

TONTO National Forest



Recreation
Opportunity
Guide

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OFF HIGHWAY TOURING

BULLDOG CANYON OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AREA

RANGER DISTRICT

Mesa Ranger Station
5140 E. Ingram Street
Mesa, AZ 85205
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RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Picnicking, camping, and hunting

SEASON OF USE

All year

FEES

Obtain a free six month permit, for 5 people, from the district ranger office prior to entry into Bulldog Canyon. It is locked, and you need a permit for the lock combination.

USGS MAPS

Apache Junction-Stewart Mountain

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ACCESS

Access #1- Forest Road (FR) 10, north entrance: This access point is reached through the Lower Salt River Recreation Area. From Mesa: Travel east for 7 miles on the Superstition Freeway (US 60) to Power Road/ Bush Hwy/Forest Road (FR) 204 and turn north. Follow Bush Hwy. for approximately 13 miles to the FR 10 junction with FR 204 west of the bridge at Blue Point Recreation Site.

Access #2- Forest Road (FR) 3554, west

entrance: This entrance is $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north of Usery Pass Country Park. From Mesa, travel east 10 miles on the Superstition Freeway (US 60) to the Ellsworth exit. Follow Ellsworth approximately 8 miles to Forest Road (FR) 3554 and turn right.

Access #3- Forest Road (FR) 10, south

entrance: This access point is reached from Apache Junction. From Mesa: Travel 15 miles east on the Superstition Freeway (US 60) to the Idaho Street exit. Follow Idaho Street north $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles to McKellips. Turn right on McKellips and travel $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the Wolverine Pass Road and turn left. Follow it for $\frac{7}{8}$ mile and turn right on Tonto Road. Travel north on Tonto Road for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to Cactus and turn left. Follow Cactus to McDowell Road and follow it to FR 10 gate.

ATTRACTIONS

Road passes through the Goldfield Mountains and parts of the Sonoran Desert.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Operate vehicles only on roads designated as open by brown fiberglass vertical markers. All roads and routes other than FR 10 and FR 12, 1356, 3512, 3556, and 3554 are closed to motorized travel.
- The area south of Bush Highway (approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile) in the Lower Salt River Recreation Area is closed to camping and target shooting. Glass containers are prohibited.
- Road conditions are **primitive** in some areas, and require 4-wheel-drive.
- Road length: FR 10 is 7 miles long.
- FR 3554 is 4 miles long.
- Practice "Leave No Trace" ethics: **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**
- Carry an adequate supply of drinking water.
- Please help us care for this fragile environment by ensuring that all fires are "dead out."