





## **MINERAL MOUNTAINS SOUTH OHV TRAILS**

### **HOW TO GET THERE**

**Location:** Mineral Mountains

**Distance from Salt Lake City:** Approximately 213 miles or 3 1/2 hours.

**Travel Route.** South on I-15 to Beaver. Exit I-15 and travel to the middle of Beaver. Take SR 21 west toward Minersville for approximately 15 miles to the Beaver County Fairgrounds just east of Minersville. See map for additional access points.

### **RIDE DESCRIPTION**

There are approximately 41.3 miles of recommended routes. The longest ride can be approximately 41 miles and the shortest can be as little as 12.8 miles. The primary access point is the parking lot at the Beaver County Fairgrounds. There are several other access points along the Cherry Creek Road and another just west of the Minersville Reservoir Dam. These trails can also be accessed via the Cherry Creek Road from Milford. Routes vary from graded county roads to very rough and steep jeep and ATV trails. Intermediate to advanced riding skills are needed. A 4-wheel drive machine may be needed on the short section of trail between intersections 3 and 4.

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

**Difficulty:** \_\_X\_\_ Easiest \_\_X\_\_ More Difficult \_\_X\_\_ Most Difficult

**Elevation:** 5,320 to 7,450 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, both east and west. There are numerous remnants of early mining. Vegetation is pinyon and juniper, oak, maple, cottonwood and some ponderosa pine and Douglas fir at the higher elevations. Fall colors can be outstanding.

### **SERVICES**

**Water, Food, Lodging and Fuel:** Food and fuel are available in Beaver, Minersville and Milford. Lodging is available in Milford and Beaver. It is permissible to ride from the fairground parking lot to Minersville.

**Restrooms:** There is a restroom at the fairground parking lot.

**Camping:** Camping in undeveloped areas is permitted on BLM administered lands, but is limited to 14 days in any one spot. There is a developed campground at the Minersville Lake Recreation Area approximately 11.5 miles west of Beaver on SR 21. This is a fee area.

### **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.

**Mining:** There are many evidences of historic mining in this area. Do not enter open shafts or tunnels as they are usually very dangerous. When riding off the recommended trails, look for open shafts. They may be in the middle of the trail.

**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. Routes between intersections 1 and 3, 8 and 10 and 2 to 10 – Avoid using these routes from January 1 to April 30 to protect critical deer winter range.
2. Routes between intersections 3 and 5 and between 7 and 8 – Avoid using these routes from November 1 to May 1 to help prevent erosion. (Plunge Spring and Dripping Spring area.)

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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**Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA):** 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:** County roads cross private land between recommended route intersections 7 and 8 in Lincoln Gulch and between 9 and 10. Stay on the road and do not remove or disturb any property on adjacent lands.

**MAP LIMITATIONS:** 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.

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### **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.

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