

<u>DOVE CREEK/RAFT RIVER</u>OHV TRAILS

HOW TO GET THERE

Location: Northwest Desert

Distance from Redwood Road and North Temple, Salt Lake City: Approximately 150 miles or 3 hours **Travel Route**. North on I-15 to Tremonton, northwest on I–84 to the Park Valley exit just past Snowville. Exit west and southwest on State Road 30 through Park Valley to a junction approximately 4 ½ miles west of Park Valley shown as intersection 1 on the map. For access to the **south side of the Raft River Mountains**, travel west approximately 4 ½ miles on this road to where the route up Black Hills Creek begins. There are no public lands adjacent to these roads, so parking is restricted to the shoulder of the main road. To get to the **south side of the Dove Creek Mountains**, travel west for approximately 3 miles to intersection 2 shown on the map. Exit south and travel south and then west for approximately 10 miles to the recommended route in the Left Hand Fork of Dove Creek. There is no developed parking at this area, but there areas adjacent to the road where vehicles can be parked. To get to the **north side of the Raft River Mountains**, after exiting I-84 just past Snowville, stay on State Road 30 to State Road 42. Travel northwest into Idaho and take the Strevel Road exit to the west. Travel approximately 9 ½ miles and exit south to Standrod. Travel one mile south and one mile west to Standrod. Travel south out of Standrod for approximately 5 miles up One Mile creek to the pass marked intersection 7 on the map. There is room to park vehicles at this point.

RIDE DESCRIPTION

Length: There are approximately 41.4 miles of recommended routes on the Raft River Mountains and an additional 42.8 miles in the Dove Creek Mountains for a total of 83.9 miles.

Time to ride: A few hours to a couple of days.

Difficulty: <u>X</u> Easiest <u>X</u> More Difficult <u>X</u> Most Difficult <u>Extreme</u> **Elevation**: 6000 to 9600 feet

Best season to ride: Depending on snow, June 1 to October 15.

Things to see: Wildlife (elk, deer, antelope, eagles/hawks, etc.); great views from top of the mountains, many species of wildflowers and many types of vegetation from the high desert to broad alpine ridges.

SERVICES

Water: None available.
Food: None available.
Restrooms: None available.
Fuel: None available.
Camping: Camping is permitted on BLM and Forest Service administered lands. (14-day limit.)
Lodging: Limited summer lodging at the Palmer Motel in Park Valley (435) 257-1656.

CAUTIONS

Signing: All routes on the National Forest are signed and numbered. Intersections have been numbered on the map and GPS locations are provided in the table on the front of the map.

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

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

Wildlife: Look at, 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.

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

Fire: Check with the BLM office in Salt Lake City or the Forest Service in Burley, Idaho, for open fire restrictions. You will be responsible for any damage and cost associated with a wildfire you cause. **Special equipment:** This is a very remote area. Carry plenty of water, fuel and extra food. Also carry sufficient clothing to keep warm during the cold nights.

<u>Caution</u>: Never ride alone and always wear your helmet.

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

Forest Service: All recommended routes administered by the Forest Service (Sawtooth National Forest) are currently open to off-highway vehicle (OHV) under existing Forest Plans and Travel Plans. The northern end of the route between intersections 12 and 13 is closed from January 1 to April 2. If plans are amended, routes may or may not remain open or may have limitations on how and when they may be used. Riding off trails is not permitted.

"Other OHV Routes" shown on the map may have seasonal or vehicle type restrictions. Before using these routes, riders should review the **Motor Vehicle Use Map**, **Sawtooth National Forest**, **Minidoka Ranger District Albion**, **Black Pine**, **Raft River and Sublett Divisions (2008)**.

Contact the Forest Service in Burley, Idaho at (208) 678-0430 or write to Minidoka Ranger district, 3650 South Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318-3242.

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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 vehicle 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 the use of these routes.

Contact the Bureau of Land Management in Salt Lake City at (801) 977-4300 or write to BLM Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119.

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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.

Box Elder County: All recommended routes under county jurisdiction are currently open to OHV travel.

<u>Private Land</u>: The recommended routes cross several parcels of private land. Stay on the recommended routes and do not remove or disturb any property on adjacent lands.

MAP LIMITATIONS:

This map may 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 rides 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 BLM, Forest Service or Box Elder County.

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DIFFICULTY RATING

Easiest (solid green circle) 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 (solid blue square) 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 (solid black diamond) 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.

Extreme (solid double black diamond) May be extremely steep and rocky with ledges and drop-offs, narrow switchbacks, boulders and uneven or unbalanced trail surfaces. May be long stretches of loose rock or deep sand on steep grades with extreme side-slopes. Some obstacles will high cent most machines. Four-wheel drive is recommended. In some areas it may be necessary to walk machines over or have a helping third hand. These routes require experienced riders with a full array of good riding skills. All users should consider riding abilities and machine capabilities before attempting these routes.

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