

OHV Recreation Opportunities

Shasta-Trinity National Forest



There are many opportunities on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest (NF) for OHV Riding. Two of the more popular areas include routes located on the Shasta Lake Ranger District and on the Hayfork Ranger District. Please visit our website to download the area maps or any forest service office to pick up copies.

Shasta Lake Ranger District

The Bagley Area OHV Routes include a series of recommended loops that are appropriate for a variety of skill levels and OHV types. While the loops are most suited for ATV and UTV recreation, motorcycle riders can still find some challenging sections of trail. McCloud Bridge, Deadlun and Chirpchatter campgrounds are OHV friendly and are great bases for your adventures.

Hayfork Ranger District

OHV Routes in this area include a series of recommended loops that are appropriate for all skill levels, although more advanced riders may find more technical stretches in this area. Opportunities exist for ATV, UTV, and motorcycle riders throughout this area. Basin Gulch and Beegum campgrounds are OHV friendly and are pleasant bases for your explorations.

As you enjoy recreating on the forest, please keep the following tips and regulations in mind.

Trail Riding and Safety Tips - PLAN SMART

- Purchase and use all required and available safety gear.
- Let others know where you are going and when you plan on being back.
- Always plan ahead. Get all required maps. Bring overnight emergency supplies for longer rides.
- Never ride alone.
- Stay on marked and designated roads and trails.
- Maintain your vehicle and equipment in safe and optimal operating condition.
- Act responsibly and have respect for other recreation users and natural and cultural resources.
- Ride cautiously. Trail conditions are constantly changing. Be ready for anything.
- Take all precautions to have a safe and enjoyable trail ride. A good day riding is one with no damages or injuries.

Leaving a Good Impression

- Be conscious of any impacts you are making on the land. Avoid excessive and unneeded wheel spins. Have as little an impact as possible.
- If you pack it in, please pack it out. Help maintain this area by keeping it clean.
- Ride single file at safe speeds on the right side of roadways. All roads and trails are two way, so anticipate oncoming traffic. Respect other road and trail users. Ride right!
- Avoid high speeds and high rpms near camping and picnic areas.
- Stay on designated trails and roads. Cutting switchbacks, creating hill climbs, and riding cross-country cause serious erosion problems. Repairs cost tax dollars and citations cost you dollars.
- Animals have their place in the forest too. Avoid unnecessarily disturbing wildlife. Cut your throttle when you encounter them while allowing them to cross your path.
- Noise issues are the biggest complaint against OHVs by nearby residents and other recreation users. Keep your riding areas open by keeping your machine as quiet as possible. Use and maintain quiet, forest friendly muffler systems. Repack and service mufflers according to the manufacturer's suggestions.

Regulations

- All OHVs must be currently registered and display registration stickers in appropriate location per DMV instructions. Out-of-state vehicles must be legally registered in their home state or display a non-residence sticker.
- All OHVs must be equipped with a properly installed USDA Forest Service approved spark arrestor.
- A working headlight and taillight are required for night riding.



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Regulations (continued)

- All OHVs must remain on existing roads and trails; riding cross-country and creating hill climbs and new trails is not allowed. Riding your ATV or motorcycle in such a manner that may cause environmental damage is not allowed.
- Riding OHVs on county or state roads such as the paved portion of the western end of Fenders Ferry Road, any portion of Gilman Road, or on Highway 36 is not allowed unless the road is signed otherwise.
- It is illegal to operate an OHV while under the influence of drugs or alcohol or while in possession of an open container of alcohol.
- It is illegal to operate an OHV while carrying a loaded firearm.
- All ATVs and motorcycles must meet current California state sound requirements.
- If you would like to have your ATV or motorcycle tested for sound compliance, please call the Shasta-Trinity National Forest Headquarters at (530) 226-2500 and set up an appointment with the OHV coordinator.
- It is your responsibility to know and abide by all rules and regulations.

ATV Specific Regulations

- ATV riders must wear a Department of Transportation approved helmet at all times.
- Riding double is not allowed on ATVs, with the exception of ATVs which are specifically made to carry one driver and one passenger.
- ATV riders under 18 must possess a safety certificate or be supervised by an adult with the certificate.
- ATV riders under 14 must be under direct supervision of an adult with a safety certificate.

Additional Information

For additional information on OHV recreation in the greater northern California area, please feel free to contact these local clubs and agency partners.

Redding Dirt Riders
- reddingdirtriders.com

Shasta Rock Rollers
- shastarockrollers.org

The Watershed Center
- thewatershedcenter.com



Shasta-Trinity National Forest Offices

These offices can provide you with information about the recommended OHV route opportunities.

Supervisor's Office
3644 Avtech Parkway
Redding, CA 96002
530-226-2500

Shasta Lake Ranger Station
14225 Holiday Rd
Redding, CA 96003
530-275-1587

Weaverville Ranger Station
210 Main St
Weaverville, CA 96093
530-623-2121

Hayfork Ranger Station
111 Trinity Ave
Hayfork, CA 96041
530-628-5227



The Forest Service in cooperation with the State of California Off-Highway Vehicle Fund, (Green Sticker), has developed roads, trails, and facilities for further enjoyment of the OHV user. Remember, these are your facilities and OHV funds are being used to develop and maintain them.