



Forest Service

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Red Spring Singletrack

This network of challenging trails, designed for motorized use, invites riders to explore nearly 25 miles of spectacular, remote, and rugged terrain in the Tumacácori Highlands—just one hour south of Tucson.



Know before you go



LOCATION: From I-19 take Exit 40 and follow Frontage Rd. north for .3 mi. to the Hunters Access road on left. Continue 4 mi. to FR 684 and the staging area.

USE: Dirt bikes, e-mountain bikes, and mountain bikes. Open to hikers and equestrians but not recommended.



MODERATE TO DIFFICULT: Narrow, steep, and rocky. Start with the Red Spring Loop to get familiar with the terrain. See next page.



AMENITIES: Gravel parking lot, information kiosk, pergolas, and picnic tables. No toilets, trash service, or drinking water.



CLEAN EQUIPMENT: Clean all equipment and clothing before using these trails to prevent the spread of invasive plants.



VEHICLE REGISTRATION:

Dirt bikes require an Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle Decal. Visit www.azstateparks.com/ohv-registration for information and to register your vehicle.



SEASONS: Fall through spring. Extreme heat, venomous wildlife, and monsoon storms occur during the summer months.



HOURS: Dawn to dusk. Nighttime use is prohibited to avoid disturbing wildlife.



CAMPING: Dispersed camping is available along FR 684. Follow the [Dispersed Camping Best Practices](#). No camping at trailhead.

About Red Spring



The Red Spring Singletrack trails traverse a rugged, volcanic landscape, colored by cooled and

hardened ash and lava from millions of years of violent eruptions and slow magma flows. Porous rocks along the trails reveal where volcanic gases escaped the cooling lava.

This area is part of the Basin and Range Province, a vast geologic region shaped millions of years ago when the Earth's surface stretched and cracked along fault lines, causing ranges, like the Tumacácori Mountains, to rise, and basins, like the Santa Cruz Valley to the east, to sink. The erosive forces of wind and rain continue to sculpt this terrain today.

The O'odham people have lived in this area since time immemorial. Like their Hohokam

ancestors, they hunted game and gathered plants for food, fiber, and medicine in these mountains and grew crops along the Santa Cruz River. Their lifeways changed drastically with the arrival of Europeans in the late 1600s and the construction of the Tumacácori Mission; however, the O'odham maintain strong connections to this landscape today.

Teamwork and trailbuilding

Between 2013 and 2019, a group of dedicated volunteers worked with Coronado National Forest to develop the first singletrack trail system designed for motorized use on the Forest. The Trail Riders of Southern Arizona (TRS), an official US Forest Service partner organization, supplied around 1,600 volunteer hours, scouting routes, writing grants, and building trail. TRS helps maintain trails in southern Arizona, works to promote responsible riding, engages in land use planning and policy, and hosts events. Visit www.tr saz.org to learn more and get involved.

Trail safety



BE SELF SUFFICIENT

This is a remote area with limited cell service; be prepared with maps, tools, a first aid kit, food, and plenty of water.



WATCH FOR OTHERS

Expect other vehicles on all dirt roads. Stay to the right around blind turns and hills.



SCOUT THE ROUTE

If you're unsure about the terrain or your ability to ride the trail, walk it first.



KNOW HOW TO NAVIGATE

Use a GPS or navigation app on a mobile device to orient yourself and stay on route.

Avenza maps

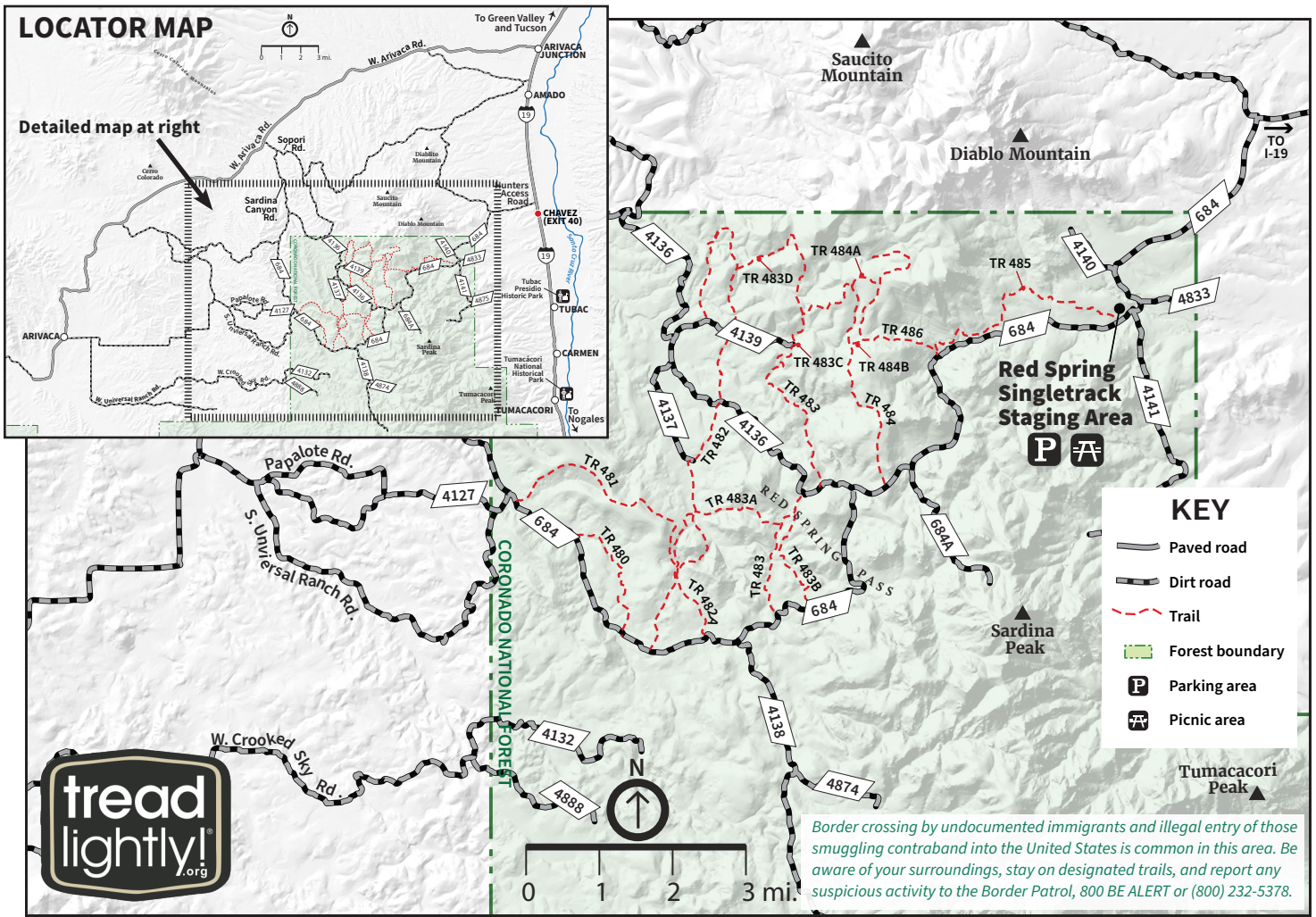


Scan this QR code to access maps of suggested routes, including the Red Spring Loop (17 mi.), the Red Spring E-Bike Loop (17 mi.), and the Red Spring Advanced Loop (30 mi.).

EMERGENCY OR FIRE: DIAL 911

NOGALES RANGER STATION: (520) 281-2296

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Help reduce your impact: Please don't cut switchbacks and always stay on designated routes. Refer to the Nogales Ranger District Motor Vehicle Use Map.

Multiseuse Routes Communicate and be courteous with other users. Riders going uphill have right of way. Dirt bikes yield to hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikes. Mountain bikes yield to hikers and equestrians.

FR 684 Puerto Canyon Rd.		This rugged, dirt road provides access to the trail system. High clearance required to navigate steep, rocky sections and wash crossings. FR 684 connects with FR 4136, which provides access to the center of the trail system.
Red Spring Loop	17 miles	Moderate. This loop offers a good introduction to the trail system and terrain for dirt bikes and e-mountain bikes. All roads and trails are signed. Follow FR 684 west for 3.9 mi. to the junction with FR 4136. Follow FR 4136 northwest for 2.6 mi. to the junction with FR 4139. Take FR 4139 east to the junction with TR 483, which you can follow south for 3.3 mi. to connect back with FR 684.
TR 486 Upper Red Spring	2.1 miles	Difficult. This is a rocky, narrow, two-track road with steep dropoffs. It is open to all types of four-wheel-drive motorized vehicles, however full-size trucks are not recommended due to the narrow sections.
TR 485 Puerto	2.7 miles	Difficult. This is a rocky singletrack trail with some steep climbs and tricky switchbacks. The trail intersects TR 486 and FR 684 enabling extensions and loop options. *Great views and neat rock formations
TR 484 Upper Puerto	2.7 miles	Very difficult. This trail, also known as <i>Maximus rockus</i> , is the most technical trail in the system with endless rock formations to ride over and tricky sidehill sections. Don't go off the edge! TR 484B at mile 1.4 provides a bailout to TR 486. At mile 1.8, TR 484A links to TR 486, or continue on TR 484 to connect with TR 483. *Great views
TR 483 Coyote	4.6 miles	Moderate. Mostly flowing fun trail, however there are technical sections from the junction with FR 4139 to the north. At mile 4, the trail turns south again and gets much easier. The 1-mi. TR 483A connects to TR 482 over tricky climbs and switchbacks.
TR 482 Sardina	5 miles	Moderate. This trail has some short, steep climbs, but overall is one of the easiest trails in the system. TR 482A, a neat, 1.4-mile trail with a few technical spots, is an alternate route at the south end near FR 684.
TR 481 Moyza Plateau	2 miles	Moderately difficult. This trail climbs up to a plateau on a narrow sidehill trail. *Great views
TR 480 Moyza South	1.8 miles	Moderate. This trail parallels FR 684 and passes through some unique rock formations over rolling terrain. A technical section on the west end of the trail can be avoided by using FR 684.