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Riding on public lands is a privilege not a right. Carless acts of irresponsible riders can result in closure.

Most Difficult – (black) Rocky surfaces, sharp turns, switchbacks, steep grades, narrow passages, low overhangs, ledges and large rocks. Can be slippery and muddy when wet. May have tree stumps, limbs or other debris. Machines with low ground clearance may strike or high center on obstacles. Some riders may be more on obstacles. Some riders may be more comfortable using 4-wheel drive machines.

More Difficult – (blue) Loose gravel, sandy, rocky or slickrock surface. May have short sections which are narrow. Can have blind turns, steep or roller coaster grades, minor drop-offs, dust, ruts and frequent changes in riding surfaces. Occasional obstacles may strike the frame.

Easiest – (green) Gravel or dirt surfaces which are relatively flat and wide. Generally wide enough for an ATV to pass a full-sized vehicle. May be dusty but are relatively smooth throughout with no rocks or roots protruding more than three inches above the surface.

DIFFICULTY RATING

CAUTION – Never vide alone and always wear your helmet.

Yellowstone Trail

HOW TO GET THERE

Location – South Slope of the Uinta Mountains

Distance from Salt Lake City to Trail Staging Area – Approximately 145 miles or 2 ½ hours.

Route from Salt Lake City - Travel east on I-80 to the I-80/U.S. Highway 40 junction then south and east on US 40 through Heber to Duchesne. In the middle of town, turn north on SR 87 for approximately 2.8 miles to Mountain Home. Continue north for approximately 6 miles to Yellowstone Canyon turnoff (east). Proceed east across the bridge and then north approximately 4.4 miles on the Yellowstone Canyon road, which is sometimes a rough and wash-boarded segment, to the USFS/Uinta Ouray Reservation boundary. Continue for about ¼ mile to the "Y" in the road and go left for another ½ mile to the trailhead staging area. See map.

RIDE DESCRIPTION

There are approximately 63.8 miles of trails in this system. All routes are open to all classes of off-highway vehicles. Mules, most UTVs and similar vehicles are too large for the majority of the trail system. Loop routes are available from as little as a few miles to over 20 miles.

Time to ride – A few hours to all day.

Difficulty - Routes range from easiest to more difficult.

Elevation – 7,635 to 10,738 feet

Signing – All routes are signed as the Yellowstone Trail.

Best season to ride – Late spring to early fall.

Things to see – Wildlife (elk, deer, moose, bear, coyote, eagles/hawks) There are great views of the Uinta Mountains. Streams are clear and cold. Vegetation is Douglas fir, Engleman spruce, subalpine fir, lodgepole pine, aspen and open parks and meadows.

SERVICES

Food, Fuel and Lodging – Available in Duchesne.

Restrooms – At the two Forest Service campgrounds along the trail system and the ATV trailhead.

Camping – There are two developed campgrounds along the trail system, which allow OHV ingress an egress. See map. Dispersed camping is also permitted on the National Forest, but is limited to a 14-day stay in any given location.

CAUTIONS

Travel restrictions – Travel through national forest and private land is limited to designated routes. OHVs are not permitted within the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation.

Gates – Leave all gates as you find them. If they are open, leave open. Close if closed.

Livestock – Do not harass livestock. Slow down and let them get out of the way.

Wildlife – Look, but don't disturb.

Hunting – A hunting license does not give the right to travel off designated routes.

Fire – Check with Forest Service office in Duchesne for fire restrictions. You will be responsible for any damage and cost associated with a wildfire you cause.

Waste – If you pack it in, pack it out. Do not bury trash.

Water – Bring your own water or get water from the campgrounds. Do not drink water from springs or streams unless it is filtered.

Special equipment needed – Bring a tow strap. There is no cell service in this area.

