

West Yellowstone OHV/ATV MAP • SOUTH



West Yellowstone • MT CALENDAR of EVENTS

SUMMER 2024

June 7-8	Yellowstone Trail Half Marathon
June 15	Lawnmower Races at Big Horn Bar
July 4	Independence Day Celebration & Pie on the Porch
July 4	FREE Music in the Park (The Powell Brothers @ Pioneer Park)
July 13	Wild Bill Day (at West Yellowstone Rodeo)
July 13	Mountain Bike Biathlon
July 13	Kids in the Park and Touch a Truck
July 20	Heritage Celebration
July 20	FREE Music in the Park (Licks or Lullabies @ Pioneer Park)
Aug. 2-11	West Yellowstone Mountain Man Rendezvous
Aug. 2	FREE Music in the Park (Trail-Headed @ Pioneer Park)
Aug. 2 & 3	West Yellowstone Rod Run
Aug. 3	FREE Music in the Park (The Waiting @ Pioneer Park)
Aug. 3 & 4	Wyoming Desperados Shootout (at Diamond P Ranch)
Aug. 10	Horseshoes for Heroes (at Bighorn Bar)
Aug. 10	FREE Music in the Park (Stamabama @ Pioneer Park)
Aug. 17	POW/MIA Ride (11th Annual MT Ride to Remember POW/MIA)
Aug. 25	Christmas in August (at Museum of the Yellowstone)
Aug. 26	FREE Music in the Park (Austin English & Band @ Pioneer Park)
Sept. 6-7	The Wreched Mess Fest (Union Pacific Dining Hall & Bob Jackson Casting Pond)
Sept. 8	WYSEF Golf Tournament
Sept. 14	The Happening

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West Yellowstone OHV/ATV Map

Map of West Yellowstone, MT, showing OHV/ATV trails and restrictions.

Map includes a legend for trail types and restrictions.

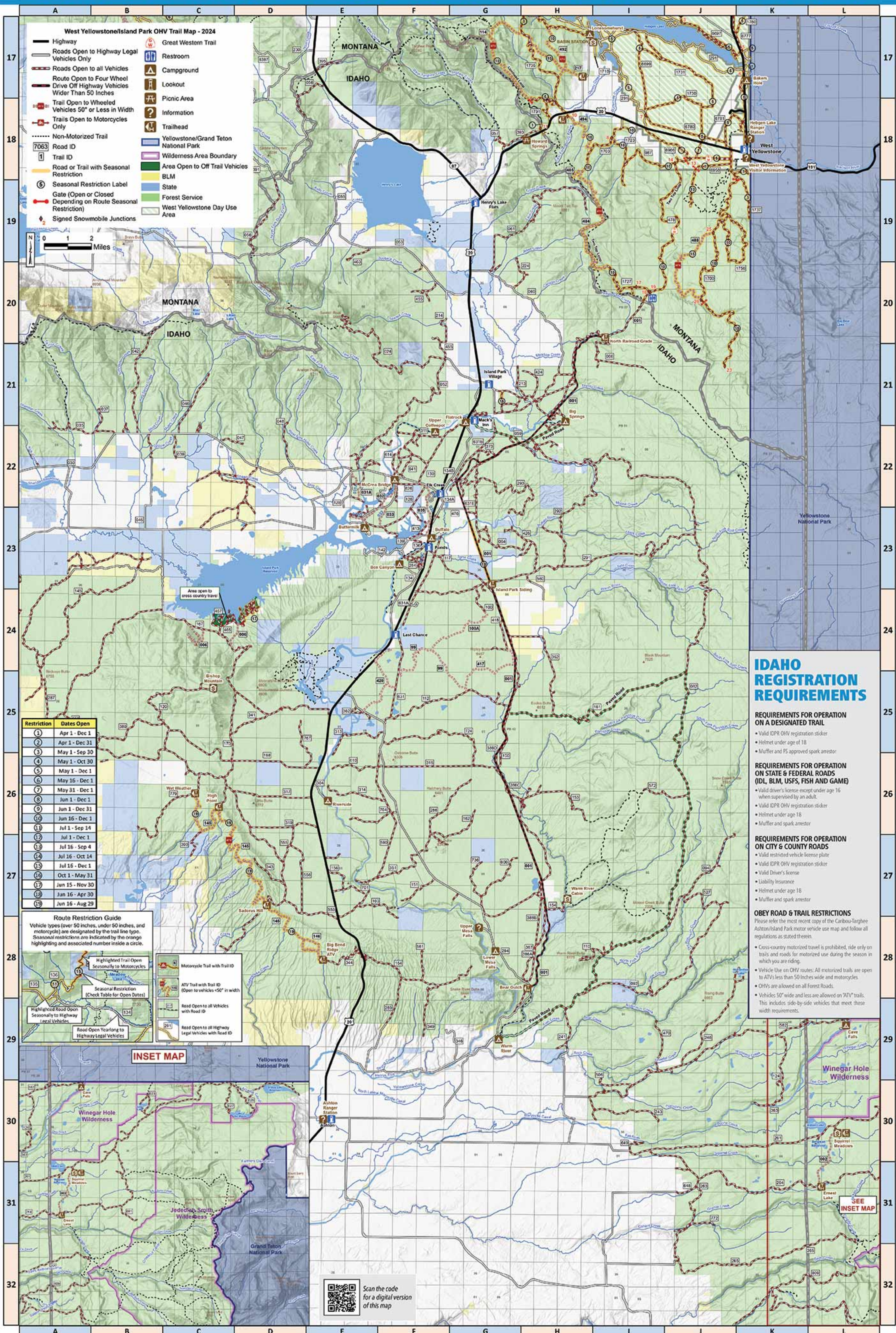
Map includes a table of trail restrictions and dates open.

Map includes a route restriction guide.

Map includes an inset map of the West Yellowstone area.



West Yellowstone SUMMER MOTORIZED RECREATION MAP



IDAHO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION ON A DESIGNATED TRAIL

- Valid IDPR OHV registration sticker
- Helmet under age 18
- Muffler and FS approved spark arrestor

REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION ON STATE & FEDERAL ROADS (IDL, BLM, USFS, FISH AND GAME)

- Valid driver's license except under age 16 when supervised by an adult
- Valid IDPR OHV registration sticker
- Helmet under age 18
- Muffler and spark arrestor

REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION ON CITY & COUNTY ROADS

- Valid restricted vehicle license plate
- Valid IDPR OHV registration sticker
- Valid Driver's license
- Liability insurance
- Helmet under age 18
- Muffler and spark arrestor

OBEY ROAD & TRAIL RESTRICTIONS

- Please refer the most recent copy of the Caribou-Targhee Ashcroft/Island Park motor vehicle use map and follow all regulations as stated therein.
- Cross-country motorized travel is prohibited, ride only on trails and roads for motorized use during the season in which you are riding.
- Vehicle Use on OHV routes: All motorized trails are open to ATVs less than 50 inches wide and motorcycles.
- OHVs are allowed on all Forest Roads.
- Vehicles 50" wide and less are allowed on "ATV" trails. This includes side-by-side vehicles that meet these width requirements.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

The purpose of this map is to provide useful information that will help visitors best navigate the motorized routes of the West Yellowstone and Island Park areas for visitor enjoyment. The map also shows information regarding trailheads, campgrounds, non-motorized routes, and service information listed in the legend.

Travel restrictions in the West Yellowstone and Island Park areas are subject to change in response to future travel planning decisions. This map will be updated to best reflect conditions for visitor convenience and enjoyment. This is not a travel plan map. Official travel maps and other detailed information on travel restrictions are available from the Hebgen Lake Ranger Station in Idaho. It is each visitor's responsibility to understand and obey all travel restrictions as well as posted signs. Compliance with all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations is your responsibility.

This map shows popular routes in the West Yellowstone and Island Park areas. Not all roads and trails are identified. The map provides information on routes that may be more popular than other routes because they provide better loop riding, access to destinations, and scenic opportunities. This map does not display over-snow routes.

Within the West Yellowstone and Island Park areas routes are identified by a vehicle type that is compatible with the route width and most capable of negotiating the route - with rider/driver possessing the skill required. The map does not identify difficulty or skill requirements of motorized routes.

Within the West Yellowstone & Island Park areas, most motorized routes are open to

wheeled vehicles 50 inches wide or less unless they are motorcycle only or non-motorized trails. Check with the Forest Service ranger stations for Travel Management restrictions.

TEMPORARY AND EMERGENCY CLOSURES

Designated roads, trails, and areas may be subject to temporary, emergency closures to protect the life, health, or safety of Forest Service visitors or the natural or cultural resources in these areas. On National Forest lands, violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571).

CROSS-COUNTRY TRAVEL BY MOTORIZED WHEELED VEHICLES

Cross-country travel by motorized, wheeled vehicles has been prohibited on Montana and Idaho National Forest System lands since 2001.

Wheeled motor vehicles may be parked off the edge of a route on National Forest lands when it is safe to do so without causing damage to resources or facilities, unless prohibited by state law or posted regulation.

When you park, stay as close to the route as possible, while ensuring that everyone can exit and enter your vehicle safely, that your vehicle and trailer are not impeding traffic along the route, and that you can safely unload your trail vehicles without entering the road right of way.

DISPERSED CAMPING

There are a number of camping opportunities in the West Yellowstone and Island Park areas. Most of the vehicle camping, however, is in "dispersed" or undeveloped sites near the roads. Camp site selection must be completed by non-motorized means, and travel to the site must be by the most direct route. Please use existing routes whenever possible to reduce potential resource damage.

OHV SAFETY

- Review this checklist before you ride to ensure a safe trip.
- Never Ride Alone. Ride with a partner.
 - Be certain each rider has a map and knows where the group is headed.
 - Before leaving the trailhead, choose rest stops and meeting places for your group, in case you become separated.
 - Stay on the correct route if you become separated, and let the group find you.
 - Check that your OHV is in proper working condition: all fluids are topped off, there are no loose or broken parts, and that your spark arrestor is in good condition and has not been modified. Be prepared for vehicle break downs.
 - Ride within the limits of your skill and endurance.
 - Know how to properly operate and control your vehicle.
 - Maintain a safe following distance.
 - Keep headlights on at all times so others can see you.
 - Provide direct parental supervision for riders under the age of 13.
 - Complete a rider safety course before operating an ATV or motorcycle.
 - Never carry passengers on an OHV unless it's designed for that purpose.
 - Do not use drugs or alcohol - riding a motorcycle or ATV requires a high degree of skill and judgment! Ride sober!
 - Carry basic tools and survival gear, including plenty of drinking water.
 - Wear appropriate protective gear including a helmet, eye protection, long-sleeved shirt, sturdy pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves. Dress for the weather, but never wear anything loose that catch in wheels!
 - Helmet - A helmet is the single most important piece of protection that can be worn.
 - Eye protection - Always wear goggles or a bubble visor shield.

- Gloves - A good pair of gloves is essential.
- Boots - It is important to have a pair of strong, over-the-ankle boots, with heels.
- Shirt or jacket - Wear a long-sleeved shirt or jacket when riding for protection.
- Pants - Wear long pants to protect your legs.

RIDE RESPONSIBLY AND ETHICALLY

CARING FOR PEOPLE, WILDLIFE, AND THE LAND

Before you leave, check weather conditions and be prepared. Trail and road conditions can change depending on elevation, terrain, soil types, and weather. Drive responsibly and stay in control. Be honest about your skill level and other people's skill levels. Plan your trip based on the lowest skill level. Supervise children on OHVs carefully and set a good example. Ensure children have been trained in OHV safety and teach them by your example respect for the land.

Stay on the trail. Use switchbacks rather than cut through hills. Avoid wheel spins, and avoid brake-digging when descending steep grades and switchbacks to prevent gouging of the trail, which leads to greater water erosion damage.

Don't hike back trail or road embankments. Riding on the embankments loosens soil and removes vegetation that may cause the embankment to erode onto the road or trail creating hazards and increasing maintenance costs.

Respect private land. Please do not access these lands if it is gated or signed. Do not destroy property or take anything that does not belong to you.

Ride quietly. Respect other users as well as the wildlife along your route.

Ride slowly. Ride with a minimum of throttle and low RPMs, particularly in areas of camps, campgrounds, in areas of poor visibility, and in areas where there are many trail and road users.

View wildlife from a distance. You will have a longer viewing time and cause less stress to animals if you view them with binoculars instead of chasing them with your vehicle. Chasing and harassing wildlife is both unethical and illegal.

Stay on the trail and road when crossing streams. If a trail or road travels through riparian areas and during spring conditions, take it easy and don't spin your tires.

Leave gates as you find them. If you open it, close it immediately. Never leave a closed gate open. Respect livestock and ride past slowly, giving them time to get out of the way.

YOUNG RIDERS

- Always supervise your children when they are riding.
- Camping areas are not riding areas. Riding in, near or around campgrounds can impact soils and plants and is disrespectful of other campers.
- Riding OHVs in campgrounds is prohibited. Ride on designated motorized routes only.
- Anyone under the age of 12 may operate an OHV on unpaved roads if accompanied by an adult and the motorcycle or quadricycle is operated in a reasonable and prudent manner.
- Always be sure your children use proper safety gear.
- Helmet: Can prevent and reduce the severity of head injuries. Helmets must meet DOT or Snell standards and be worn by those under 18 who operate or ride a motorcycle or quadricycle on streets or highways (MCA 61-9-17). Helmets are strongly recommended for ALL OHV operators and riders.

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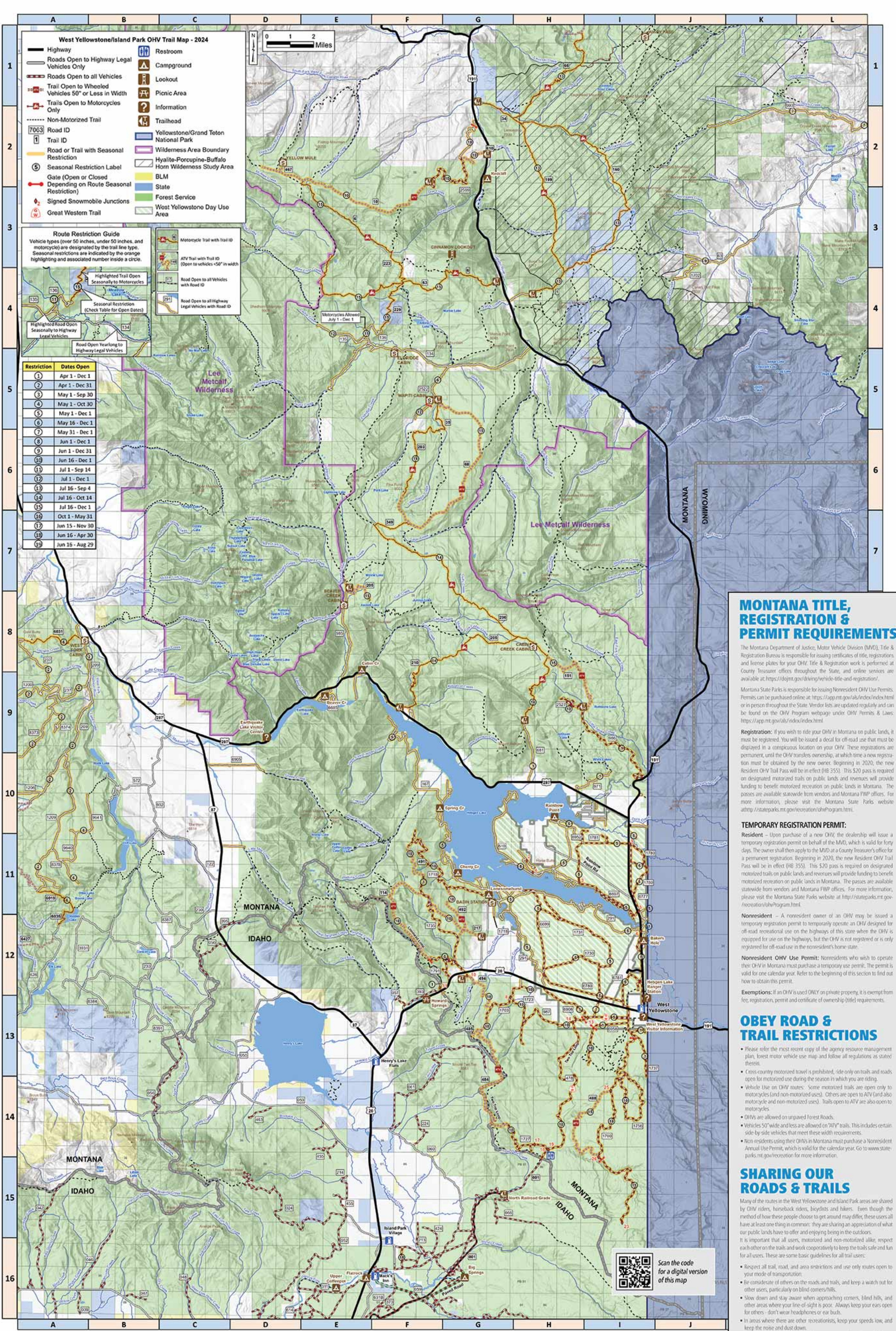
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MONTANA TITLE, REGISTRATION & PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

The Montana Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD), Title & Registration Bureau is responsible for issuing certificates of title, registrations, and license plates for your OHV. Title & Registration work is performed at County Treasurer offices throughout the State, and online services are available at <https://doj.mt.gov/diving/vehicle-title-and-registration/>.

Montana State Parks is responsible for issuing Nonresident OHV Use Permits. Permits can be purchased online at: <https://app.mt.gov/ah/index.html> or in person throughout the State. Vendor lists are updated regularly and can be found on the OHV Program webpage under OHV Permits & Laws: <https://app.mt.gov/ah/index.html>.

Registration: If you wish to ride your OHV in Montana on public lands, it must be registered. You will be issued a decal for off-road use that must be displayed in a conspicuous location on your OHV. These registrations are permanent, until the OHV transfers ownership, at which time a new registration must be obtained by the new owner. Beginning in 2020, the new Resident OHV Trail Pass will be in effect (HB 355). This \$20 pass is required on designated motorized trails on public lands and revenues will provide funding to benefit motorized recreation on public lands in Montana. The passes are available statewide from vendors and Montana FWP offices. For more information, please visit the Montana State Parks website at <http://stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/ohv-program.html>.

TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT:
Resident – Upon purchase of a new OHV, the dealership will issue a temporary registration permit on behalf of the MVD, which is valid for forty days. The owner shall then apply to the MVD at a County Treasurer's office for a permanent registration. Beginning in 2020, the new Resident OHV Trail Pass will be in effect (HB 355). This \$20 pass is required on designated motorized trails on public lands and revenues will provide funding to benefit motorized recreation on public lands in Montana. The passes are available statewide from vendors and Montana FWP offices. For more information, please visit the Montana State Parks website at <http://stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/ohv-program.html>.

Nonresident – A nonresident owner of an OHV may be issued a temporary registration permit to temporarily operate an OHV designed for off-road recreational use on the highways of the state where the OHV is required for use on the highways, but the OHV is not registered or is only registered for off-road use in the nonresident's home state.

Nonresident OHV Use Permit: Nonresidents who wish to operate their OHV in Montana must purchase a temporary use permit. The permit is valid for one calendar year. Refer to the beginning of this section to find out how to obtain this permit.

Exemptions: If an OHV is used ONLY on private property, it is exempt from fee, registration, permit and certificate of ownership (title) requirements.

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- Cross-country motorized travel is prohibited; ride only on trails and roads open for motorized use during the season in which you are riding.
- Vehicle Use on OHV routes: Some motorized trails are open only to motorcycles (and non-motorized users). Others are open to ATV (and also motorcycle and non-motorized users). Trails open to ATV are also open to motorcycles.
- OHVs are allowed on unpaved Forest Roads.
- Vehicles 50" wide and less are allowed on "ATV" trails. This includes certain side-by-side vehicles that meet these width requirements.
- Non-residents using their OHVs in Montana must purchase a Nonresident Annual Use Permit, which is valid for the calendar year. Go to www.stateparks.mt.gov/recreation for more information.

SHARING OUR ROADS & TRAILS

Many of the routes in the West Yellowstone and Island Park areas are shared by OHV riders, horseback riders, bicyclists and hikers. Even though the method of how these people choose to get around may differ, these users all have at least one thing in common: they are sharing an appreciation of what our public lands have to offer and enjoying being in the outdoors. It is important that all users, motorized and non-motorized alike, respect each other on the trails and work cooperatively to keep the trails safe and fun for all users. These are some basic guidelines for all trail users:

- Respect all trail, road, and area restrictions and use only routes open to your mode of transportation.
- Be considerate of others on the roads and trails, and keep a watch out for other users, particularly on blind corners/hills.
- Slow down and stay aware when approaching corners, blind hills, and other areas where your line-of-sight is poor. Always keep your ears open for others - don't wear headphones or ear buds.
- In areas where there are other recreationalists, keep your speeds low, and keep the noise and dust down.
- Keep your pets under control and keep an eye out for other people's pets when near other users.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE - YIELDING TO OTHER USERS

Everyone yields and gives all the trail for horses (downhill side if possible). Motorized vehicles yield the trail to mountain bikers, pedestrians, and horses. Yield the right-of-way to those passing you from behind or traveling uphill. Cooperate and be polite with all trail and road users, and be aware that not everyone understands trail/road etiquette. The more positive experiences other users have when meeting OHV users on the trail/road, the less inclined they will be to complain about OHVs.

IF YOU MEET A HORSE ON THE TRAIL

- As soon as you see a horse, pull to the side of the trail (downhill side if possible) far enough for horses to pass safely.
- Shut off your motor as soon as possible and remove your helmet.
- Talk to the rider and horse in a friendly, relaxed tone.
- Even if you see that a horseback rider has pulled off the trail, stop your engine and wait for the rider's instructions before you pass.

Remember that a horseback rider is dealing not just with himself or herself, but also with the personality and unpredictability of a large and potentially dangerous animal. Some horses and riders are well-experienced on trails that have OHV use, but others, particularly those new to the area, might not be. Please be both careful and polite when sharing the trail with horses, and do not be afraid to ask for instructions from horseback riders if you are unsure about the situation. Remember that your actions speak for all OHV riders. Leave a good impression with everyone you meet on the trail, and you will be going a long way to preserving your privilege to ride on public lands.

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