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Off-Highway Vehicle Guide and Places to Ride in New Mexico



OHVs in New Mexico

The New Mexico Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Act of 2005 and subsequent legislation in 2009 were designed to protect the safety of OHV users and ensure responsible and sensitive use of OHVs on public lands.

What is an Off-Highway Vehicle?

New Mexico defines an off-highway vehicle as an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), dirt bike, off-road vehicle (ORV, UTV, mule-type vehicle), or snowmobile.

Registration and Use Permits

- **New Mexico residents** must have their OHVs registered with the state Motor Vehicle Division to legally operate their vehicles on public lands. **Registration is \$50 every two years** (\$53 for initial registration and \$50 thereafter).
- **Nonresidents** whose OHVs are not registered or are currently in compliance with another state's off-highway vehicle registration, user fee or similar rule demonstrated by certificate of registration must obtain a use permit to legally operate on public lands in New Mexico. **Permits cost \$48 for two years or \$18 for 90 days.** They are available at www.B4uRide.com, www.wildlife.state.nm.us, any Department of Game and Fish Office, or by calling 505-476-8140.



OHV/ATV USER PERMIT



Permit No. 0001

Exp. Date

Vehicles Exempt From Registration or Permits

- Motorcycles registered for use on public streets.
- Vehicles used strictly for agricultural use.
- Vehicles used strictly on private land.

Youth Safety Requirements

- Riders younger than age 6 may not operate an ATV on public land.
- Riders younger than age 18 must:
 - ♦ complete a certified OHV safety course and obtain a safety permit.
 - ♦ wear an approved, securely fastened helmet and safety goggles.
 - ♦ never carry a passenger, even on OHVs designed for two persons.
 - ♦ be visually supervised by an adult when operating an OHV unless they are age 13 and older with a valid motorcycle license or age 15 and older with a valid driver's license.
 - ♦ ensure the all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or recreational off-highway vehicle (ROV) is an age-appropriate size-fit vehicle as established by rule of the department.
- Approved safety courses include New Mexico online safety courses or hands-on training by the ATV Safety Institute, 800-887-2887 or www.atvsafety.org. Some training courses in other states are accepted in New Mexico, and many OHV dealers include free safety training with each OHV purchase. For more information about OHV training in New Mexico, please call 505-476-8140 or visit www.B4uRide.com.

The screenshot shows the B4uRide.com website. The header includes the New Mexico Wildlife logo and navigation tabs for Home, Recreation, Apps & Permits, Enforcement, Conservation, Education, OHV, and Commission. The main content area is titled "OHV Safety Classes for Youth" and features three training options:

- ATV Safety Institute E-Course:** ASI Online Interactive Training Course New Mexico. Details: New Mexico Approved: Yes; Time Limit: Student must complete entire course before taking exam; Student must receive passing score to receive a certificate; Exam Costs only if you pass State Certification Quiz: Yes; REGISTER: [Start Here](#).
- Offroad-Ed Online Training Course:** Offroad-Ed Online Training Course New Mexico. Details: New Mexico Approved: Yes; Learn the exact material taught in New Mexico classroom courses; Time Limit: Student must complete entire course before taking exam; Student must receive passing score to receive a certificate; REGISTER: [Start Here](#).
- Online Interactive Training Course:** Online Interactive Training Course New Mexico. Details: New Mexico Approved: Yes; Time Limit: Student must complete entire course before taking exam; Student must receive passing score to receive a certificate; Exam Costs only if you pass State Certification Quiz: Yes; REGISTER: [Start Here](#).

Respect the Lands

Much of New Mexico is designated as public land and administered for multiple uses. In the right places, and managed carefully, motor vehicles are an appropriate use of national forests and grasslands, when it is done in accordance with the agency's travel management regulations. Motorized off-highway vehicle use is appropriate when it is done in a responsible and safe manner. And thanks to New Mexico's new Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Act, recreational pursuits have never been safer.

The Department encourages responsible recreational use of our public lands, use that leaves the land healthy and unspoiled, that protects our traditional uses, customs and culture, wildlife and wildlife habitat, and allows for the continued enjoyment of these lands for our families and future generations.

Please be considerate of the other users of our lands including ranchers and their livestock, private landowners, wildlife, hikers and mountain bikers. Use the proper equipment that will keep you and your children as safe as possible while riding.

For more information about treating public lands with respect visit Respected Access at www.respectedaccess.org or Tread Lightly! at www.treadlightly.org.

Equipment Requirements

- **Safety helmets.** All off-highway motor vehicle operators and passengers under the age of eighteen (18) shall wear safety helmets that comply with the state and federal safety standards (visit www.B4uRide.com for more information).
- **Eye protection.** Unless the off-highway motor vehicle has a protective windscreen, all off-highway motor vehicle operators and passengers under the age of eighteen must wear eye protection that meets or exceeds the Vehicle Equipment Safety Standards Regulations VESC-8 (visit www.B4uRide.com for more information) and more generally known as safety glasses or safety goggles. Additionally, the protective eyewear must be free of scratches, give a clear view to both sides and be fastened securely.



Please observe the following types of signs



Trail Management Signs



Route Markers



Destination Signs

The Travel Management Rule requires each national forest and grassland to designate those national forest system roads, trails, and areas open to motor vehicle use by class of vehicle and time of year. Designated routes and areas will be identified on a motor vehicle use map (MVUM). Once routes have been designated and identified on a MVUM, motor vehicle use off the designated system is prohibited. It is the responsibility of the forest visitor to obtain a copy of the MVUM (available from Forest Service websites and offices) and comply with the designations.

Prohibited Uses on Public Lands

It is illegal for any person to use an OHV:

- in a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another.
- while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.
- while in pursuit of and with intent to hunt or take a species of animal or bird protected by law.
- in pursuit of or harassment of livestock in any manner that negatively affects the livestock's condition.
- on or within an earthen tank or other structure meant to water livestock or wildlife, unless the off-highway motor vehicle is on a route designated by the landowner or land management agency as an off-highway motor vehicle route.
- in a manner that has a direct negative effect on or interferes with persons engaged in agricultural practices.
- in excess of 10 miles per hour within 200 feet of a business, animal shelter, horseback rider, bicyclist, pedestrian, livestock or occupied dwelling.
- unless in possession of the person's registration certificate or nonresident permit.
- unless the vehicle is equipped with a spark arrester approved by the Forest Service, provided that a snowmobile is exempt from this provision.
- when conditions such as darkness limit visibility to 500 feet or less, unless the vehicle is equipped with a headlight and tail light.
- that produces noise that exceeds 96 decibels.
- where off-highway motor vehicle traffic is prohibited under local, state or federal rules or regulations.

Penalties

Fines range from \$71 for a first violation to \$450 for repeat violations.

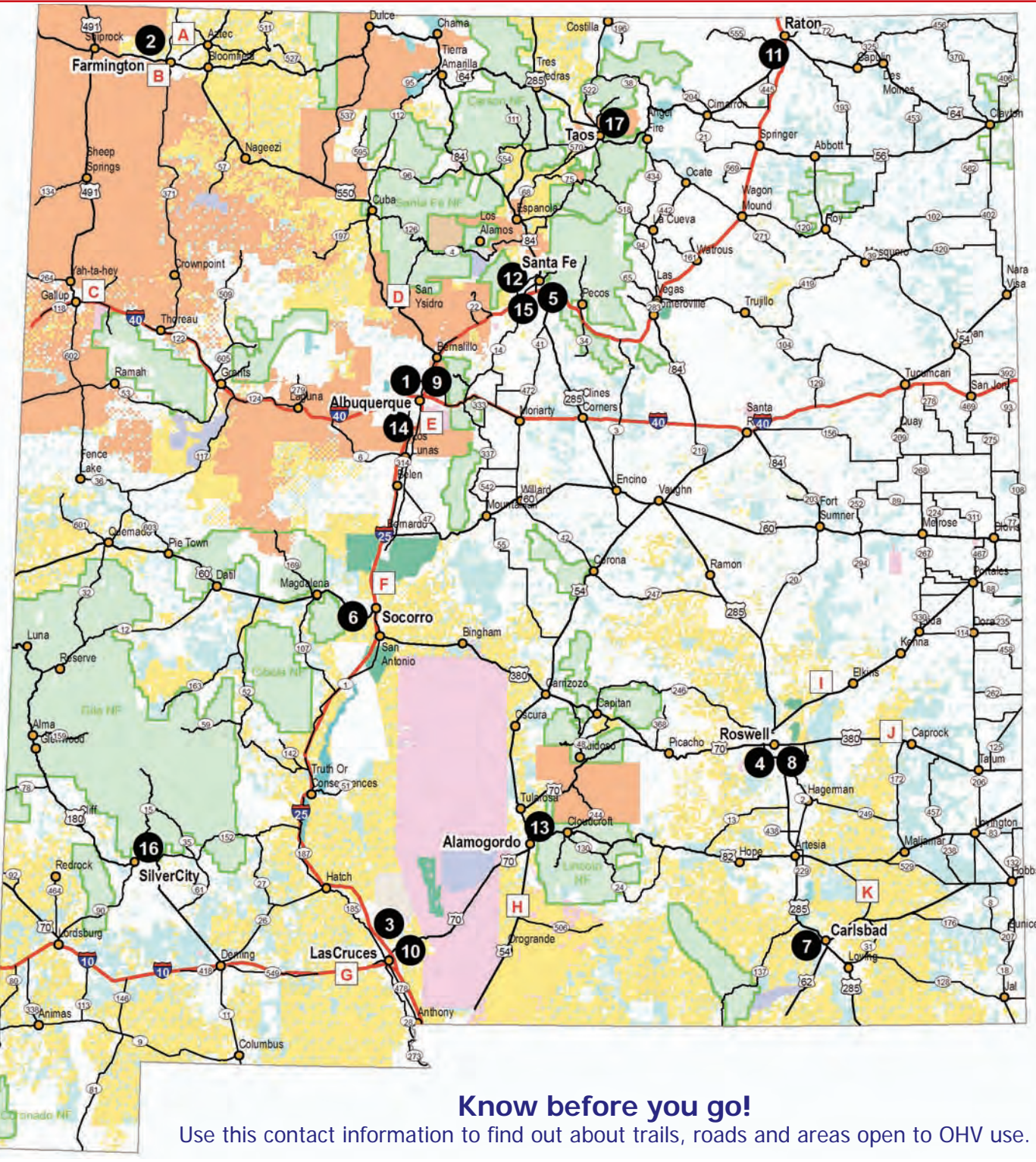
Riding Responsibly on Designated Areas or Routes

- Know before you go. Contact the local Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management or other appropriate agency office to find out about trails, roads and areas open to OHV use.
- It is your responsibility to obtain permission to travel across private lands.



Report Violations

To report an OHV violation, please visit www.B4uRide.com or call 800-366-4868.



Know before you go!

Use this contact information to find out about trails, roads and areas open to OHV use.

For information visit www.B4uRide.com



Where to Ride in New Mexico

The areas marked A-K on the map indicate designated OHV areas. For more information about the riding areas, use the contact information listed below.

A Glade Run Recreation Area
BLM, Farmington Field Office
1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A
Farmington, NM 87401
505-599-8900

B Dunes OHV Area
BLM, Farmington Field Office
1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A
Farmington, NM 87401
505-599-8900

C Gallup OHV-Motocross Park
139 Hasler Valley Road
Gallup, NM 87301
505-863-1295

The areas marked 1-17 indicate BLM, DGF, and USFS offices. For more information, use the contact information listed below. *Non-residents may purchase permits at these Dept. of Game & Fish locations or online at www.B4uRide.com.

1 Albuquerque/Rio Puerco--BLM District/Field Office
435 Montano Road NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
505-761-8700

2 Farmington--BLM Field Office
1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A
Farmington, NM 87401
505-599-8900

3 Las Cruces--BLM District Office
1800 Marquess Street
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-525-4300

4 Roswell--BLM Field Office
2909 W Second Street
Roswell, NM 88201
575-627-0272

5 Santa Fe--BLM State Office
301 Dinosaur Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87508
505-954-2000

D San Ysidro Trials Area
BLM, Rio Puerco Field Office
435 Montano Road NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
505-761-8700

E Montessa OHV Park
3615 Los Picaros Road SE
Albuquerque, NM 87105
505-768-5300

F Gordy's Hill OHV Area
BLM, Socorro Field Office
901 S Highway 85
Socorro, NM 87801
575-835-0412

G Aden Hills OHV Area
BLM, Las Cruces District Office
1800 Marquess Street
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-525-4300

6 Socorro--BLM Field Office
901 S Highway 85
Socorro, NM 87801
575-835-0412

7 Carlsbad--BLM Field Office
620 E Greene Street
Carlsbad, NM 88220
575-234-5972

***8** Roswell Dept. of Game & Fish--Southeast Area Office
1912 W Second Street
Roswell, NM 87740
575-624-6135

***9** Albuquerque Dept. of Game & Fish--Northwest Area Office
3841 Midway Place NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
505-222-4700

***10** Las Cruces Dept. of Game & Fish--Southwest Area Office
2715 Northrise Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88011
575-532-2100

***11** Raton Dept. of Game & Fish--Northeast Area Office
215 Canyon Road
Raton, NM 87740
575-445-2311

H Red Sands OHV Area
BLM, Las Cruces District Office
1800 Marquess Street
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-525-4300

I Haystack Mountains OHV Area
BLM, Roswell Field Office
2909 W Second Street
Roswell, NM 88201
575-627-0272

J Mescalero Sands North Dune OHV Area
BLM, Roswell Field Office
2909 W Second Street
Roswell, NM 88201
575-627-0272

K Hackberry Lake OHV Area
BLM, Carlsbad Field Office
620 E Greene Street
Carlsbad, NM 88220
575-234-5972

***12** Santa Fe--Dept. of Game & Fish Headquarters
1 Wildlife Way
Santa Fe, NM 87507
505-476-8000

13 Alamogordo USFS Forest Office
Lincoln National Forest
3463 Las Palomas
Alamogordo, NM 88310
575-434-7200

14 Albuquerque USFS Forest Office
Cibola National Forest
2113 Osuna Road NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113
505-346-3900

15 Santa Fe USFS Forest Office
Santa Fe National Forest
11 Forest Lane
Santa Fe, NM 87508
505-438-5300

16 Silver City USFS Forest Office
Gila National Forest
3005 E Camino del Bosque
Silver City, NM 88061
575-388-8201

17 Taos USFS Forest Office
Carson National Forest
208 Cruz Alta Road
Taos, NM 87571
575-758-6200