DIFFICULTY RATING DESCRIPTIONS

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

More Difficult: (blue) Loose gravel, sandy, rocky or slickrock surface. May have short sections that 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.

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 comfortable using 4-wheel drive machines.

HOW TO GET THERE

Salt Lake City to:

Green River (182 miles) South on I-15 to US 6 (Price Exit), south and east on US 6 to I-70 and east to Green River.

Salt Wash (202 miles) Follow route from Salt Lake City to Green River then east on I-70 to Exit 175 then south on Ruby Ranch Road to the Salt Wash.

Junction of Blue Hills Road and Levi Well Road (212 miles) Follow route from Salt Lake City to Green River then east on I-70 to Crescent Junction, south on US 191 to Blue Hills Road Exit south of Moab Airport and west on Blue Hills Road to the junction.

Grand Junction, Colorado to:

Green River (99 miles) Northwest on US 6 from Grand Junction to I-70 and west on I-70 to Green River.

Salt Wash (94 miles) Northwest on US 6 to I-70, west I-70 to Exit 175, south on Ruby Ranch Road to Salt Wash.

Junction of Blue Hills Road and Levi Well Road (101 miles) Northwest on US 6 to I-70, west on I-70 to Crescent Junction, south on US 191 to the Blue Hills Road exit south of Moab Airport and west on Blue Hills Road to the junction.

Mosh to

Junction of Blue Hills Road and Levi Well Road (33 miles) North on US 191 to the Blue Hills Road exit south of the Moab Airport and west on Blue Hills Road to the junction.

RIDE DESCRIPTION

The Orange Trail Loop is approximately 68 miles in length. In addition, there are approximately 21 miles of alternative routes. There are many smaller loops from 10 to 20+ miles long using alternative routes. Some routes are graded and graveled and a few are jeep trails.

Time to Travel: A few hours to all day.

Difficulty: Routes are easiest to more difficult. There are none that are most difficult. This provides just enough challenge to make this trail enjoyable for most users.

Elevation: 4,040 to 4,675 feet.

Signing: All routes are signed according to symbols on the map.

Best season to ride: Depending on the depth of snow, this area can be traveled year-round. However, spring and fall are the most desirable times. Summers are usually very hot.

Things to see: There are many evidences of old mining, oil and gas activities and ranching such as rock buildings, roads and drill holes and pads. The trail passes by current oil and gas operations. The White Wash Sand Dunes open riding area is a special attraction for many visitors. During parts of the year it is possible to see desert bighorn sheep. However, most of the time these animals retreat to higher elevations and are fairly reclusive. Vegetation types include sagebrush/grass, pinyon pine/juniper and cottonwood/willows in the wash and riparian bottoms. Rock formations include gray and red sandstone buttes and cliffs. The Crystal Geyser is located just off the trail southwest of Green River. Other smaller geysers may also be found in the area.

SERVICES

Water, food and lodging: All of these services can be found in Green River and many are accessible by OHVs. There are no sources of drinking water along the trail.

Restrooms: There are none along the trail except in Green River.

Camping: Camping in undeveloped areas is permitted on BLM administered lands provided vehicle access is permitted. There are no developed camping areas.

CAUTIONS

Traveling off any route designated in the BLM Travel Plan is prohibited. Maps showing these routes are available from the BLM in Moab. The only area where riding off trail is permitted is within the White Wash Sand Dunes Open Riding Area. The BLM has signed most other routes as open or closed. These signs also indicate vehicle class restrictions. The Orange Trail and its alternate routes are open to all classes of OHVs.

All city streets in Green River are open to OHV travel as defined in their OHV ordinance. Travel on the state highway through the city is prohibited.

Use of Side-by-Side (SxS) Vehicles: These vehicles are prohibited from using designated motorcycle trails and, if they are wider than 50 inches, they may not travel on routes designated open to ATVs/motorcycles. All other designated routes are open to these vehicles including the Orange Trail and Orange Trail Alternates.

Private Land: The trail and alternative trails pass through or very near a few parcels of private land. Some are posted and some are not. "No Trespassing" signs mean, stay out! It is illegal to park, camp, operate a vehicle or even walk on these lands. Do not damage fences, gates, machinery, buildings or other improvements. Stay on the designated routes.

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.

Cultural and Historic Sites: Manmade structures on public lands more than 50 years of age are protected under the Antiquities Act. It is also unlawful to remove cultural artifacts. View, but do not move or remove any of these objects.

Hunting: A hunting license does not give anyone the right to travel on closed roads or trails.

Fire: Check with the BLM office in Moab 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. Do not empty RV holding tanks.

Special equipment needs: The summers can be very hot. Bring plenty of water and stay hydrated.

Route Location Accuracy: This map was prepared using the National Geographic TOPO program. The location of the Orange Trail is actual GPS tracks. The other roads and trails shown on the map may be GPS tracks, but most were taken from the 1:24:000 base maps found with TOPO and may not represent exact ground locations.

Cautions: Never ride alone and always wear your helmet. Most of this area is subject to high intensity summer storms and periods of high spring runoff that can significantly change the character of travel ways. The difficulty shown on the map was best information at time of printing. Check with the BLM in Moab for most recent route information.

STATE LAW HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ No person under 8 years of age may operate an ATV or off-highway motorcycle on public roads or lands.
- Operators who do not posses a valid state driver's license must possess a safety certificate issued by the Division of Utah State Parks and Recreation. For more information call 1-800-OHV-RIDE.
- Off-highway vehicles must display a current state OHV registration sticker while being operated or transported on public lands and roads.
- Most non-resident operators are required to have a Utah non-resident permit. Call 1-800-OHV-RIDE for vendor locations and information for states that are exempt.
- Operators and passengers under the age of 18 must wear a safety rated helmet.
- No person may operate an OHV while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- It is illegal to operate an OHV on roads, trails or areas that have not been designated for this purpose. All routes shown on this map were open for OHV use as of the time of printing.
- Operators under the age of 18 who do not have in their possession a valid driver's license must be under the direct supervision of a person who is at least 18 years of age.

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