Wah Wah Mountains OHV Trails

HOW TO GET THERE

Location: West Desert

Distance from Salt Lake City: Approximately 275 miles or 4.5 hours.

Travel Route. South on I-15 to Beaver, west on SR 21 through Milford to Wah Wah Valley, south on graded

county road to riding area access points.

RIDE DESCRIPTION

Access Points: There are two recommended access points, Revenue Basin and Willow Creek. These access points do not have improved parking areas or other facilities.

Total Miles of Recommended Trail: 45.2

Length of Loops: 14.5 to 35.5

Types of Trail: Trails vary from old Jeep trails to graded county roads. Most are wide enough to accommodate

full-sized vehicles.

Ride Time: A few hours to all day.

Difficulty: X Easiest X More Difficult Most Difficult Extreme

Elevation: 6,000 to 8600 feet.

Best season to ride: Spring and fall. Summer temperatures at the lower elevations can be very hot.

Things to see: Great views of adjacent valleys and mountain ranges, wild horses and many species of wildlife. Vegetation is grass desert, pinyon and juniper and some stands of ponderosa pine. There are a few remnants of past mining activities, including the Lamerdorf charcoal kilns.

SERVICES

Water, Food, Lodging and Fuel: Approximately 35 miles to the east in Milford.

Restrooms: None.

Camping: Camping 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.

Wild Horses: Do not chase or otherwise harass. Wild horses are protected by federal law.

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.

Mining: There is an active mining operation on Blawn Mountain. Unless specifically invited by the operation manager to view their activities, stay on the recommended trail and do not attempt to travel to the actual operation. Do not travel on the main truck route. This is extremely dangerous. One of the recommended routes crosses this truck route. Stop and give mining vehicles the right-of-way.

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: This area is extremely remote. There is no cell phone coverage. Plan to be self-sufficient and prepare for emergencies. Make sure you have plenty of fuel to complete your trip, both in your OHV and in your support vehicle. 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.

Route between intersections 5 and 6 (Head of Willow Creek) – Avoid using this area from November 1 to May 1 to protect riparian areas, protect wet soils, prevent soil erosion and minimize wildlife habitat fragmentation.

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

Private land: A county road crosses one parcel of private land in Willow Creek between recommended route intersections 9 and 12. Stay on the road and do not remove or disturb any property on adjacent lands.

<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 hope 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.

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 center 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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