

## Get Involved!

The Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO) fully supports the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Program. COHVCO is committed to enhancing the future of responsible off-highway vehicle use in Colorado.

Joining a club is a great way to meet others with similar interests and discover new trails and challenges. Colorado clubs promote responsible vehicle use and work with land management agencies. This helps protect everyone's access to public land. If you are looking for a club to join in your area, two umbrella organizations can help.

### General OHV:

Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition  
P.O. Box 620523  
Littleton, CO 80162  
(303) 343-0646

### Four Wheel Drive:

Colorado Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1413  
Wheat Ridge, CO 80034  
(303) 343-0646

Encourage your friends to participate in this program. Your help is needed to protect the future of motorized recreation and our public lands.

Public lands are held in joint ownership by all citizens; their management requires different laws and regulations based on local conditions. Please become familiar with restrictions by checking with local offices and reading signs and bulletin boards.

It is your responsibility to be aware of potential risks. Have proper equipment and take safety precautions at all times when you visit public lands. Changing terrain, forests, canyon lands and weather conditions present a wide variety of hazards. Hazards include, but are not limited to: snow and ice fields; avalanches; landslides; caves; falling trees or limbs; high or rushing water; contaminated water; wild animals; severe weather; becoming lost or overexerted; hypothermia; remnants of mining and other activities involving excavations; and exposure to unreasonable acts of other people.

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## Where Can I Get More Information on Colorado Recreation?



**For OHV registration information contact:**  
Colorado State Parks  
13787 S. Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125  
(303) 791-1920

**For information on Colorado State Parks contact:**  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 618  
Denver, CO 80203  
(303) 866-3437



**For OHV routes, maps & use information contact:**  
USDA Forest Service  
Rocky Mountain Region  
P.O. Box 25127  
Lakewood, CO 80225  
(303) 275-5350



**Bureau of Land Management**  
Colorado State Office  
2850 Youngfield Street  
Lakewood, CO 80215  
(303) 238-3600



**For hunting and fishing information contact:**  
Colorado Division of Wildlife  
6060 Broadway  
Denver, CO 80216  
(303) 297-1192

**For general tourism information call:**  
1-800-265-6723

This brochure is a brief explanation of the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Law. For complete information consult 33-14.5-101 C.R.S., et. seq.

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# Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Program

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# Welcome to the Colorado OHV Program!

Many exciting and beautiful areas in Colorado can be explored on an off-highway vehicle. There are motorcycle, ATV and four wheel drive trails and roads on the plains, in the foothills and high mountain passes to challenge recreationists of all abilities.

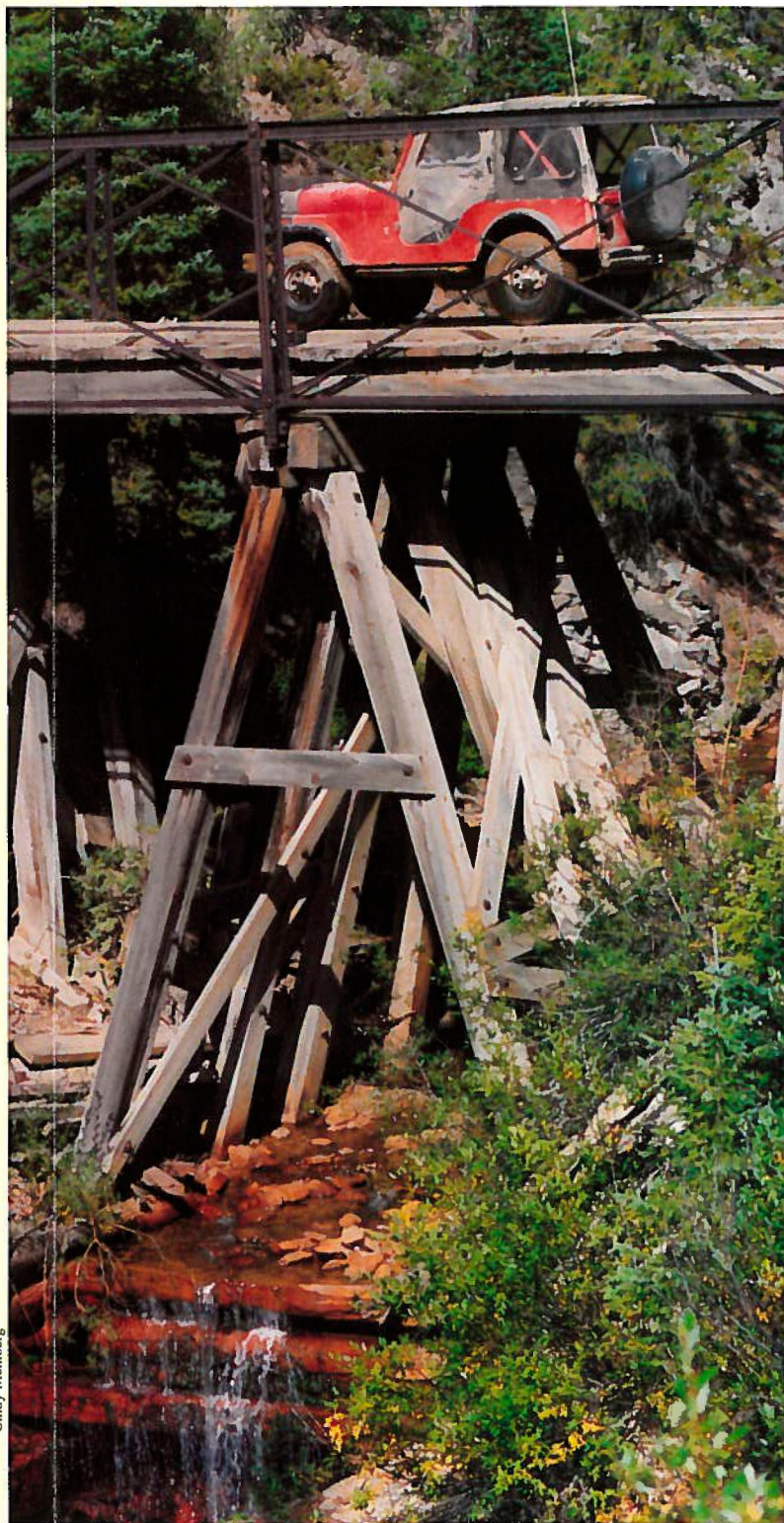
Before heading out, owners of vehicles used for off-highway recreation need to be aware of a Colorado law administered by Colorado State Parks. It requires the registration of all terrain vehicles (ATVs), unlicensed motorcycles (dirt bikes), unlicensed four wheel drives and dune buggies operated on public lands. (For specifics on registration, see the following page.) This law is the basis of the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Program, and the registration fees fund the program.

## What are the reasons for the law?

- To fund trail maintenance and construction, trailheads, parking areas, trail signs and maps that would not otherwise be possible;
- To prevent theft and enable law enforcement personnel to identify and return stolen vehicles;
- To encourage safe and responsible OHV use and promote respect for public lands; and
- To facilitate search and rescue efforts.

## Who benefits?

- Citizens who own and operate OHVs;
- Towns and counties that wish to attract OHV recreationists and tourists and enhance their local economies; and
- The general public. Educated recreationists are more conscientious and better stewards of the land. Registration funds also enable local, state and federal land managers to better manage our natural resources. Since the program started in 1990, over one million dollars have been granted for on-the-ground trail improvements.



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# The Specifics of Registration

## Vehicles that must be registered:

- unlicensed trail motorcycles;
- all-terrain vehicles; and
- other unlicensed, motorized recreation vehicles.
- Over-snow vehicles are registered through a separate program.

## Registration is not required for vehicles:

- owned by the government;
- with a valid registration from another state;
- used strictly in mining or agriculture;
- used strictly on private land for non-commercial purposes;
- operated in an event authorized by the appropriate agency; or
- provided by a dealer for education or safety programs.

## The current registration fee is:

- \$15.25
- Registrations are valid from April 1 to March 31.

## Registration locations:

- OHV dealers (For information on the nearest OHV dealer, call 303-791-1920);
- Colorado State Parks Registration Unit  
13787 South Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125  
(303) 791-1920
- Colorado State Parks Regional Offices located in Fort Collins, Colorado Springs and Clifton (near Grand Junction); and
- mail-in registrations are available from a variety of locations including the Parks Registration Unit in Littleton.

## Please Note

### When purchasing an OHV:

- OHV dealers are required to collect the registration application and fee before a vehicle leaves their premises.
- Colorado residents who purchase an OHV from a private party may use their dated bill of sale as a temporary registration for 30 days.

### Where to place your registration:

- Registration decals must be affixed permanently on the upper forward half of the OHV, in a location where the decal can be easily seen.
- OHV operators must carry their OHV registration card and show it to any peace officer upon request.

### Out-of-state OHVs:

- Out-of-state OHVs operated in Colorado must show some form of registration. Colorado recognizes valid registrations from all other states. If your OHV is not registered in your home state (or you will ride more than 30 consecutive days in Colorado) you are required to purchase a Colorado registration.





# Ride with Pride... Protect the Future of Public Land



## Where to Ride in Colorado

### Public Lands

- Many routes and areas are open to OHVs in Colorado.
- Know before you go. Contact the local U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management or other appropriate agency office to find out about trails, roads or areas open to OHV use. Addresses and phone numbers are provided at the end of this brochure, with a map to show their location.
- All federal roads, areas and trails are categorized as open, closed or restricted in some manner. Find out what the regulations are in the area where you will be riding.
- Many public lands in Colorado border private lands. It is your responsibility to know where private lands are and to obtain permission to travel across them.

### Streets, Roads and Highways

You may ride on the roadways of streets and highways:

- When crossing railroad tracks, bridges or culverts;
- During any emergency declared by appropriate state or local authorities;
- Where towns & counties have authorized OHV use on roads; and
- When using an OHV for agricultural purposes.
- It is unlawful to ride on the right-of-way (the area adjacent to the shoulder of the road) of any freeway; and
- It is unlawful to ride on the right-of-way of any operating railroad except to make a right-angle crossing of the tracks at their intersection with a road or highway, or unless otherwise approved.

### Law Enforcement

- This registration is enforced by all law enforcement officers in the state including sheriff's deputies, Division of Wildlife officers, Colorado State Parks officers, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service rangers and others.

## Necessary Equipment for OHV Operation

- OHVs operated between sunset and sunrise must have at least one operating headlight and one operating red tail light.
- Operable brakes, a muffler and a U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrester are required.
- Follow manufacturers' age and operational restrictions for ATVs.
- Use of a helmet, eye protection and other appropriate safety equipment is highly recommended.

## What Can I Do to Help?

Preserve your right to ride. Help to protect the trails you ride. You can make a difference by riding safely and responsibly.

### Safety considerations

- Plan ahead. Colorado has a variety of terrain and climates. The weather can change rapidly. Carry all necessary supplies including an emergency repair kit, food, water and warm clothing.
- Develop a supply check list, to include the above items and other equipment such as area maps and guides, protective gear, flashlight, sunscreen, etc.
- Know what to wear for your sport. Quality helmets, gloves, boots, goggles and protective clothing will keep you comfortable and help prevent serious injuries.
- Know your vehicle. Keep it in good condition and read the owner's manual.
- Let someone know where you're going and when you expect to return.
- Travel with other people.
- Know before leaving what to do in an emergency.
- For safety or training information, contact the ATV Safety Institute at 1-800-447-4700.
- Colorado law requires reporting of accidents if property damage reaches \$1,500 or more or there are injuries resulting in hospitalization or death. Reports may be filed with the Colorado State Patrol, the sheriff's office in the county of the accident or the police within the municipality of the accident. A form provided by Colorado State Parks must then be sent to the Denver office of Colorado State Parks.

### Share the Trail

- Operate your OHV only where permitted.
- Carry out your trash.
- Respect the rights of other users. Everyone has the right to use and enjoy our public lands. Exercise caution when passing other users, and remember that downhill traffic yields to uphill traffic.
- Always properly maintain your muffler to keep noise at a minimum.
- Colorado trails can be wet and muddy both early and late in the season. Save wet trails for dryer times.

- Remember the Tread Lightly! pledge:  
**T**Travel only where permitted  
**R**espect the rights of others  
**E**ducate yourself  
**A**void streams, meadows, wildlife, etc.  
**D**rive and travel responsibly.

## OHVs and Hunting

An OHV can be a valuable asset when hunting. It is necessary to be aware of regulations concerning the use of OHVs for hunting purposes.

- It is unlawful to harass or pursue wildlife with an OHV.
- OHV use is limited to transporting hunters and downed game.
- When transporting firearms, you must comply with game regulations as specified by the Division of Wildlife. Firearms must be unloaded in the chamber.
- The ethical use of OHVs is extremely important while hunting. Be considerate of those hunters not using OHVs.
- The continued privilege of using an OHV while hunting will be governed by responsible use.
- Hunters with a mobility impairment may obtain a special permit from the Division of Wildlife to use an OHV while hunting. Please contact the nearest Division of Wildlife office for details.





**For OHV routes, maps and use information contact:**

**Bureau of Land Management  
Colorado State Office  
2850 Youngfield St.  
Lakewood, CO 80215  
(303) 239-3600**

**District and Resource Area Offices:**

- 1 **Canon City District**  
Royal Gorge Resource Area  
3170 East Main Street  
Canon City, CO 81212  
(719) 269-8500
- 2 **San Luis Resource Area**  
1921 State St.  
Alamosa, CO 81101  
(719) 589-4975
- 3 **Craig District**  
Kremmling Resource Area  
1116 Park Ave.  
P.O. Box 68  
Kremmling, CO 80459  
(970) 724-3437
- 4 **Little Snake Resource Area**  
1280 Industrial Ave.  
Craig, CO 81625  
(970) 824-4441
- 5 **White River Resource Area**  
73544 Highway 64  
P.O. Box 928  
Meeker, CO 81641  
(970) 878-3601
- 6 **Grand Junction District**  
Glenwood Springs Resource Area  
50629 Highways 6 & 24  
P.O. Box 1009  
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602  
(970) 945-2341
- 7 **Grand Junction Resource Area**  
2815 H Road  
Grand Junction, CO 81506  
(970) 244-3000
- 8 **Montrose District**  
Gunnison Resource Area  
216 North Colorado  
Gunnison, CO 81230  
(970) 641-0471
- 9 **San Juan Resource Area**  
Federal Building  
701 Camino Del Rio  
Durango, CO 81301  
(970) 247-4082
- 10 **Uncompahgre Basin Resource Area**  
2505 South Townsend  
Montrose, CO 81401  
(970) 249-6047

**USDA Forest Service  
Rocky Mountain Region  
P.O. Box 25127  
Lakewood, CO 80225  
(303) 275-5350**

**Forest and District Offices:**

- Arapahoe and Roosevelt National Forests**  
240 W. Prospect St.  
Ft. Collins, CO 80526  
(970) 498-2770
- 11 **Boulder Ranger District**  
2995 Baseline Rd. Rm 110  
Boulder, CO 80303  
(303) 444-6600
- 12 **Clear Creek Ranger District**  
101 Chicago Creek  
P.O. Box 3307  
Idaho Springs, CO 80452  
(303) 567-2901
- 13 **Estes/Poudre Ranger District**  
1311 S. College Ave., 2nd Fl.  
Ft. Collins, CO 80524  
(970) 498-2770
- 14 **Pinacee National Grasslands**  
660 O Street, Suite 4  
Greeley, CO 80631  
(970) 353-5004
- 15 **Redfeather Ranger District**  
1311 S. College Ave.  
Ft. Collins, CO 80524  
(970) 498-2770
- 16 **Sulphur Ranger District**  
62429 US Highway 40  
P.O. Box 10  
Granby, CO 80446-9212  
(970) 887-4100
- Grand Mesa - Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests**  
2250 Highway 50  
Delta, CO 81416-8723  
(970) 874-7691
- 17 **Collbran Ranger District**  
218 High St.  
P.O. Box 330  
Collbran, CO 81624  
(970) 487-3534
- 18 **Grand Junction Ranger District**  
764 Horizon Dr. Rm 115  
Grand Junction, CO 81506  
(970) 242-8211
- 19 **Norwood Ranger District**  
1760 East Grand Ave.  
P.O. Box 388  
Norwood, CO 81423  
(970) 327-4261
- 20 **Ouray Ranger District**  
2505 South Townsend  
Montrose, CO 81401  
(970) 249-3711

- 21 **Paonia Ranger District**  
North Rio Grande Ave.  
P.O. Box 1030  
Paonia, CO 81428  
(970) 527-4131
- 22 **Taylor River/Cebolla Ranger District**  
216 North Colorado  
Gunnison, CO 81230  
(970) 641-0471
- Pike and San Isabel National Forests**  
1920 Valley Drive  
Pueblo, CO 81008  
(719) 545-8737
- 23 **Comanche Ranger District and National Grasslands**  
27162 Hwy. 287  
P.O. Box 127  
Springfield, CO 81073  
(719) 523-6591
- 24 **Leadville Ranger District**  
2015 N. Poplar  
Leadville, CO 80461  
(719) 486-0749
- 25 **Pikes Peak Ranger District**  
601 South Weber St.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
(719) 636-1602
- 26 **Salida Ranger District**  
325 W. Rainbow Blvd.  
Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-3591
- 27 **San Carlos Ranger District**  
326 Dozier St.  
Canon City, CO 81212  
(719) 269-8500
- 28 **South Park Ranger District**  
320 Hwy. 285  
P.O. Box 219  
Fairplay, CO 80440  
(719) 836-2031
- 29 **South Platte Ranger District**  
19316 Goddard Ranch Ct.  
Morrison, CO 80465  
(303) 275-5610
- Medicine Bow/Routt National Forests**  
2468 Jackson Street  
Laramie, WY 82070  
(307) 745-2300  
Medicine Bow/Routt National Forest Annex  
29587 West U.S. 40, Suite 20  
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487  
No Switchboard
- 30 **Hahn's Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District**  
57 10th St.  
P.O. Box 771212  
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477  
(970) 879-1870

- 31 **Parks Ranger District (Kremmling Office)**  
210 South 6th  
P.O. Box 1210  
Kremmling, CO 80459  
(970) 724-9004
- 32 **Parks Ranger District (Walden Office)**  
612 5th St.  
P.O. Box 158  
Walden, CO 80480  
(970) 723-8204
- 33 **Yampa Ranger District**  
300 Roselawn Ave.  
P.O. Box 7  
Yampa, CO 80483  
(970) 638-4516
- San Juan/Rio Grande National Forests**  
1803 W. Highway 160  
Monte Vista, CO 81144  
(719) 852-5941  
San Juan/Rio Grande National Forest Annex  
701 Camino Del Rio, Rm 301  
Durango, CO 81301  
(970) 247-4874
- 34 **Columbine Ranger District East**  
367 S. Pearl St.  
P.O. Box 439  
Bayfield, CO 81122  
(970) 884-2512
- 35 **Columbine Ranger District West**  
110 W. 11th Street  
Durango, CO 81301  
(970) 247-4874
- 36 **Conejos Peak Ranger District**  
15571 County Rd. T-5  
P.O. Box 420  
La Jara, CO 81140  
(719) 274-8971
- 37 **Divide Ranger District (Creede Office)**  
3rd and Creede Ave.  
P.O. Box 270  
Creede, CO 81130  
(719) 658-2556
- 38 **Divide Ranger District (Del Norte Office)**  
13308 West Highway 160  
P.O. Box 40  
Del Norte, CO 81132  
(719) 657-3321
- 39 **Mancos/Dolores Ranger District**  
100 North 6th  
P.O. Box 210  
Dolores, CO 81323  
(970) 882-7296

- 40 **Mancos/Dolores Ranger District**  
41595 E. Highway 160  
P.O. Box 330  
Mancos, CO 81328  
(970) 533-7716
- 41 **Pagosa Ranger District**  
180 Second Street  
P.O. Box 310  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
(970) 264-2268
- 42 **Saguache Ranger District**  
46525 CO Highway 114  
P.O. Box 67  
Saguache, CO 81149  
(719) 655-2547
- White River National Forest 9th and Grand P.O. Box 948 Glenwood Springs, CO 81602 (970) 945-2521**
- 43 **Aspen Ranger District**  
806 W. Hallam  
Aspen, CO 81611  
(970) 925-3445
- 44 **Blanco Ranger District**  
317 E. Market Street  
Meeker, CO 81641  
(970) 878-4039
- 45 **Dillon Ranger District**  
680 Blue River Pkwy.  
P.O. Box 620  
Silverthorne, CO 80498  
(970) 468-5400
- 46 **Eagle Ranger District**  
125 W. 5th Street  
Box 720  
Eagle, CO 81631  
(970) 328-6388
- 47 **Holy Cross Ranger District**  
24747 U.S. 24  
P.O. Box 190  
Minturn, CO 81645  
(970) 827-5715
- 48 **Rifle Ranger District**  
0094 County Road 244  
Rifle, CO 81650  
(970) 625-2371
- 49 **Sopris Ranger District**  
620 Main Street  
P.O. Box 309  
Carbondale, CO 81623-0309  
(970) 963-2266
- 50 **Colorado State Parks (open to OHV use)**  
Colorado State Forest  
Walden, CO  
(970) 723-8366



