

GROUSE CREEK 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 to Rosebud Creek Access Point on the east side of the mountains. Depending on route taken, it is 160 miles (3 ½ hours) or 207 miles (4 hours) to the town of Grouse Greek.

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 to Park Valley. To get to the Rosebud Creek access point, continue on State Road 30 to a junction approximately 22 miles south of Park Valley, exit west and travel approximately 7.7 miles southwest on a dirt road. (No facilities.) To get to Grouse Creek with somewhat better roads, travel west and south on State Road 30 for approximately 47 miles then exit north on the graded county road for approximately 20 miles to Grouse Creek. For alternative shorter route on county roads continue west from Park Valley for approximately 5.5 miles and exit to the west. Continue west on this graveled road for approximately 19.2 miles to Lynn then turn south and travel approximately 15.2 miles to the Grouse Creek.

RIDE DESCRIPTION

Length: There are approximately 62.5 miles of recommended routes on the Grouse Creek Mountains east of the town of Grouse Creek. There is an additional 94.4 miles on the west side of Grouse Creek, for a total of 156.9 miles.

Time to ride: A few hours to several days.

Difficulty: X Easiest X More Difficult Most Difficult Extreme

Elevation: 5200 to 8500 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, ancient stands of Mountain Mahogany near Ingram Pass and very unusual rock formations. Some of the area on the west side burned in 2007 and is still be recovering.

SERVICES

Water: None available except in Grouse Creek.

Food: Seasonally at the Grouse Creek Gone Country Store in Grouse Greek.

Restrooms: None available except in Grouse Creek.

Fuel: Seasonally at the Grouse Creek Gone Country Store in Grouse Creek. **Camping**: Camping is permitted on BLM administered lands. (14-day limit.

Lodging: Limited summer lodging at the Box C Ranch 3 miles north of Grouse Creek (435) 747-7488 and at the Palmer Motel in Park Valley (435) 257-1656.

CAUTIONS

Signing: None of the routes are signed. However, each intersection has 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 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.

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 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 or Box Elder 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 has accepted this limitation and hopes users will also. By keeping cost low, more maps can be produced.

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.

This map was prepared by the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation with 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.