#### BLACK MOUNTAINS OHV TRAILS

### **HOW TO GET THERE**

**Location:** Black Mountains

**Distance from Salt Lake City:** Approximately 198 miles or 4 hours.

**Travel Route.** South on I-15 to Beaver. The trail system can be accessed from two points in Beaver. See the map. It may also be accessed by traveling approximately 14.5 miles south on I-15 from the south Beaver exit to the junction of I-15 and SR 20. The gravel pit on the west side of the I-15 is the access point as indicated on the map.

## RIDE DESCRIPTION

There are approximately 75.7 miles of recommended routes. Loop rides from Beaver can be as long as 72 or as short as 49.5 miles. Loop rides from the access point at the junction of I-15 and SR 20 can be as long as 43.7 miles to as short as 27.7 miles. An additional 7 miles can be added to any ride by traveling to the overlook on the mountain rim. Routes vary from graded county roads to rough and steep jeep trails. Intermediate riding skills are needed.

**Time to ride:** Rides can take from a few hours to all day, depending on the route chosen.

**Difficulty**: \_\_ X\_ Easiest \_\_ X\_ More Difficult

**Elevation:** 5,650 to 8,400 feet.

Best season to ride: Late spring, summer and fall.

**Things to see:** Wildlife (deer, eagles/hawks etc.). There are great views of adjacent mountain ranges and valley floors in all directions. Vegetation is pinyon and juniper, oak, maple, cottonwood and mountain mahogany with Douglas fir at the higher elevations. Fall colors can be outstanding.

### **SERVICES**

Water, Food, Lodging and Fuel: Food and fuel are available in Beaver. There are no restrooms along the recommended routes.

**Camping:** Camping in undeveloped areas is permitted on BLM administered lands, but is limited to 14 days in any one spot.

### **CAUTIONS**

**Signing:** Recommended routes shown on this map have not been signed for OHV use. There may be BLM or county signs giving general directions at a few intersections. GPS waypoint information has been provided to aid route finding.

Gates: Leave all gates as you find them. If they are open, leave open. Close if closed.

**Livestock:** Do not harass. Slow down and let them get out of the way.

Wildlife: Look, but don't disturb.

**Historic Structures and Cultural Resources:** Man-made structures on public lands more than 50 years of age are protected under the Antiquities Act. It is also unlawful to remove cultural artifacts. View, but do not move or remove any of these objects.

**Fire:** Check with the BLM office in Cedar City for open fire restrictions. This area can burn nearly anytime of the year. You will be responsible for any damage and cost associated with a wildfire you cause.

**Waste:** If you packed it in, pack it out. Do not bury trash.

**Special equipment needed:** Bring plenty of water during the hot summer months.

**Caution:** Never ride alone and always wear your helmet.

# TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

**Bureau of Land Management:** All recommended routes administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are currently open to off-highway vehicle (OHV) use under existing land management plans. As new

Resource Management Plans and Travel Plans are completed, these routes may or may not remain open or may have limitations on how and when they may be used. Until new plans and/or closure orders are in place, operation of vehicles on these routes is legal. However, all riders are encouraged to stay on existing roads and trails and the BLM has the following recommendations to minimize impacts associated with use of these routes.

- 1. Avoid using this trail system from March 1 through June 30 to avoid impacts to Sage Grouse.
- 2. Avoid using any of the side trails on the north side of the mountain until late fall to avoid conflicts with grazing cattle.
- 3. Ride slowly and carefully around developed livestock watering developments to reduce conflicts with grazing cattle.

Contact the Bureau of Land management in Cedar City for additional information concerning this area and trail conditions. (Telephone **(435) 586-2400** or write to BLM Cedar City Field Office, 176 E. DL Sargent Dr., Cedar City, UT 84720)

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<u>Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA):</u> All existing roads and trails under jurisdiction of this agency are open to OHV travel.

**Beaver and Iron Counties:** All recommended routes under county jurisdiction are currently open to OHV travel.

**Private land:** One recommended route on the south end of the system crosses private land on what appear to be county roads. To date there have been no locked gates. To avoid having these routes closed in the future, stay on the road or trail and do no disturb any developments. Do not disturb livestock, particularly around water developments.

<u>MAP LIMITATIONS:</u> This map does not display all existing roads and trails open for OHV use in this area. The Utah Division of Parks and Recreation recommends the primary routes to introduce riders to the area and to help them have a great riding/driving experience. Difficulty ratings, mileages, vehicle type recommendations and other information for these routes are noted on the map to assist trip planning. This information is not provided for the other OHV routes shown on the map.

Most of these routes receive little or no maintenance and riders should not assume routes will always be passable. Weather and other natural phenomenon can change conditions. More up-to-date information may be available from the Bureau of Land Management or Beaver County.

This map was prepared using the National Geographic TOPO program. The base map for this program does not include landownership. Because this program provides a relatively inexpensive way to produce maps, the Division of Parks and Recreation has accepted this limitation and hopes users will also. By keeping cost low, more maps can be produced.

# **DIFFICULTY RATING**

**Easiest (green line)** Gravel or dirt surfaces which are relatively flat and wide. Generally wide enough for an ATV to pass a full-sized vehicle. May be dusty but are relatively smooth throughout with no rocks or roots protruding more than three inches above the surface.

**More Difficult (blue line)** Loose gravel, sandy, rocky or slickrock surface. May have short sections which are narrow. Can have blind turns, steep or roller coaster grades, minor drop-offs, dust, ruts and frequent changes in riding surfaces. Occasional obstacles may strike the frame.

**Most Difficult (black line)** Rocky surfaces, sharp turns, switchbacks, steep grades, narrow passages, low overhangs, ledges and large rocks. Can be slippery and muddy when wet. May have tree stumps, limbs or other debris. Machines with low ground clearance may strike or high center on obstacles. Some riders may be more comfortable using 4-wheel drive machines.

This map was prepared by the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation using OHV registration and gas tax funds. It may be viewed online at www.stateparks.utah.gov. This map is subject to change at any time to reflect changing conditions. As a minimum, it will be reviewed annually. Telephone 1-800 OHV RIDE for more information.