

TONTO National Forest



Recreation
Opportunity
Guide

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OFF HIGHWAY TOURING

BULLDOG CANYON OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AREA

RANGER DISTRICT

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RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Dispersed camping, hunting, hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking

SEASON OF USE

All year

FEES

Each motor vehicle operator needs to obtain a six month permit from Recreation.gov prior to entry into Bulldog Canyon. Each access gate is locked, and you need a permit for the lock combination.

USGS MAPS

Apache Junction-Stewart Mountain

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ACCESS

Blue Point, access point 1, can be reached through the Lower Salt River recreation area. This gate is located on the south side of Bush Highway, west of the bridge at Blue Point Recreation Site.

Usery, access point 2, is three quarters of a mile north of Usery Mountain Regional Park. The gate is on the east side of the road, tucked behind a blind curve on Usery Pass.

Wolverine, access point 3, can be reached from Apache Junction. Travel north on Idaho Road, east on McKellips Road, north on Wolverine Pass Road, east on Tonto Street, and north on Cactus Road. The road will curve and lead to the access gate.

Hackamore, access point 4, also can be reached from Apache Junction. From State Route 88 (Apache Trail), travel north 1.5 miles on Hackamore Road to the gate.

Dutchman, access point 5, is on the west side of State Route 88, 1.1 miles north of Lost Dutchman State Park.

Willow, access point 6, is beyond access point 5 about 1.8 miles north of Lost Dutchman State Park on the west side of State Route 88.

ATTRACTIONS

Bulldog Canyon offers views of the Goldfield Mountains, Superstition Mountains, and parts of the Sonoran Desert. Many non-motorized trails are also located in the Bulldog Canyon area.

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 ½ 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."