

HOW TO GET THERE

Location: West Desert

Distance from Salt Lake City: Approximately 260 miles or 5.0 hours.

Travel Route. Southern Route (275 miles): South on I-15 to Beaver, west on SR 21 through Milford to Warm Point (approximately 77 miles) and west for about .4 mile on a dirt road to access point. Northern Route (259 miles): South on I-15 to Nephi, south west on SR 132 to Delta, west on US 6 and 50, south on SR 159 to Garrison and south on SR 21 to Warm Point (approximately 28 miles).

RIDE DESCRIPTION

Access Points: There is one access point via a dirt road from SR 21 near Warm Point. This access point does not have improved parking or any other facilities.

Total Miles of Recommended Trail: 64.2

Length of Loops: 36.5 to 55.8

Types of Trail: Trails vary from old Jeep trails to graded county roads. Most are wide enough to accommodate full-sized vehicles except for Cottonwood Wash.

Ride Time: A few hours to all day.

Difficulty: X Easiest X More Difficult Most Difficult Extreme Elevation: 5648 to 9250 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, elk, deer and many other 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.

SERVICES

Water, Food, Lodging and Fuel: Approximately 36 miles north to Border or 46.8 miles east to Milford. **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 are 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: 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.

1. <u>Route between intersections 9 and 16 (Cottonwood Wash)</u>- Avoid using this route from November 1 to May 1 to protect riparian areas.

2. <u>Route between intersections 7 and 8.</u> – Stay on the main trail to the overlook. This is a very sensitive alpine area that may be closed in the future if riders continue to use side trails and/or create new trails to other vista points.

3. <u>Routes between intersections 12 and 17 and 3 and 17</u>. Avoid using this route from March 1 through April 30 to avoid disturbing lambing sheep.

4. Avoid riding in this area from March 1 to June 1 to protect wild horses.

Contact the Bureau of Land management in Cedar City at (435) 586-2400 or write to BLM Cedar City Field Office, 176 E. DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84720 for additional information concerning this area and trail conditions.

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

Private land: The recommended routes cross one parcel of private land on county roads between intersections 19 and 20. 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) 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) 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) 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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