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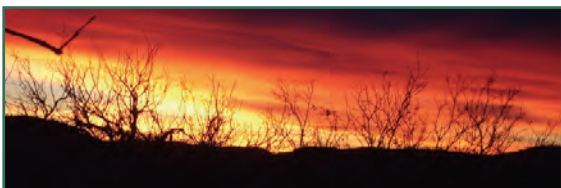
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**OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES**

Coral Pink Sand Dunes offers 1,200 acres of open riding area for OHV enthusiasts. OHVs must be currently registered and have an orange whiptail flag.

All operators must have a valid driver's license or state-recognized certification, and riders 17 and under must wear a properly sized and fastened helmet at all times. Utah State Park Rangers strongly encourage all riders to wear helmets. OHV riders should contact park personnel for additional OHV laws and rules before venturing onto the dunes.

Adjacent to the park, riders will find hundreds of miles of trails on lands managed by the USDI Bureau of Land Management.

**Reservations**

Advance reservations are available for group-use and individual campsites and are always recommended. Individual campsite reservations may be made a minimum of two days in advance of arrival date and up to 16 weeks in advance of park checkout date. Group reservations may be made up to 11 months in advance.

To make a reservation, please call 322-3770 within Salt Lake City or toll-free (800) 322-3770. Unreserved sites are available on a first-come, first served basis.

**User Fees**

Day-use and camping fees are charged, and additional fees are charged for reservations.

**GUIDELINES**

**Please observe these regulations to ensure that everyone enjoys their visit:**

**Roads** – Speed limits are 1) 45 mph on county roads, 2) 15 mph on park roads and 3) 5 mph in the campground. The campground loop is a one-way road to the right. Vehicles must remain on pavement while in developed areas of the park.

**Camping** – Camp only in designated campsites. Each permit covers one vehicle and any attached recreational equipment. There is an extra fee for additional vehicles or camping equipment. Up to eight people are allowed in a campsite.

**Plants and animals** – All plants, animals, minerals, and other natural features in state parks are protected. It is unlawful to remove, alter, destroy or molest them.

**Vandalism** – It is unlawful to mutilate or deface any natural feature or structure. Please help keep your park beautiful.

**Littering** – Please use refuse containers provided.

**Fireworks** – Explosives, fireworks or firecrackers are prohibited unless authorized by the park manager.

**Fires** – Campfires may be built in specified areas. Most developed campsites provide fire pits or grill facilities. Collecting and gathering firewood within the park is prohibited. Firewood is available for purchase.

**Pets** – Pets are allowed in most Utah state parks, but must be kept on a maximum six-foot leash. Service animals are the only animals admitted in park buildings. For safety and courtesy, please keep your pets under control.

**Firearms** – Possession or use of firearms, traps or other devices capable of launching a projectile that can immobilize, injure or kill a person or animal, or damage property is prohibited unless the weapon or device is 1) unloaded and packed away to prevent its use, 2) being used for the legal pursuit of wildlife or 3) being used by authorized enforcement officers in the performance of official duties.

**Wastewater** – It is unlawful to dump or to drain water from campers or trailers onto the ground or into lakes and streams.

**Quiet hours** – 10:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. (MST)



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Explore acres of colorful, sweeping dunes dotted with juniper and pinon pines at Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park. Ride off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and dune buggies, or hike mountains of shifting sand.

Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park is a popular destination for OHV enthusiasts who enjoy riding 1,200 acres of dunes. Approximately 90 percent of the Coral Pink dune field is open to OHV use.

The park was established in 1963 and serves as an access point to the sand dunes for a variety of recreation uses. Park rangers and staff work to protect the resource and provide for public safety.

### GEOLOGY

Sand dunes are created by three factors: sand, high winds, and a unique influence upon those high winds. At Coral Pink Sand Dunes, a notch between the Moquith and Moccasin mountains causes this unique influence. Wind is funneled through this notch, increasing wind velocity to a point where it can carry grains of sand from the eroding Navajo sandstone.

This phenomenon is known as the Venturi Effect. After the wind passes through the notch and into the open valley, wind velocity decreases, depositing the sand.



### PLANTS AND ANIMALS

Located at an elevation of 6,000 feet, Coral Pink Sand Dunes receives relatively high amounts of precipitation. This moisture allows for a wide variety of plants, including stands of ponderosa pine, dune grasses more than six feet tall, and beautiful wildflowers that reach their peak in June.

Catch a glimpse of mule deer, coyotes, kit foxes, jack-rabbits, and many small rodents within the park. The dunes support a diverse population of insects, including the Coral Pink Tiger Beetle, which is found nowhere else in the world. Melting snow often creates small ponds on the dunes that support amphibians such as salamanders and toads.



### NEARBY POINTS OF INTEREST

Coral Pink Sand Dunes is an ideal location to set up a base camp for exploring Utah's extraordinary scenery. Within a short drive are Cedar Breaks, Grand Staircase/Escalante, and Pipe Springs national monuments, Kodachrome Basin State Park, Lake Powell, and Zion, Bryce Canyon and Grand Canyon national parks.

### HIKING

Wander the dunes and explore this interesting and unique landscape. Discover many interesting hikes adjacent to the park, including South Fork Indian Canyon Pictographs. These ancient Indian rock paintings are located at the bottom of South Fork Indian Canyon. The trailhead is approximately four miles northeast of the park and is accessible via foot, OHV and four-wheel drive vehicle.

### CONSERVATION AREA

A 265-acre conservation parcel serves as a resource management area for protecting the Coral Pink Tiger Beetle and its habitat. The remaining 1,200 acres of dunes are open to all types of recreational activities.



### CAMPING

Adjacent to the dunes, camp in a modern campground with restrooms, hot showers, and sewage disposal station. Each roomy campsite provides pull-through parking, picnic table, and barbecue grill.

Bring a picnic lunch and select a day-use site, each with a table and barbecue grill. A group day-use area adjacent to the dunes offers a fire pit ideal for Dutch oven cooking.

Stroll along the one-half mile nature trail or the walkway, which extends onto the dunes and is accessible to visitors of all abilities.

A visitor center offers information on the park and surrounding areas, OHV safety, and also offers an interesting display of sand specimens from around the world.



### Map Legend

- Information
- Picnic Area
- Restrooms
- RV Dumping
- Showers
- Viewpoint
- Water
- Trail

