

# SAGEHEN AREA TRAIL SYSTEMS



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## ATVers...

Because summer cross-country motorized travel is not allowed in this area, designated routes have been established to provide ATV opportunities. To protect the environment and your future access, please. . .

**STAY ON THE TRAIL!**



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Emmett Ranger District



Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation  
Recreational Trails Program

## *A Few Safety Tips...*

- ✓ On motorcycles and ATVs, always wear a helmet, boots, and gloves.



- ✓ A few streams run year 'round along the trails and roads. Bring plenty of water with you. If you need more, bring a filter pump to purify the potentially disease-carrying water.



*For more information about the Sagehen area or to express comments about this brochure, contact the Emmett Ranger District at (208) 365-7000 or e-mail: [r4\\_boise\\_info@fs.fed.us](mailto:r4_boise_info@fs.fed.us)*

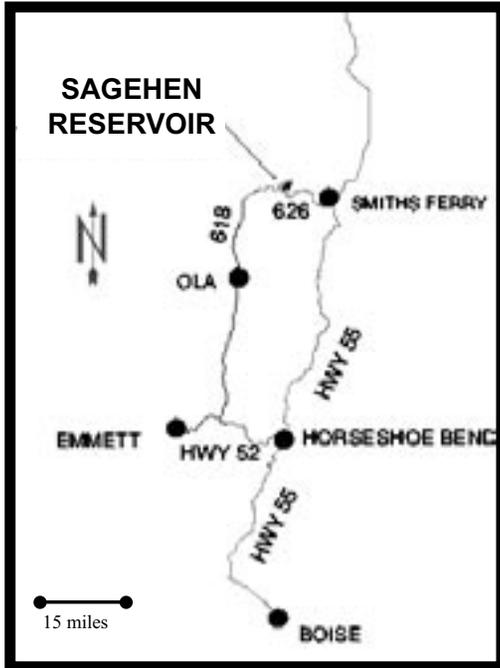
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## Sagehen Reservoir

Approximately 1½ hours north of Boise, past the towns of Ola and Sweet, lies the popular camping and fishing destination of Sagehen Reservoir. It is

bordered by mountains that are covered in ponderosa pine. Popular activities include boating, camping, mushroom picking, berry gathering, hunting, and fishing. The water is fairly deep due to steep banks so fishing is usually best in the creek channels and flat shelf areas near shore.



The ice melts in early May; however fishing season does not begin until June 15. Leach and nymph patterns are good most of the time with ants, beetles, and midges on the surface. There are two developed boat launches on the reservoir.

**GETTING THERE** – From Horsehoe Bend, take Highway 52 nine miles west to the junction with the Sweet/Ola Highway. Turn north and travel 16 miles to Ola on Forest Road 618 and 626. Follow the signs for 18 miles to Sagehen Reservoir. An alternate route from Horsehoe Bend is to go north on Highway 55 to Smith’s Ferry. Turn left (west) on Forest Road 626 and follow the signs.

The roads are paved around the reservoir and in the four campgrounds; however, the roads from Ola and Smith’s Ferry are not. Forest Road 626 is steep and curvy. Please drive slowly and stay to the right. Assume there’s a vehicle around every corner.

## Sagehen Area Campgrounds

(Map on Page 10)

CAMPGROUND	NUMBER OF UNITS
Hollywood	6
Eastside*	6
Sagehen Creek	15
Sagehen Overflow	5
Antelope	28

\* Eastside Campground can be reserved as a group site.

A fee is required for overnight camping. Services include drinking water and restrooms. The host stationed at Antelope Campground has firewood for sale.

The elevation of the campgrounds is about 4,800 feet above sea level. Summer temperatures are usually from 80° to 90° with cool nights. The area is wooded mountain terrain with small streams.

For reservations, contact the National Recreation Reservation Service at 1-888-444-6777 or on the Web at [www.ReserveUSA.com](http://www.ReserveUSA.com)

## Undeveloped Camping

There are some undeveloped campsites along roads 609 and 626. Please choose previously-used sites and park only where vehicles have been before. Pack out your garbage and drown campfires before leaving.





**ALL of these trails are closed to ATVs**

TRAIL NO.	TRAIL NAME	MILES	RESTRICTIONS
056	Sagehen Reservoir	4	Closed to motorcycles and ATVs
131	West Mountain	14	Closed to motorcycles north of the junction with Joe's Creek Trail (137)
133	Wilson Creek	2.5	Closed to motorcycles and ATVs
134	Poison Creek	5	Closed to motorcycles and ATVs
135	Wilson Corrals	7	Closed to motorcycles and ATVs
136	Gabe's Peak	6	Closed to motorcycles and ATVs
137	Joe's Creek	2	Closed to ATVs
138	Renwyck Creek	5	Closed to motorcycles and ATVs
140	Tripod Lookout	2	Closed to motorcycles and ATVs
141	Antelope	5	Closed to motorcycles and ATVs
526	Sagehen Nature	0.5	Closed to motorcycles and ATVs

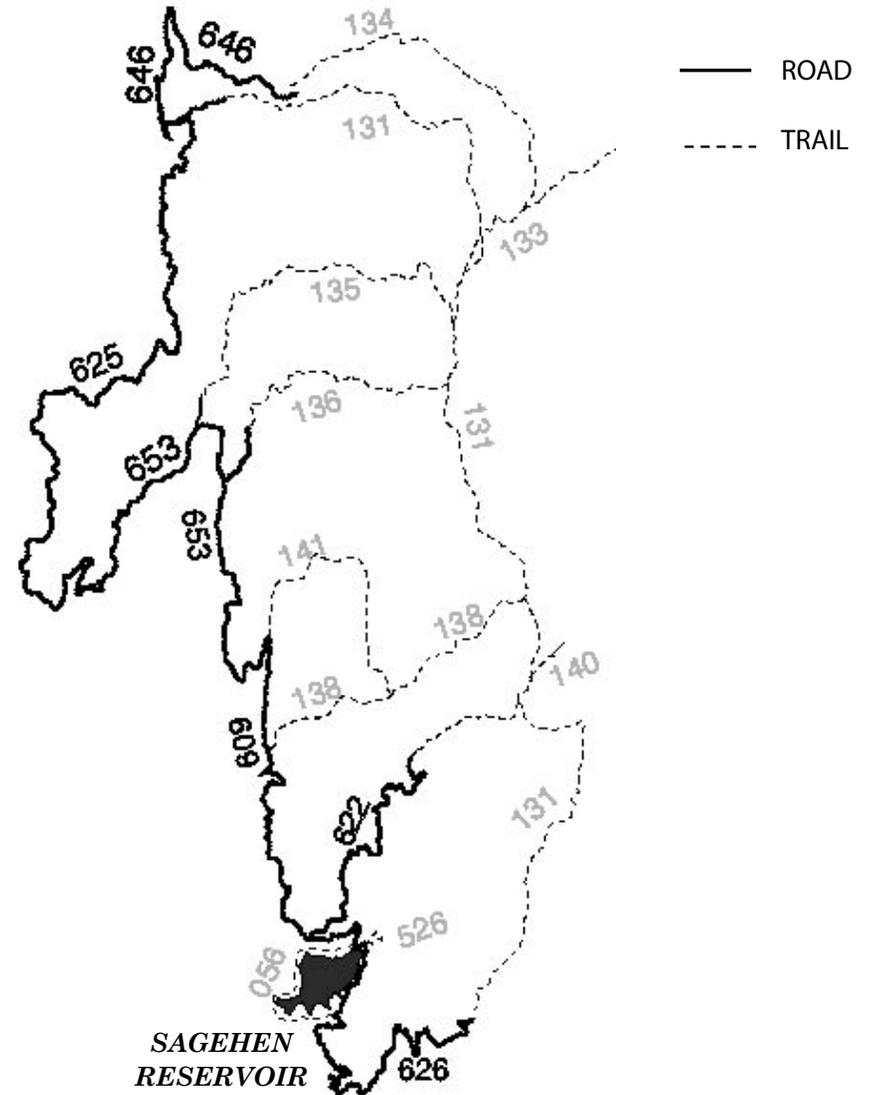


The West Mountain Trail (131) is open to motorcycles from the trailhead on Road 626 to the junction with Joe's Creek Trail (137). The rest of the West Mountain Trail is closed to all motorized vehicles.



Joe's Creek Trail (137) and a portion of the West Mountain Trail (131) are open to motorcycles. All other trails on this map are for non-motorized uses only (hiking and riding of mountain bikes and horses).

*Sagehen Area Single Track Trails*



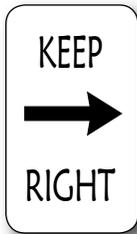
## Multiple Use Trails



The KYAOTT and Sagehen ATV Trail Systems were designed for ATVs, but they are a great opportunity for hikers and riders of motorcycles, mountain bikes, and horses. The total length is about 36 miles.



## Safety Considerations



**OPEN ROADS** – Several roads are needed to connect trail segments. These roads are open to all motor vehicles. Be **EXTREMELY** careful when riding on roads.

**CORNERS** – There are numerous blind, narrow curves. Stay to the right. Assume an oncoming vehicle is around every corner, especially on roads!

**CATTLE** – This area is used for livestock grazing. If cattle are on the road, slow down until they wander off.

## Restrictions

**TRAVEL ON ROADS** – ATV and motorcycle riders must have a current State driver's license and an OHV registration sticker when riding on a road open to all vehicles (For example, roads 622 and 609). All State laws pertaining to motor vehicle operation must be followed.

**CLOSED AREAS** – Off-road and off-trail motor vehicle travel is prohibited in this area. Avoid the temptation to follow illegally pioneered trails. **STAY ON THE TRAIL.**

**REGISTRATION** – All OHVs are required to be registered with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR). You can register at most motorcycle and ATV dealers, the IDPR headquarters in Boise, and some county assessor's offices. A valid sticker must be displayed on each vehicle.

## Trail Ethics



**SINGLE TRACK** – Please do not operate ATVs on single-track trails. ATV use damages the trail tread and the erosion control structures.

**HORSES** – When you meet horses or other stock, stop on the outside edge of the trail, turn off your engine, remove your helmet and eye protection, and speak in a quiet, calm voice. Stock animals will spook if they cannot see your eyes.

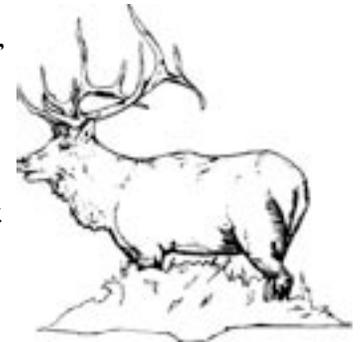
**PACK IT OUT** – Take out all your garbage with you and pick up the litter left behind by those less considerate, to make it a pleasant experience for everyone.



## Attractions

**WILDLIFE** – You may see elk, deer, moose, osprey, and grouse along the trail. Bring binoculars so you can watch animals from a distance without disturbing them.

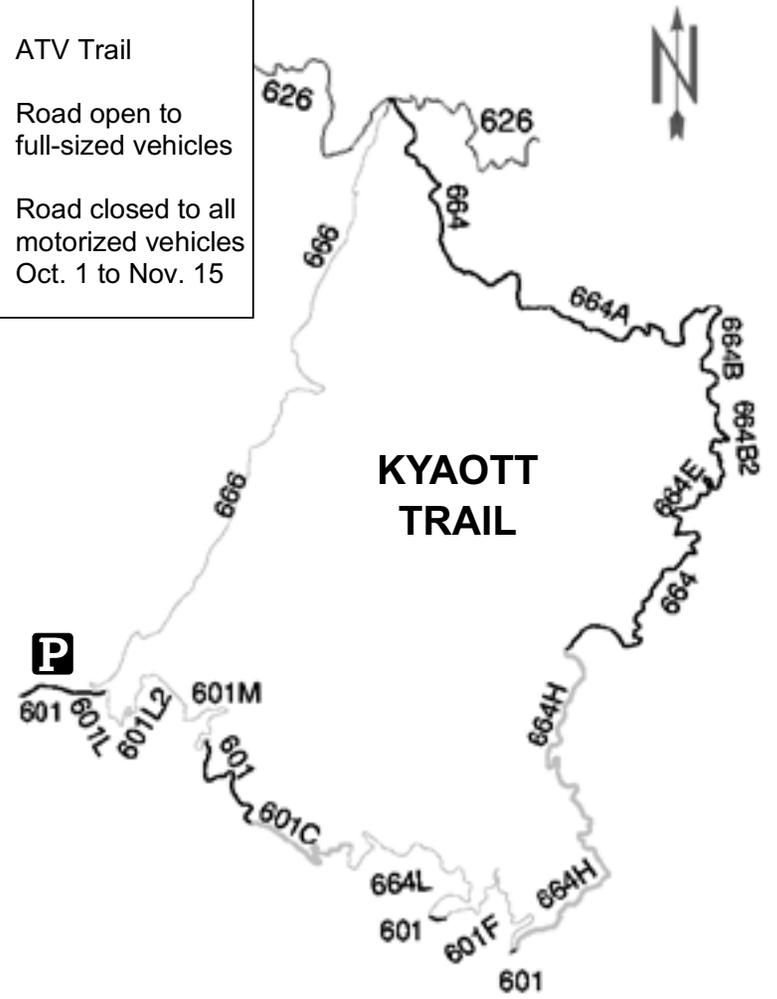
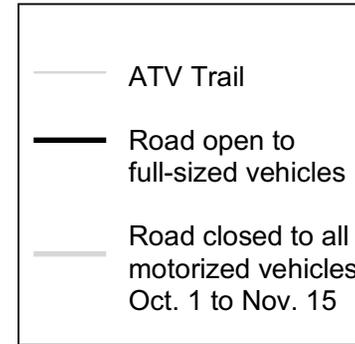
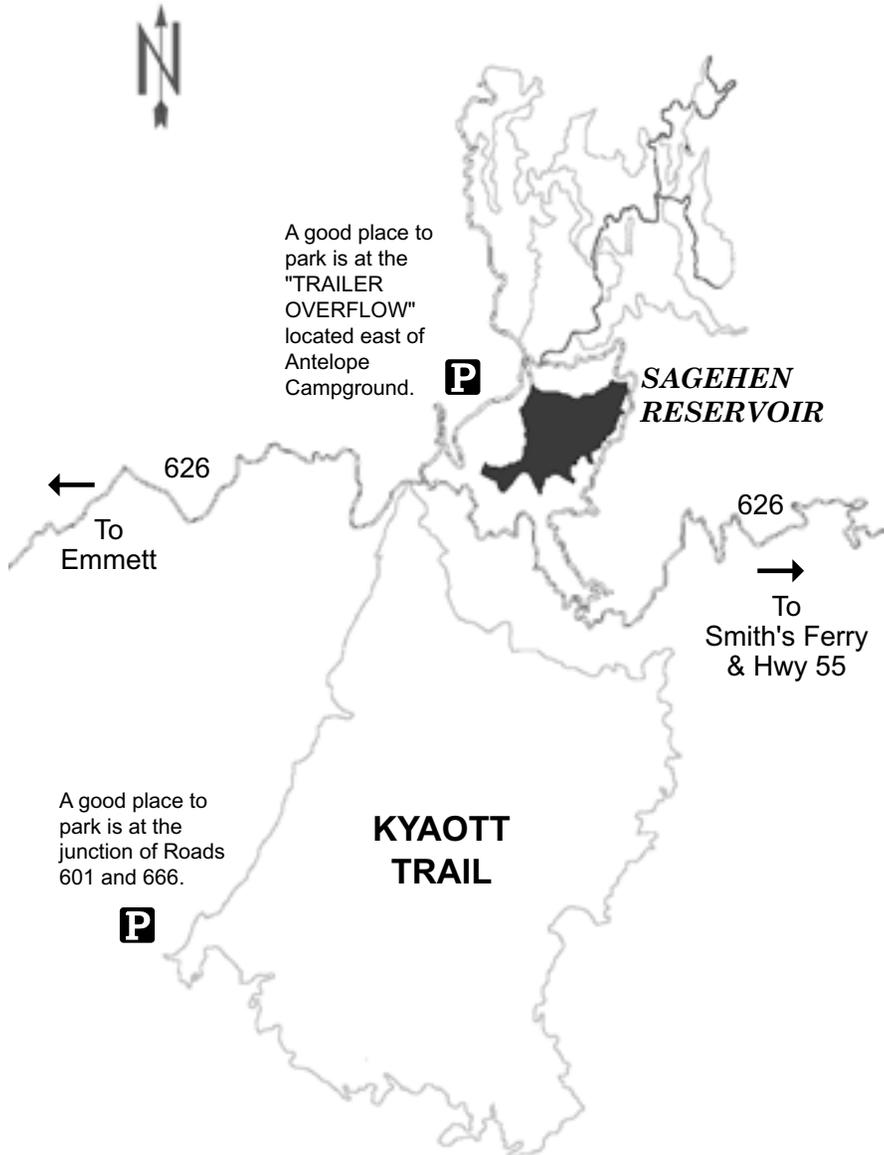
**SCENERY** – You will see wildflowers, rock formations, and scenic views of Sagehen Reservoir and the nearby mountain ridges.



## Other Roads

Some ATV riders enjoy riding on roads. Refer to the Emmett Ranger District Travel Management Map or to the Sagehen Reservoir USGS topographic map for roads in the area. Some suggested road numbers are 609D, 653B, and 653D.

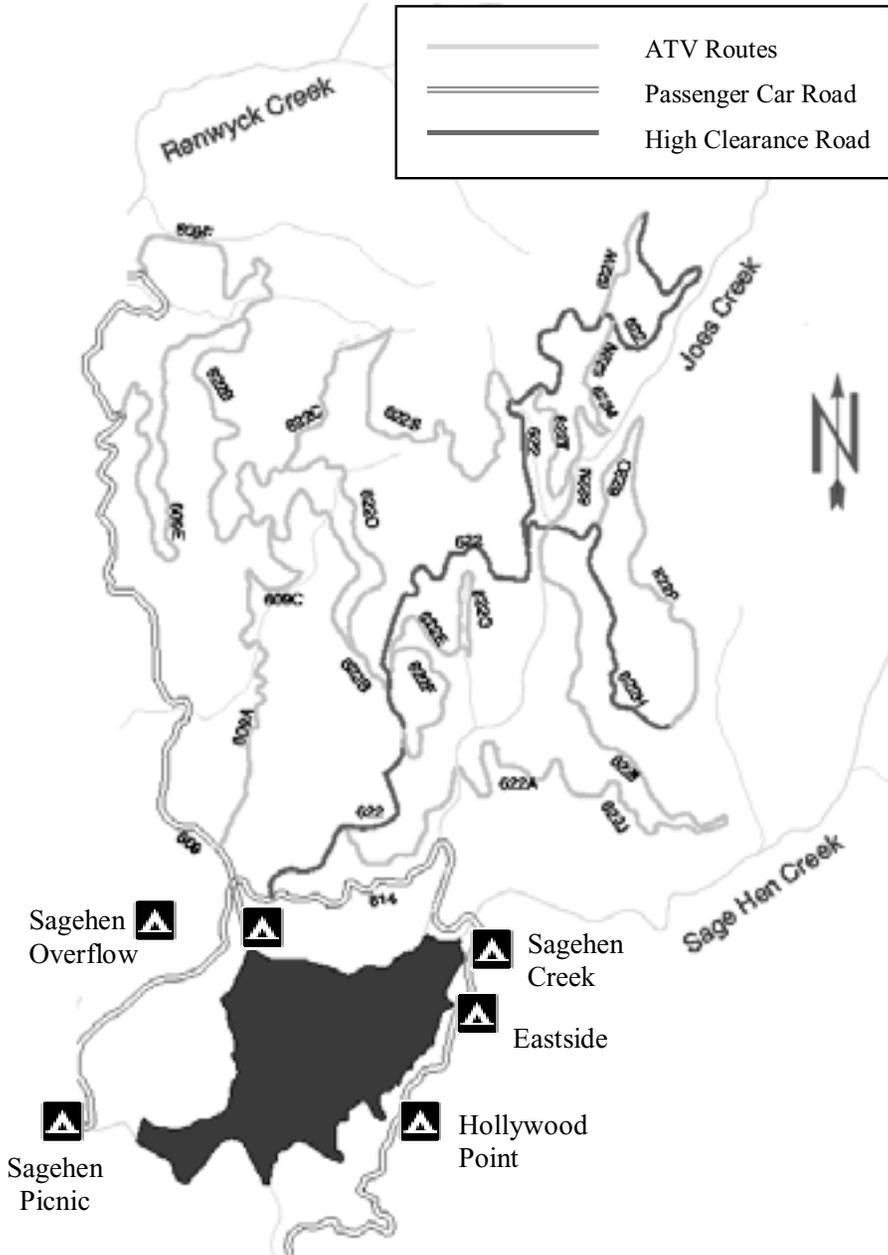
# Sagehen ATV Trails



The KYAOTT Trail consists partly of old logging roads that are closed to full-sized vehicles, but are open to ATVs and motorcycles. Other roads in the ATV route are open to all motor vehicles, except on the segments with a seasonal closure of October 1 through November 15 (Roads 601C, 664L, 601F, and 664H). All State laws pertaining to motor vehicles must be followed on these roads. The total length of the loop is about 16 miles. **KYAOTT** means "Keep Your ATV On The Trail." Please follow the signs and...

**STAY ON THE TRAIL!**

# Sagehen ATV Trail System





These signs are posted where motorized travel is prohibited. The red slash indicates that ATVs are not allowed behind the sign.



These signs identify the ATV routes in the KYAOTT and Sagehen ATV Trail Systems.





**The Sagehen ATV Trail System** consists mostly of old logging roads that are closed to full-sized motor vehicles, but open to ATVs and motorcycles. The total length is about 20 miles. All State laws pertaining to motor vehicles must be followed on Roads 622, 614, and 609.

This trail system was designed for ATVs, but it is a great opportunity for mountain bike and horseback riding. It has a wide tread so it is easy in that respect, but there is an elevation gain of about 1,200 feet. If you start on 609E, you can *almost* ride the whole system without crossing over the same trail.

