



OHV/Mountain Bike Rules & Regulations: Kern River Ranger District Sequoia National Forest



Mountain Bikes:

Off road bicycles may be ridden on any road, jeep trail, OHV trail, or hiking trail outside of a designated Wilderness Area. Mountain bikes are prohibited on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) and within designated Wilderness Areas. Permits are, not needed to ride mountain bikes on public lands.

ATV's:

ATV'S (quads, three wheelers and all terrain vehicles) are allowed on **4WD trails** or designated routes on the Kern River Ranger District within the Sequoia National Forest. These 4WD trails are:

- Kern Plateau - Sherman Pass Jeep Trail (33E48) and Monache Jeep Trail (34E38)
- Scodie Mountains - McIvers Jeep Trail (27S11)
- BLM - on BLM land surrounding the Sequoia National Forest, ATV's may be ridden on designated routes only.

All non-licensed ATV's must have a valid California green/red sticker registration.

HELMET USAGE:

All persons, regardless of age who operate or ride all-terrain vehicles on public lands must wear an approved safety helmet. 36CFR 261.15i

CITATION FEE \$100.00

Parental Supervision:

Any person under the age of 14 must be under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian. 36CFR 261.15i **CITATION FEE \$150.00.**

Carrying of Passengers:

No operator of an all-terrain vehicle, shall carry a passenger while operating on public lands unless the ATV is equipped to carry a passenger. 36CFR 261.15i

CITATION FEE \$150.00

Motorcycles:

Street legal bikes - Street licensed bikes may ride on any forest road or designated OHV trail. A street legal vehicle is defined as having the following items:

- A valid license plate.
- Rear view mirrors on the handlebars.
- DOT approved tires- "DOT approved" will be stamped on the tire.
- Turn signals.
- Head and taillights.
- Brake light.

A motorcycle with a license plate but none of the other items is **NOT** street legal.

Approved DOT helmets are required for driver and passenger of street legal bikes.

No green stickers required for street legal bikes.

Green/Red Sticker and Spark Arrestor Regulations:

Green stickers/Red sticker

36 CFR 261.15

CITATION FEE \$150.00.

A valid California green sticker/red sticker registration is required on all non-street legal vehicles to operate, transport or park on public lands.

Green/Red Sticker Placement:

Required placement of the license plate:

Motorcycles: On the left fork leg, either horizontal or vertical, visible from the left.

ATV's: On the left rear quadrant on permanent plastic or metal frame members visible to outside inspection. No covering shall be used on the identification plate or device (green/red sticker).

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Red Sticker Information:

If your OHV was manufactured Jan. 1, 1998 or later and if it has the letter C or the number 3 in the 8th digit of the Vin number on your OHV, you are required to display a **RED STICKER**.

If you are NOT a resident of California and your off-highway vehicle or snowmobile is not registered in your home state you will need a non-resident OHV permit to operate your vehicle in the state of California.

Test vehicle (magazine or factory tests) must have a valid green/red sticker.

Transportation permits do not qualify as vehicle registrations. A vehicle with a transportation permit **may not** ride on public lands.

Riders of new vehicles that have not received their green/red sticker from DMV must have their registration papers in possession when they are riding.

Spark Arrestors:

36 CFR 261.52j \$250.00-During Fire Restrictions
36 CFR 261.15i \$150.00- All Other Times

All OHV's (street legal or non-street legal) must have a U.S.F.S. approved spark arrestor to ride on public land. Illegal exhaust systems are usually stamped "for competition use only", or have no marking on them while legal systems will be stamped "U.S. FOREST SERVICE APPROVED", or with 1/8" lettering with the make and model number and have a clean out for the spark arrestor. Modified or homemade spark arrestors are **NOT** acceptable.

Thank you for your help in making forest visits enjoyable and safe! Plan ahead by obtaining a National Forest map at one of the following offices:

Kern River Ranger District
11380 Kernville Rd.
Kernville, CA 93238
[760-376-3781](tel:760-376-3781)

Forest Supervisor's Office
1839 S. Newcomb Street
Porterville, CA 93257
[559-784-1500](tel:559-784-1500)



California Vehicle Code:

Off-Highway motor vehicle noise limits (36 CFR 261.15D).
In violation of any noise emission standards established by any Federal or State agency (CVC 23180) **\$150.00**.

If your off-highway vehicle was manufactured before January 1, 1986 –Noise limit is 101 dbA----On or after January 1, 1986—96 dbA. If your competition* off-highway vehicle was manufactured before January 1, 1998—Noise limit is 101 dbA---On or after January 1, 1998—96 dbA.

*Competition off-highway vehicles are those that are not manufactured to comply with EPA noise or California emission standards. For information on the designation of your OHV, refer to your owner's manual or contact your local dealership.

Testing is done using procedures established by the Society of Automotive Engineers under Standard J-1287. For more Information visit Calif. State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division's website at www.ohv.parks.ca.gov

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AND
"U.S. FOREST SERVICE APPROVED"
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RIDDEN ON PUBLIC LANDS IN THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Practice a Leave No Trace! Ethic.
When you leave your campsite,
Take all garbage, large and small.
PACK IT IN!
PACK IT OUT!