**Rice Canyon**

**Off-Highway Vehicle Area**

The Rice Canyon Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) Open Area lies within the Antelope/Shaffer/Bald Mountain Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). The open OHV area is about 10 miles from Susanville, CA and consists of 120 acres of public land managed primarily for OHV use. It is open to all types of vehicles such as four-wheel drive vehicles, all-terrain vehicles (ATV), utility terrain vehicles (UTV) and motorcycles. The area provides excellent opportunities for novice riders to improve their skills on the loop trails and for experienced riders looking for steep hill-climb opportunities. All OHV use beyond the open area is limited to designated routes and trails.

**Map & Guide**

Protect your public lands and resources by staying on designated routes and trails!

For more information contact:

Bureau of Land Management
Eagle Lake Field Office
2550 Riverside Dr.
Susanville, CA 96070
(530) 257-0456
www.blm.gov/visit/rice-canyon

Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return!

**Directions to Rice Canyon from Susanville, California**

From Susanville, take CA-36 S/Main Street toward Reno, Nevada. Turn left onto County Highway A27/Johnsville Road. Veer left onto County Highway A27/Center Road. Make a left onto Rice Canyon Road, and follow to the Rice Canyon OHV open area.

**Directions to Rice Canyon from Reno, Nevada**

From US-395 north, head left onto Leavitt Lane. Make a left on County Highway A27/Center Road. Take the first right onto Rice Canyon Road, and follow to the Rice Canyon OHV open area.

**Banner Lassen Medical Center**

Emergency Room
1800 Spring Ridge Dr.
Susanville, CA (530) 252-2000

Emergency DIAL 911

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**Campers**

**Camping/Water**

Camping is allowed on public lands for up to 14 consecutive days, however, developed campsites are not provided, and potable water is not available. Also, the dumping of gray or black wastewater is illegal.

**Campfires**

Campfires are allowed with a current campfire permit, but seasonal fire restrictions may prohibit campfires during periods of high fire danger. Remember to always put your campfire completely out! To acquire a campfire permit or learn current fire restrictions, contact the Eagle Lake Field Office.

**Safety**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages public lands for multiple uses, so be aware of other visitors and your surroundings. Always let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return. Visitors should be aware of potential wildlife dangers in the area, such as mountain lions and rattlesnakes.

**Required OHV Safety Training**

Enroll youth riders in the required ATV training. For more information, visit:

Eagle Lake Visitor Center
Phone: (530) 827-2807
www.atvtraining.com

**Sound Compliance Information:**

If your OHV was manufactured:

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*Operation OHVs are not manufactured to comply with Environmental Protection Agency noise or California emission standards. Refer to your owner’s manual, or contact your local dealer to determine the designation of your OHV. If you would like to set up an appointment to have your OHV or motorcycle tested for sound compliance, contact the Eagle Lake Field Office at (530) 252-5030."

**Tip on Leaving a Good Impression**

• Respect wildlife and plant species—the area is then home. Help keep the area open by staying on roads and trails.

• Keep your machine as quiet as possible. Noise is one of the biggest complaints by landowners and other recreationists.

• Do not destroy or remove cultural and historical resources.

**Plan Smart!**

• Purchase and use required safety gear.

• Let others know where you are riding and when you plan to return.

• Always plan ahead. Obtain all required maps, and bring overnight emergency supplies.

• Never ride alone.

• Stay on designated trails. Restoration of damaged areas is often paid with tax dollars and can lead to trail closures.

• Maintain vehicles in safe and optimal operating condition.

• Act responsibly and have respect for other recreation users and natural and cultural resources.

• Ride cautiously. Trail conditions change constantly, so be ready for anything!

**Plan for Safety and Tip on Leaving a Good Impression**

**Ridgeline Etiquette**

The future availability of the OHV trail system in Rice Canyon depends on you! Always yield to other users. Show respect when meeting others by slowing down or stopping. Low-hand signals can indicate how many riders are following.

**Firearm Regulations**

Fish and Game Code (FGC) 3004. (a) It is unlawful for any person, other than the person in possession of the premises, or a person having the express permission of the owner or person in possession of the premises, to hunt or to discharge while hunting, any firearm or other deadly weapon within 150 yards of any occupied dwelling house, residence, or other building or any barn or other outbuilding used in connection therewith. The 150-yard area is a “safety zone.” (b) It is unlawful for any person to intentionally discharge any firearm or release any arrow or crossbow bolt or arrow across any public road or way open to the public, in an unsafe manner.

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**Bureau of Land Management**

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Susanville, CA 96070
(530) 257-0456

**California Motorcycle Safety Program**

Phone: (877) 743-3411

**www.atvtraining.com**

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**Wildlife**

Help protect the habitat of mule deer, pronghorn, and other wildlife species by staying on designated trails and not crossing plants. For more information about mule deer, pronghorn, or other species, contact the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at (530) 254-6081 or visit their website at www.wildlife.ca.gov.

**Mule Deer**

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**Pronghorn**

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• Do not destroy or remove cultural and historical resources.

• Be conscious of and minimize your impact to avoiding plants and wildlife, taking your trash home, and respecting other users on the trail.

**Campfire Restrictions**

• Do not use plastic pellets, tracer rounds, exploding rounds, or steel-core rounds.

• Do not attach targets to plants or place targets against rocks, plants, or solid objects. It is illegal to deface or destroy trees, signs, oilboots, or other objects on federal lands.

• Carry in your targets and carry out all litter, brass and shell casings. All targets, shell casings, debris and trash must be removed.

• During fire season, some areas may be closed to target shooting.

See the Rice Canyon and Surrounding Area Map on the other side of this brochure for commonly used target shooting locations.

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Trail and Boundary Markers

Rice Canyon is an Open OHV area, therefore, users do not have to stay on the trails within the signed boundary. The roads and trails are marked throughout the Rice Canyon OHV area with brown vertical signs that designate the recommended type of vehicle and level of difficulty. Some of the popular “track-like” trail loops are numbered and correspond to the map in this guide.

Other Opportunities

Rice Canyon is just one feature of the 61,764-acre Antelope/Shaffer/Bald Mountain SRMA. For other recreational opportunities, visit one of the following sites for these suggested activities:
- Antelope Mountain: hang-gliding, hiking, and sightseeing
- Antelope Pit: target shooting
- Byers Pass: target shooting
- Bald Mountain: hunting, mountain biking, horseback riding, and hiking
- Belfast/Willow Creek (Tomison Wilderness Study Area): hiking, sightseeing, stream fishing, hunting, and environmental education
- Shaffer Mountain: target shooting, hunting, mountain biking, sightseeing, and wildlife viewing
- Susanville Ranch Park: cross-country skiing, hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. For more information, visit www.susanvilleranchpark.com

This high-elevation desert area is part of the Modoc Plateau and ranges in elevation from 4,000 to 7,000 feet. The generally dry, warm days have average high summer temperatures close to 90 degrees, and the daytime winter temperature averages 40 degrees. For specific information about these areas, contact the Eagle Lake Field Office.