

# TONTO National Forest



Recreation  
Opportunity  
Guide

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OFF HIGHWAY TOURING

## ROLLS OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AREA

### RANGER DISTRICT

Mesa Ranger District  
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### RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Picnicking, camping, and hunting

### SEASON OF USE

All Year

### FEES

None

### USGS MAPS

Adams Mesa, Mine Mtn, Stewart Mtn,  
Mormon Flat Dam

### OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AREA

#### ACCESS

**Access #1- Forest Road (FR) 143 off Hwy 87:** From Mesa or Scottsdale travel east on Hwy 87 9 miles past the Ft. McDowell Indian Res. and turn right on to Forest Road 143.

From east Mesa or Apache Jct. Take Power Rd. or Ellsworth Rd. north to Bush Hwy. and then northeast to Hwy 87. A parking area and restrooms are available about a mile down Forest Road 143.

**Access #2- Stewart Mtn Group Site also known as Pobrecito:** This entrance is a mile north of the Saguaro Lake turn off on Bush Hwy. From Mesa travel east on US 60 and take the Ellsworth exit. Follow Ellsworth

approximately 10 miles to the Bush Hwy. Continue east on Bush Hwy approximately 7 miles and turn right at the Pobrecito boat staging area.

### **Access # 3 & 4- Butcher Jones Rec. Site:**

From Mesa travel east on US 60 and take the Ellsworth exit. Follow Ellsworth approximately 10 miles to the Bush Hwy. Continue east on Bush Hwy approximately 6 ½ miles and turn right on the Butcher Jones turn off. There are 2 different entrances along the road. One is a mile in marked by a cattle guard and the other is at the back of the Butcher Jones Recreation Site at the green gate.

**Note:** There is no parking of OHV trailers or riding in the recreation sites.

### ATTRACTIONS

- The routes pass through Sonoran Desert landscape and contain a section of the Great Western Trail.

### CONSIDERATIONS

- Operate vehicles only on roads designated as open by brown fiberglass vertical markers. All roads are closed unless posted open.
- Roads are primitive. 4x4 required in some areas.
- Practice "Leave No Trace" ethics: **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**
- Carry an adequate supply of water.
- Please help us care for the fragile environment by ensuring that all fires are "dead out."