

## St. Clair OHV Permit Zone Rules and Regulations

### Riding Restrictions

- Motorized vehicles must stay on designated trails. All cross-country travel by a motorized vehicle, including OHVs, is prohibited.
- Travel by motorized vehicles which causes damage to native plants, wildlife habitat, riparian areas, cultural or natural resources or property or improvements is prohibited.
- Don't drink and drive! It is unlawful to operate an OHV under the influence of drugs or alcohol or in such a manner that endangers the safety of others.
- All off-road motorized vehicles and riders must meet Arizona State Requirements including:
  - Helmet: A properly fitted and fastened DOT approved helmet is required for those under 18 who operate or ride an OHV. Helmets are strongly recommended for all OHV operators and riders over 18.
  - A United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved spark arrestor
  - A muffler which prevents sound above 96 decibels
  - Brakes adequate to stop the vehicle
  - Lighted headlights and taillights, if the OHV is operated between one half-hour after sunset and one half-hour before sunrise
  - License plate securely fastened to the rear of the vehicle and clearly visible
- Please don't remove our signs or make your own. Removal or placement of regulatory signs is prohibited and OHV Volunteers work hard to repair damage to help keep trails signed and open for your use.
- State, county, and forest roads are marked differently by a horizontally-numbered or vertically-numbered route marker:
  - Vertical Signs: Forest roads with vertically-numbered route markers mean you can ride with an RV or MC plate and OHV Decal. On these roads, the driver does not need to be licensed (i.e. those under 16 years old can operate a motorized vehicle on these roads).
  - Horizontal Signs: Forest roads with horizontally-numbered route markers mean you have to be "street legal" (normal full-size car license plate or MC plate and OHV Decal) and have a valid driver's license.

### Safety

- Plan ahead! Riders should wear appropriate safety gear, carry a first aid kit, plenty of water, ride with a partner, and ride with caution.
- Most trails are two-way and provide a primitive trail experience. Blind turns, down trees, flooded washes, other OHV riders, and non-motorized recreation users (e.g., hikers) should be anticipated.

- The Telegraph Line Trail in the St. Clair OHV Permit Zone is a one-way trail, traveling East to West. For your safety and the safety of others, only travel this route as directed. The trail is too narrow and does not provide pull-outs for multi-direction travel.

#### Camping and Other Non-Motorized Activities within OHV Permit Zones

- There are many non-motorized trails within the St. Clair OHV Permit Zone; motorized use on these routes is prohibited. Please be respectful and use the routes marked for your use.
- As with all Federal lands, fireworks are not allowed anywhere in the permit zones.
- Hunting during regular hunting seasons with a valid hunting license is allowed in all Tonto OHV Permit Zones subject to Arizona State Game and Fish hunting regulations. A valid permit is required to access the zone with a motorized vehicle.
- Each Tonto OHV Permit Zone may have different restrictions on camping, so be sure to check with your local District Office before you go. Generally, camping is prohibited at all staging areas and access points to allow for day-use parking and trailer staging.
  - Devil's Hole is a day-use site. Because water levels can fluctuate at a moment's notice, this is a day-use destination and should not be used for camping.
- Campfires are restricted during seasonal fire restrictions. Please contact the District Office for up to date information. Burning pallets is discouraged because it leaves behind hazardous nails on the ground.
- Facilities- there are currently no developed campgrounds or restrooms at the access points and throughout the permit zones. So bring everything you need with you because there won't be any water, electricity, or restrooms! Just the beautiful Forest and its amazing opportunities!



Sunrise Ridge Trail (MT-1117)

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- The St. Clair area was closed in 2005 in the aftermath of the Bart Fire for resource protection. Subsequent wildfires further delayed reopening and increased the degradation of the trails.
- The work done to restore over 45 miles of trails was completed through a partnership between the Tonto Recreation Alliance, the Cave Creek Ranger District, and thousands of volunteers.
- Over the course of 2022-2024, volunteers and Forest Service staff improved and repaired the area, some examples include:
  - ◊ Hardening trails with over 700 tons of rock and clearing overgrown vegetation.
  - ◊ Installing 9 information kiosks.
  - ◊ Building 3 new staging areas.

*All this restoration was completed through over 6000 volunteer hours by enthusiasts just like you. Please respect their hard work and this beautiful landscape to ensure the continued use of the area for the future by staying on designated routes.*

## For more information about OHV recreation areas on the Tonto National Forest:



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**[www.fs.usda.gov/tonto](http://www.fs.usda.gov/tonto)**

Call:  
Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office  
**(602) 225-5300**

Mesa Ranger District  
**(480) 610-3300**

Cave Creek Ranger District  
**(480) 595-3300**

### For more information on OHV regulations:

Arizona Game and Fish Department  
**[www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov)**  
**(602)942-3000**

Arizona State Parks  
**[www.azstateparks.com](http://www.azstateparks.com)**  
**(602) 542-4174**

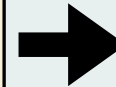


Telegraph Line Trail (MT-42)

## St. Clair OHV Permit Zone Map

### **Things to Remember:**

Stay on open, designated routes marked with signs like these:



Riders under the age of 18 **must** wear a D.O.T. approved helmet that fits the individual.

Do not carry more than the number of passengers your machine has been designed for.

All off highway vehicles must have a current OHV decal mounted to the upper left-hand corner of the license plate.



Driving While Impaired: DUI on an OHV is just like a DUI in any other vehicle.

OHVs must have a Forest Service approved spark arrestor in their exhaust system.

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OFF HIGHWAY TOURING

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## ST. CLAIR OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ZONE

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### **RANGER DISTRICT**

Cave Creek Ranger Station  
40202 N. Cave Creek Rd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85262  
Phone (480) 595-3300  
Fax (480) 595-3346

### **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 St. Clair. Please have your permit with you, either digitally or printed.

### **USGS MAPS**

Bartlett Dam, Horseshoe Dam, Humboldt Mountain, Wildcat Hill

### **OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ZONE ACCESS**

**Telegraph Line Trail Entrance** is located along North Lake Rd, approximately 2 miles northeast of its intersection with Bartlett Dam Rd. The entrance is along MT-42, approximately 500 feet from the west side of North Lake Rd. There is a "gate keeper" obstacle right before the entrance, intended to demonstrate the typical conditions of the Telegraph Line Trail. There is limited parking at this location. Please do not block the trail access.

**Telegraph Line Trail Exit** is along Horseshoe Dam Rd, approximately 6 1/2 miles north of its intersection with Bartlett Dam Rd. From there, the exit is on the east side of Horseshoe Dam Rd, approximately 1/4 mile along MT-42. Note this is an exit point of a one-way trail.

**Indian Spring Staging Area** is located 9 miles east of the Cave Creek District Office on the north side of Bartlett Dam Rd.

**Corral** access is located along Horseshoe Dam Rd, approximately 1 3/4 miles north of its intersection with Bartlett Dam Rd. The entrance is on the east side of the road. There is limited parking at this location.

**Camp Creek Wash** access point can be reached 2 3/4 miles east of the Cave Creek District Office along Bartlett Dam Rd. From the intersection of Bartlett Dam Rd and MT-413, the entrance is located approximately 1/4 mile north on MT-413 on the east side of the wash.

**Kentuck Staging Area** is located along Horseshoe Dam Rd, approximately 1 3/4 miles north of its intersection with Bartlett Dam Rd. The entrance is on the west side of the road.

### **ATTRACTIONS**

St. Clair offers sweeping views of the Bartlett and Horseshoe Reservoirs, the Mazatzal Wilderness, and pristine areas of the Sonoran Desert. At the end of MT-532 is the Devil's Hole day-use recreation area. This primitive site offers access to the Verde River including picnicking.

### **CONSIDERATIONS**

- Operate vehicles only on roads and trails designated as open by brown fiberglass markers. These include: MT-1104, 1117, 1058, 1065, 1069, 2063, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2073, 2076, 42, 532.
- Road conditions are primitive in some areas and require 4-wheel-drive.
- 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."
- Be aware of weather and potential flash flooding conditions in the area you are visiting.



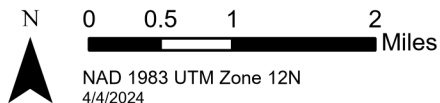
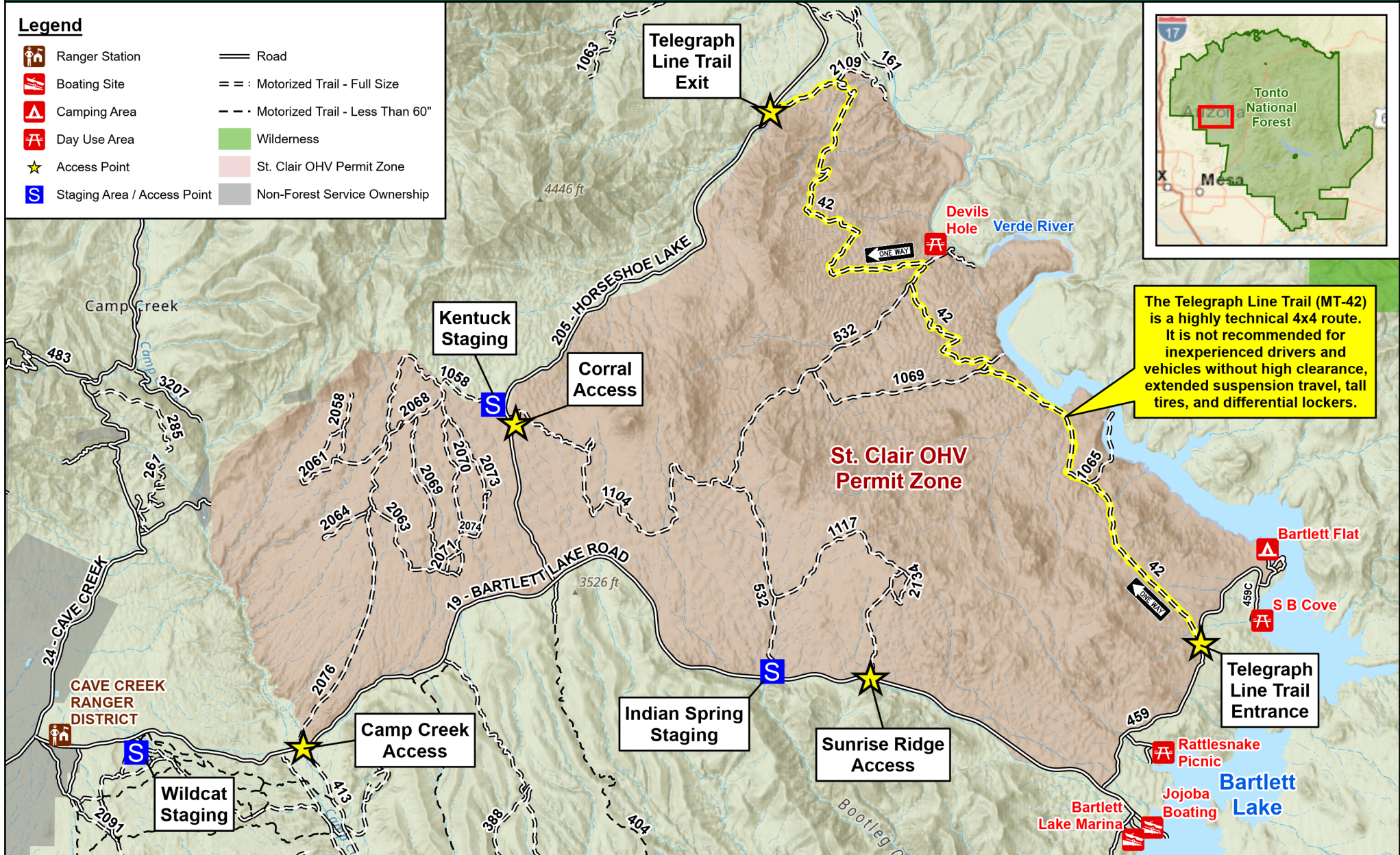


# St. Clair OHV Trails

Southwestern Region | Tonto National Forest

## Legend

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|--|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
|  | Ranger Station              |  | Road                            |
|  | Boating Site                |  | Motorized Trail - Full Size     |
|  | Camping Area                |  | Motorized Trail - Less Than 60" |
|  | Day Use Area                |  | Wilderness                      |
|  | Access Point                |  | St. Clair OHV Permit Zone       |
|  | Staging Area / Access Point |  | Non-Forest Service Ownership    |



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