 mi. north of Red Mountain on Trona Road.	Rolling hills, steep mtns, open valleys & rocky terrain	Designated Open Area; adjacent Golden Valley Wilderness is closed to motor vehicles.
Jawbone Canyon/ Dove Springs Ridgecrest RA	5,000 3,000	20 mi. N of Mojave on Hwy 14. Dove Springs 26 mi. N of Hwy 14	Steep canyons, hill climbs & trails. Dove Spgs-rolling hills & sand dunes.	Two Open Areas
Rasor Barstow RA	22,500	45 mi. northeast of Barstow on Rasor Road.	Sand washes, dunes & mesquite thickets	Designated Open Area; adjacent areas & Soda Dry Lake are closed.
Stoddard Valley Barstow RA	33,500	Between Victorville & Barstow; adjacent to I-15, access via Hodge & Sidewinder Roads	Rolling hills, steep mtns & open valleys	Designated Open Area; DANGER - open mine shafts.
El Mirage Barstow RA	1,800	10 mi. west of Adelanto on Crippen/El Mirage Road.	Dry lake bed	Heavy use area; non-motorized & motorized recreationists, including aircraft.
Johnson Valley Barstow RA	154,700	15 mi. east of Lucerne Valley on Hwy 247; access via Camp Rock, Boon, & Bessemer Mine, & Mikiska Roads	Rolling hills, steep mtns, open valley, dry lake beds & sand dunes	Designated Open Area; adjacent military bases are closed to ALL entry.
Rice Valley Dunes Palm Springs, RA	2,755	5 mi. south of Rice off Hwy 62; access via Santa Fe Rd.	Sand dunes	Designated Open Area; area of little use; DANGER-contaminated with unexploded ordnance.
Arroyo Salada El Centro RA	7,200	10 mi. west of Hwy 86 on Hwy 78	Rolling hills & sand washes	Designated Open Area; adjacent to Ocotillo Wells Vehicular Recreation Area.
Lark Canyon El Centro RA	1,200	McCain Valley, 70 mi. east of San Diego; exit I-8 at Boulevard	Varied terrain; dry lakes, badlands, & rocky mtns	Open Area
Plaster City El Centro	41,000	15 mi. west of El Centro on Hwy S-80	Rolling hills & desert flats	Military bombing range north of area is closed to entry.
Superstition Mtns El Centro RA	13,000	15 mi. northwest of El Centro via County Hwy S-80, Huff & Wheeler Roads	Varied terrain; dry lakes, badlands, sand dunes & rocky mtns	Military bombing range north of area is closed to entry.
<b>Imperial Sand Dunes - El Centro RA</b>				
Mammoth Wash	11,000	10 mi. southeast of Niland on Niland/Glamis Road	Sand dunes	Open Area; Watch for closed area boundary at south end of area.
Glamis/Gecko	22,000	25 mi. east of Brawley on Hwy 78	Sand dunes	Open Area; heavy use area; BLM Ranger Station; DANGER-adjacent military bombing range.
Buttercup Valley	12,000	15 mi. west of Yuma on I-80	Sand dunes	Open Area. Travel across international border is illegal in dunes area.