



Activities: OHV use, Motorcycle riding, Mountain Biking, Hiking/backpacking.
Facilities: A vault toilet is provided for public use and is located in the bottom of the recreation area. Please help keep the dunes free of dangerous obstacles by hauling out your trash.
Season / Hours: Open year-round.

The road may become impassible in bad weather. Recreation area may be closed to the public for short periods during authorized events.

Description: Over 800 acres of fun is waiting for off-road enthusiasts at the Dunes Vehicle Recreation Area south of Farmington. The off-highway vehicle area contains a wide variety of topography including large sand dunes, steep to gentle hillsides, and sandy arroyo bottoms. Innumerable roads and trails exist in the Dunes, created by nearly 40 years of off-road vehicle use. The diverse landscape attracts a variety of motorized activity and provides riders a place to play, test their endurance, and improve their skills.

Access: The Dunes Vehicle Recreation Area is about 1.5 miles south of the City of Farmington on NM 371. The Dunes is confined to the east and the south by steep sandstone walls and to the west by the Navajo Nation boundary. Private property and an active sand and gravel pit lie north of the Dunes. Respect private property and protect your right to ride; ride only where allowed.

Special Rules:

 Anyone operating an off-highway vehicle on public land must have a valid state license or "learners" permit.

- Ride only in areas or on trails open for use.
- All travel in the Limited OHV Area is restricted to maintained oilfield roads, on trails and two tracks that are designated and signed, or in dry, unvegetated wash bottoms that are wider than the widest part of your vehicle.
- All overnight use requires a permit.
- Firewood gathering is prohibited.
- All shooting is prohibited.
- Permits are required for commercial, competitive and organized group events.

Play Safely:

Know your limitations.

- Ride with a partner.
- Always wear a helmet, eye protection, and protective clothing.
- Make sure each rider in your group has a map and knows where the party is headed.
- Be familiar with your vehicle and keep it in good working condition.
- Expect the unexpected. Take plenty of water and high energy food. Pack a first aid kit. Avoid running out of gas and carry tools needed for minor repairs.
- Operating an off-highway vehicle requires a high degree of skill and judgment. Ride unimpaired don't use drugs or alcohol.
- If your vehicle is equipped with a headlight, ride with it on at all times. It will allow other users to see you sooner.
- If riding at night make sure your vehicle is equipped with headlights sufficient to light an object 300 feet in front of you. Make sure your red taillights can be seen at a distance of 500 feet from the rear.

Have a positive influence on the area and those around you, practice the Tread Lightly!

Travel only where permitted. Respect the rights of others. Educate yourself. Avoid streams, meadows, and wildlife areas. Drive and travel responsibly.



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