

State Vehicular Recreation Areas

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS
OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION DIVISION



Carnegie • Clay Pit • Eastern Kern County Onyx Ranch • Heber Dunes •
Hollister Hills • Hungry Valley • Oceano Dunes • Ocotillo Wells • Prairie City

State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRAs)

State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRAs) are established to provide the fullest public use for off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation while providing environmental programs to protect, preserve, and sustain lands for future generations. From the coast to the desert, the nine SVRAs have varied terrain and climates that provide recreational opportunities to visitors of all skill levels and vehicle types. In most locations, SVRAs have trails, tracks, and other OHV recreation opportunities; camping, including group campsites; interpretive and educational programs; and, resource management programs designed to sustain OHV opportunities and protect and enhance natural and cultural resources. Many SVRAs also offer non-motorized recreation such as mountain biking, hiking, camping, bird watching, and other activities. ❖

Engaging Youth through OHV Recreation

In recent years, many authors and researchers have noted increases in childhood obesity as young people choose to engage in indoor activities such as electronic gaming and surfing the internet, rather than more active outdoor pursuits. The focus on indoor pursuits has also led to a lack of connection with nature. Through the popularity of OHV recreation, young people can be drawn into outdoor activities that expose them to new experiences, and where they can be taught how to appreciate, understand, and protect our state's natural resources.

The OHMVR Program takes advantage of the opportunity presented by the presence of large numbers of young people and non-traditional user groups in OHV recreation areas by providing educational programs that teach appreciation of nature and the outdoors. ❖



Clay Pit SVRA (ohv.parks.ca.gov/claypit)

Clay Pit SVRA, located two miles west of the town of Oroville in Butte County, became an SVRA in 1981. This SVRA provides a fenced open riding area for motorcycle, ATV, and 4x4 recreationists.



Facilities at Clay Pit SVRA include two shade ramadas and picnic tables in the staging area and a vault toilet.

ADDITIONAL PARK INFORMATION

Total Acreage: 220 acres

OHV Recreation Acreage: 220 acres

Hours of Operation: 8:00 am to sunset (7 days a week)

Camping: No (Day Use Only)

Typical Weather:

Average Summer Temperature: mid 80s to low 100s

Average Winter Temperature: mid 50s to low 30s

Average Rainfall: 29 inches

Prairie City SVRA (ohv.parks.ca.gov/prairiecitiy)

Prairie City SVRA is an urban OHV park located 20 miles east of downtown Sacramento in Sacramento County. The park became an SVRA in 1989. The area offers OHV enthusiasts a variety of interesting terrain and trails for motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, and 4x4 vehicles.



Facilities offered by the SVRA include various OHV tracks, including the Hangtown National Motocross track, vault and flush toilets and shade ramadas and picnic tables. Park concessions offer ATV rentals, parts, and snacks.

ADDITIONAL PARK INFORMATION

Total Acreage: 1,047 acres

OHV Recreation Acreage: 644 acres

Hours of Operation:

Summer – 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Winter – 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Closed Wednesdays

Camping: No

Typical Weather:

Average Summer Temperature: mid 90s to low 60s

Average Winter Temperature: mid 50s to high 30s

Average Rainfall: 25 inches

Carnegie SVRA (ohv.parks.ca.gov/carnegie)

Carnegie SVRA, located in San Joaquin and Alameda Counties, became an SVRA in 1980. The SVRA is well known for its challenging hill climbs and scenic trail riding.



Carnegie SVRA offers a variety of visitor facilities including 25 camping spaces with picnic tables, shade ramadas, and fire rings; motocross and youth tracks; ATV and motorcycle combined track; 4x4 practice facility; chemical, vault, and flush toilets; and showers. A concession store offers bike parts, riding gear, and packaged food.

ADDITIONAL PARK INFORMATION

Total Acreage: 4,700 acres

OHV Recreation Acreage: 1,000 acres

Hours of Operation:

Summer – 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Winter – 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Camping: Yes

Typical Weather:

Average Summer Temperature: mid 50s to mid 90s

Average Winter Temperature: mid 50s to the mid 30s

Average Rainfall: 11 inches

Eastern Kern County, Onyx Ranch SVRA (ohv.parks.ca.gov/onyx)

Eastern Kern County, Onyx Ranch SVRA (Onyx Ranch SVRA), located in Kern County, is the second largest of the nine SVRAs. It became an SVRA in 2014.

The SVRA offers OHV recreation for motorcycle, ATV, 4x4, and ROV enthusiasts as well as non-motorized activities such as rock hounding, bird and wildlife viewing, and hunting.



ADDITIONAL PARK INFORMATION

Total Acreage: 25,000 acres

OHV Recreation Acreage: 25,000 acres

Hours of Operation: 24 hours per day, 7 days a week

Camping: Yes

Typical Weather:

Average Summer Temperature: 90s to 100s

Average Winter Temperature: 40s to 70s

Average Rainfall: 7 inches

Heber Dunes SVRA

(ohv.parks.ca.gov/heberdunes)

Heber Dunes SVRA is located three miles north of the Mexican border in Imperial County. The park became an SVRA in 2007 and offers a variety of visitor facilities including shade ramadas, restrooms, and showers plus OHV recreation opportunities for motorcycle, ATV, 4x4, and ROV enthusiasts.



ADDITIONAL PARK INFORMATION

Total Acreage: 341 acres

OHV Recreation Acreage: 341 acres

Hours of Operation: 7:00 am – 9:00 pm (7 days a week)

Camping: No (Day Use Only)

Typical Weather:

Average Summer Temperature: 110s

Average Winter Temperature: high 70s

Average Rainfall: 2 inches

Hollister Hills SVRA

(ohv.parks.ca.gov/hollisterhills)

Hollister Hills, located in San Benito County, became the first SVRA in 1975. The SVRA offers various tracks and trails for motorcycle, ATV, 4x4, and ROV recreationists. Additional facilities include camp sites, restrooms, and showers. Non-motorized activities include fishing, mountain biking, equestrian riding, and hiking. Concessions offer motorcycle parts, accessories, minor repair, and prepackaged food.



ADDITIONAL PARK INFORMATION

Total Acreage: 6,623 acres

OHV Recreation Acreage: 4,300 acres

Hours of Operation: 24 hours per day, 7 days a week

Camping: Yes

Typical Weather:

Average Summer Temperature: high 80s to low 90s

Average Winter Temperature: mid 60s to low 70s

Average Rainfall: 12 inches

Hungry Valley SVRA

(ohv.parks.ca.gov/hungryvalley)

Located in Kern, Los Angeles, and Ventura Counties, Hungry Valley SVRA offers over 130 miles of scenic trails for motorcycle, ATV, 4x4, and ROV recreation. It became an SVRA in 1980.



Additional facilities include campsites with picnic tables, shade ramadas, fire rings, and restrooms; various trails and tracks for OHV recreation; Oak Woodland Natural Preserve; and Native Grasslands Management Area.

ADDITIONAL PARK INFORMATION

Total Acreage: 19,000 acres

OHV Recreation Acreage: 17,000 acres

Hours of Operation: 24 hours per day, 7 days a week

Camping: Yes

Typical Weather:

Average Summer Temperature: 90s to 100s

Average Winter Temperature: 40s to 70s

Average Rainfall: 7 inches

Oceano Dunes SVRA

(ohv.parks.ca.gov/oceanodunes)

Oceano Dunes SVRA, located on California's central coast in San Luis Obispo County, offers OHV recreation opportunities for ATVs, motorcycles, 4x4s, and ROVs. Various non-motorized recreation opportunities are also available. The park became an SVRA in 1982.



Concessions include ATV, dune buggy, and RV camper rentals; sewage pump-off; fresh water recharge; beach towing service; and an ATV safety training area. Chemical and vault toilets are also available to the public.

ADDITIONAL PARK INFORMATION

Total Acreage: 3,600 acres

OHV Recreation Acreage: 1,500 (seasonally reduced to 1,200 acres during the western snowy plover and California least tern nesting season (March 1 through September 30))

Hours of Operation: Day Use – 6 am to 11 pm

Primitive camping – 24 hours per day, 7 days a week

Typical Weather:

Average Summer Temperature: mid 60s to low 70s

Average Winter Temperature: mid 50s to low 60s

Average Rainfall: 10 inches

Ocotillo Wells SVRA

(ohv.parks.ca.gov/ocotillowells)

Ocotillo Wells, located in San Diego and Imperial Counties, is the largest SVRA with 85,000 acres. It became an SVRA in 1981.



The SVRA offers a wide range of OHV recreation opportunities.

Shade ramadas, picnic tables, and fire rings are provided at most campsites. Additional facilities include restrooms and showers; youth training track; ATV safety training track; Discovery Center; and amphitheater.

ADDITIONAL PARK INFORMATION

Total Acreage: 85,000 acres

OHV Recreation Acreage: 84,840 acres

Hours of Operation: 24 hours per day, 7 days a week

Camping: Yes

Typical Weather:

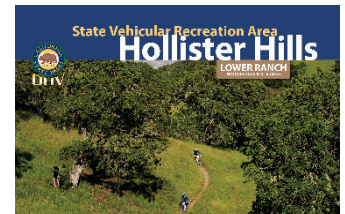
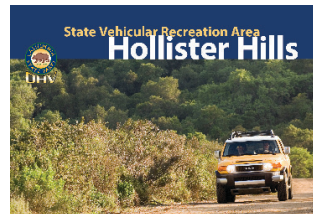
Average Summer Temperature: 110s

Average Winter Temperature: mid 70s

Average Rainfall: 2 inches

SVRA Maps

Maps identifying trails and other recreation opportunities are available for most SVRAs. The maps also provide information about each park's facilities, history, and resources, as well as current laws and regulations relating to OHV recreation. In addition, the Hollister Hills Upper and Lower Ranch maps have been translated to Spanish. ❖



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