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Off Highway Vehicle Routes Bass Lake Ranger District

Welcome to the Bass Lake Ranger District. Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation is just one of the many activities offered on National forest lands. In return for the privilege of operating your OHV on public lands, you assume considerable responsibilities. By handling your vehicle properly and using common sense, you can help make sure the forest remains beautiful and pleasant to visit in the future.

Become familiar with OHV laws, restrictions and closures. Respect private property, wildlife and other forest visitors. Always operate your vehicle in a safe and responsible manner and enjoy your visit to the Sierra National Forest.

Listed are OHV routes on the Bass Lake Ranger District. Most routes are short but challenging, although the forest landscapes and spectacular vistas make the effort worthwhile.

For maps of these and other riding opportunities, please refer to the Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM); available at all F.S. Offices.

Please be careful and drive safely. Call ahead to check on status of routes.

HITE COVE ROUTE

Hite Cove route is about five miles of narrow, winding, one lane dirt road with few turnouts. This route is recommended for short wheel based vehicles.

Located on Forest Road 3S02, about ten miles north of Jerseydale Fire Station, the route ends at the South Fork of the Merced River wild and Scenic Area. The area has a rich historic background. Elevation ranges from 3900' at the beginning to 1700' at the river.

IRON LAKE ROUTE

The Iron Lake route is about one and a half miles of one lane dirt road. Elevations range from 7800 to 8400 feet. The route ends about one half mile from the shore of Iron Lakes, about a ten-minute walk. The route is located about 19 miles from Highway 41 via the Sky Ranch Road (FR 6S10), or 16 miles from Highway 41 via Jackson Road (FR 6S07) in Fish Camp. Follow 5S92 to 5S92A.

STAR LAKE ROUTE

The Star Lake route is recommended for short-wheel based vehicles. The route is about two and a quarter miles of steep road, winding its way through tees and rocks. At the end of the route, it is about a ten-minute walk to the lake and provides a view of Yosemite National Park backcountry. Along State Highway 41, just north of Fish Camp, take Forest Road 5S06 to Forest Road 5S48, then to 5S26. Elevations range from 7200' at the beginning of the route to 8400' at the end.

RED TOP ROUTE

The Red Top route is about one and a half miles of road winding through trees and rocks, ending near the boundary of the Ansel Adams Wilderness.



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From the Beasore Road (FR 7S07) take Forest Road 5S04 at Globe Rock, to road 5S70. Turn right and travel to Forest Road 5S70A. The route provides views of the south side of Yosemite National Park. Elevations range from 7000' to 8000'.

GREEN MOUNTAIN AND CATTLE MOUNTAIN

The Green Mountain route is about one mile long and Cattle Mountain route about two miles. Travel from the Clover Meadow Wilderness Information Station on Forest Road 5S30 to the Mammoth Trailhead. The Green Mountain route is to the left (north) and the Cattle Mountain route is to the right (south). Both offer spectacular view of the Sierra Nevada Crest. Elevations are in the 7500' range.

SHUTEYE PEAK ROUTE

The Shuteye Peak route is about two miles of rock hopping to each Shuteye Fire Lookout. Travel from the Beasore Road (FS 7S07) to Forest Road 6S42. Turn right to Forest Road 6S59 where it will end at the lookout. This route provides breathtaking view of the Central Valley, the Sierra Nevada Crest and unique display of granite rock formations. Elevations range from 6500' to about 8000'.

REMEMBER

- 1) **T**Travel with minimum impact;
- 2) **R**espect the environment and the rights of others;
- 3) **E**ducate yourself, plan and prepare before you go;
- 4) **A**llow for future use of the outdoors, leave it better than you found it; and
- 5) **D**iscover the rewards of responsible recreation!

Drive only on established OHV routes. Protect sensitive plants and soil. **Vehicles are NOT permitted in designated wilderness areas.**

California Vehicle Code, Red Sticker and Green Sticker laws apply on **all** National forest roads and routes.

Please **Tread Lightly** on the land and pack home all garbage and trash that you pack in. The routes and campsites will remain attractive with your help.

Bring along extra fuel and spare parts. Leave your itinerary and expected return with a responsible person.

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