

Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Regulations

Arizona Resident Information



Arizona OHV Use on the Arizona Strip

To operate your Arizona registered OHV (Off Highway Vehicle) there are four-types of road/area classifications:

Arizona County, state or public highways

Public road constructed and maintained by the state, city, county, town, or any entity of the state of Arizona.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM), US Forest Service (USFS)

National Park Service (NPS)

Designated trails or off-road special use area

OHV's must display the MC (Motorcycle) or RV (Recreation Vehicle) license plate and OHV decal if operated within the state of Arizona.

To operate on county/state roads and roads administered by the NPS, the OHV must display the MC license plate, and have the required "street-legal" safety equipment. The operator must possess a valid state drivers license and must meet all personal protection safety equipment requirements.

Title only license plates (plate sequence starts with RV), with the OHV/user fee decal; can only operate on BLM, some USFS, designated trails or off road special use areas, and trust land roads.

Arizona OHV Requirements

Definitions

OHV: A motorized vehicle operated primarily off of highways on land, water, snow, ice or other natural terrain or on a combination of these. Any means of land transportation deriving motive power from a source other than muscle or wind.

ROV: (Recreational off-highway vehicle, commonly referred as side-by-side or UTV (utility vehicle)) is a motorized off-highway vehicle designed to travel on four or more non-highway tires, with steering wheel, and non-straddle seating equipped with seat belts.

OHV Decal: Required to be purchased annually (\$25) to allow an Arizona OHV to operate on public and state lands. Displayed in the upper left-hand corner of the license plate.

Street-Legal: Vehicles that are registered for on-highway use. These vehicles are required to have specific equipment and carry proof of financial responsibility (liability insurance).

Registration License Plate: The registration license plate is identified by the letters "MC" displayed on it. This is the street-legal license plate and **allows** OHV's to travel on roads, trails, and areas which require registration. Renewed annually.

Title-Only License Plate: Identified by the letters "RV" displayed on it. This is an identification plate only and **does not** allow on roads that require a street-legal registration. OHV's with "title only" license plates are only permitted to operate on BLM and some USFS roads or designated OHV trails.

Incidental Use: Permitted on Arizona county, state and public highways. Non-street legal OHV's may drive short distances or cross a county/state road for the purpose of either accessing or continuing travel onto roads or trails that do not require the OHV be "street legal", ie. BLM routes, some USFS routes, designated trails or off-road special use areas, and Trust Lands roads.

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Regulations

OHV Decal Sticker/User Fee Decal: Proper equipment and safety requirements, and a license plate. There is also an annual purchase of \$25 for the OHV Decal to operate on public and state lands. The decal must be displayed in the upper left-hand corner of the license plate. **All OHV's must have an OHV decal.**

Option-Street Legal: In order for an OHV to be street legal the required equipment and safety requirements for obtaining the OHV Decal/user fee decal as well as; license plate light, horn (200 ft. audible distance), proper vehicle insurance, rearview mirror and certain areas require emissions test to be street legal.

Operator requirements: It is prohibited to operate an OHV in violation of State laws and regulations related to use standards, registration, operation, and inspection. No person may operate an off-highway vehicle on public lands without a valid State operators license or learner's permit, where required by State or Federal laws. Operators 16-17 years of age must wear a helmet. All operators must wear eye protection. No passengers are permitted unless OHV's are designed by the manufacture to carry more than one person. All OHV's must have a rear view mirror.

Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument

National Park Service & Bureau of Land Management

- **Off-Road driving is not permitted within the Monument.**
- **For more information please contact the Chief Ranger at 435.688.3280 or 435.668.0701 or ray_klein@nps.gov or check the website at www.nps.gov/para.**

References

- Arizona Game and Fish – Arizona State Parks Brochure: Arizona Off-highway Vehicle Guide, "OHV Laws and Places to Ride".
- Arizona Game and Fish Website: http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/off_highway.shtml
- OHV Decals are available online at: <https://servicearizona.com/webapp/offhighway/decal/> or they are available at any Arizona Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) Office.