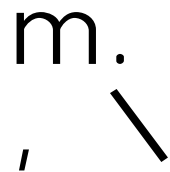




Forest Service Centennial



Rock Creek Trail System Eldorado National Forest Georgetown Ranger District



Welcome to the Eldorado National Forest. The Georgetown Ranger District's Rock Creek OHV area offers over 110 miles of system trails and roads traversing through beautiful scenery and challenging terrain. At approximately 3,000 feet in elevation, Rock Creek includes trails of all difficulty levels open from spring through fall. During winter, selected trails may be open depending on weather.

Route Number	Route Name	Length (Miles)	Difficulty	Possible Use Type*	Season All Year except for:
1	Rock Creek Loop	28.5	à 1	m, \ b . /	Wet/snow conditions closure.
1-1	Darling Tie	0.8	i	m, \ b	Wet/snow conditions closure.
1-2	Whaler Loop	1.5	i	m, \ b . /	Wet/snow conditions closure.
1-3	Lookout	1.4	i 1	m, \ b	Wet/snow conditions closure.
2	Darling Ridge Loop	4.9	i à	m, \ b	Wet/snow conditions closure.
3	Mace Mill Loop	6.4	à	m, \ b .	Wet/snow conditions closure.
3-1	Unnecessary	0.6	à	m, \ b .	Wet/snow conditions closure.
4	Bald Mountain Loop	12.9	à	m, \ b . /	Wet/snow conditions closure.
4-1	East Bald Mountain	1.6	à	m, \ b .	Wet/snow conditions closure.
4-2	West Bald Mountain	2.5	à	m, \ b	Wet/snow conditions closure.
4-3	Bald Tie	0.7	à	m, \ b	Wet/snow conditions closure.
4-4	Rock Creek Parallel	0.6	i	m, \ b	Wet/snow conditions closure.
4-5	Brass Tie	1.0	i	m, \ b .	Wet/snow conditions closure.
5	Ballarat Loop	4.4	à	m, \ b . /	Wet/snow conditions closure.
5-1	Ballarat Cutoff	1.1	à	m, \ b	Wet/snow conditions closure.
5-2	Five Corners	0.7	à	m, \ b	Wet/snow conditions closure.
6	Slate Mountain Loop	10.7	à i	m, \ b . /	Wet/snow conditions closure.
6-1	Whaler Ridge	1.0	à	m, \ b	Wet/snow conditions closure.
7	Crosier Run Loop	5.3	à	m, \ b .	Seasonal Closure Nov. 10 to May 1 for Deer Winter Range.
7-1	Crosier Cutoff	2.6	1	m, \ b	Seasonal Closure Nov. 10 to May 1 for Deer Winter Range.
8	Depth Charge	0.9	à	m, \ b .	Closed for resource protection until a new route is constructed in 2005.
8-1	Miner's Pit	0.8	i	m, \ b	Wet/snow conditions closure.

Symbol Legend

- m Open to Vehicles with 2 wheels.
- ' Open to Hikers.
- \ Open to Equestrian Use.
- b Open to Bicycles.
- . Open to Vehicles less than 50 inches in width.
- / Open to Four-Wheel Drive Vehicles.
- i Easy
- à Moderate
- 1 Difficult

***Use Type varies throughout routes, Refer to map for details.**

Rock Creek Trails Information

Staging Areas

Mace Mill Staging Area -

Directions: From Georgetown drive 6 miles east on Wentworth Springs Road. Turn right at the east entrance of the Balderston Road (which makes a loop onto the Wentworth Springs Road). Drive south for approximately one mile and turn left onto the Mace Mill Road. Proceed approximately one and a half miles to the Mace Mill Staging Area.

Amenities: The staging area has one portable toilet and several information boards. On the information boards users will find a map of the trail system, trail status information, regulations and a dispenser for trail maps. Riders can camp or unload their vehicles in the clearings along side the Mace Mill.

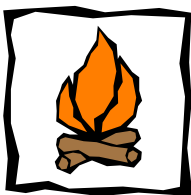
Requirements: A California campfire permit is required for campfires, barbecues and portable stoves.

Bald Mountain Staging Area –

Directions: From Georgetown drive 10.5 miles east on Wentworth Springs Road. Turn right onto the Rock Creek North Road (12N72 Road). Drive south for approximately one half mile and turn right onto the Bald Mountain Lookout Road (12N71). The road leading to the Bald Mountain Staging Area will be on the right almost immediately after turning onto this road.

Amenities: The staging area has one several information boards. On the information boards users will find a map of the trail system, trail status information, regulations and a dispenser for trail maps. Riders can camp or unload their vehicles in the clearings along side the Bald Mountain Staging Area Road.

Requirements: A California campfire permit is required for campfires, barbecues and portable stoves.



- ✓ Check for Fire Restrictions.
- ✓ Drown Your Fire With Water to Extinguish it.

Trail Tips

- ◇ Avoid wheel spins. Be conscious of any impacts you are making on the land. Remember to Tread Lightly!
- ◇ Please restrict operation of OHVs in staging areas to entering and exiting.
- ◇ Never ride alone. Use the buddy system.
- ◇ Stay on designated system trails. Cutting switchbacks and creating hill climbs causes serious erosion problems that could destroy the route and create other resource damage. Repairs cost tax dollars and citations can cost you dollars.
- ◇ Route conditions vary with changes in weather.

Keep in Mind

Other users such as hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians, utilize this trail system. Please be considerate.

Traffic flows in both directions on roads and trails. Watch for other vehicles! Always keep to the right, be cautious and travel at a prudent speed.

Portions of this trail system border and travel through private property. Please respect the rights of private property owners by staying on designated routes at all times.

Organized Events

The use of National Forest lands for organized recreation events, such as enduros, poker runs, and rallies, requires a Special Use Permit. Contact the District Ranger responsible for the administration of the proposed area for details.

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LEAVING A GOOD IMPRESSION

- T Travel on Designated Routes!
- R Respect the Rights of Others!
- E Educate Yourself!
- A Avoid Streams, Meadows, Wildlife, etc.!
- D Drive Responsibly!



OHV Regulations

All California State laws that apply to the operation of motor vehicles and OHVs apply to OHV use on National Forest lands.

- **Alcohol and Drugs** - State and Federal Law prohibits operating any vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. This applies equally to the operation of Off-Highway Vehicles, including those statutes prohibiting drinking while driving (CVC23220), and drinking in a motor vehicle (CVC23221). This affects both the driver and passenger.
- **ATV Age Restrictions** - ATV safety certificates are required for riders under 18 years old. In addition, children under 14 years of age must be supervised by a licensed parent, guardian, or authorized adult.
- **Children** – Unlicensed juveniles operating motorcycles and ATV's must be under the supervision of a licensed adult.
- **Driver's License** - If your driver's license is suspended or revoked you cannot operate any motor vehicle on public roads, trails, or lands.
- **Helmet** - You must have a Department of Transportation approved safety helmet if you are operating an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or street legal motorcycle.

OHV Sound Regulation and Enforcement

On January 1, 2003, California's OHV vehicle noise regulations changed. If your OHV was manufactured:

Your Sound Limit Is:

- Before January 1, 1986 101 dbA
- On or After January 1, 1986 96 dbA

The 101 dbA or 96 dbA legal limit on sound produced by an OHV is enforced in all areas of the Eldorado National Forest. It is the OHV enthusiasts responsibility to know the rules and regulations and to abide by the laws enforced in this area.

- **Out-of-State Visitor** - If you are visiting California, you must meet California state registration requirements. The California Department of Motor Vehicles issues a temporary OHV registration to out of state visitors.

- **Passenger** - You cannot carry a passenger on an ATV.
- **Red Sticker Program** – The Rock Creek Recreational Trails area is designated by the California Air Resource Board (CARB) as an area when operation of red sticker OHVs will be restricted to a riding season starting on October 15 to May 31. If you have an OHV that is subject to the Red Sticker program, please check before riding. For more information, you can access the CARB website at: www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/offroad/offhwymc.
- **Registration** - California residents must have a current highway license plate or OHV registration (green or red sticker) for all vehicles.

Greensticker (Red) Placement Law

As of January 1, 1996 California DMV no longer issues a renewal sticker. A new OHV "license plate" is issued upon each renewal. The OHV license plate must be affixed in a specific location on an Off-Highway Vehicle.

- ◆ **Motorcycle:** On the left fork leg, either horizontal or vertical, visible from the left.
- ◆ **All Terrain Vehicle (ATV):** On the left rear quadrant of frame, visible from rear.
- ◆ **Sand Rail, Rail-type Buggies:** On the left quadrant of metal frame, visible to the rear.

For better adhesion, clean surface thoroughly. Remove any old license plates.

- **Resource Damage** - OHVs must not be operated in a manner creating damage or disturbance to soil, water, vegetation, or wildlife resources. Excessive OHV related damage to forest resources might lead to temporary or permanent closures.
- **Safe Operation** - For your safety and others, OHVs must never be operated in a manner likely to endanger any person or property. Driving at excessive speed, careless and reckless driving is prohibited, and dangerous.
- **Spark Arrestor** - Your vehicle must have an approved spark arrestor or muffler in good working condition.

MAP LEGEND

Highway Licensed Vehicle Routes

RECOMMENDED VEHICLES*

- Secondary Highway:**
Only for vehicles that are *both* highway licensed & equipped
- Paved Road:**
Only for vehicles that are *both* highway licensed & equipped
- Improved Gravel Road:**
Only for vehicles that are *both* highway licensed & equipped
- Improved Dirt Road:**
Only for vehicles that are *both* highway licensed & equipped

OHV Routes

- Combined Use Road:**
Highway licensed & OHV
- Unimproved Road:**
Not recommended for passenger cars. Non-highway legal OHVs permitted (unless signed otherwise)
- OHV Trail:**
High clearance vehicles, ATVs, motorcycles, mountain bikes, horses, and hikers
- OHV Trail:**
ATVs, motorcycles, mountain bikes, horses, and hikers (unless signed otherwise)
- Motorcycle Trail:**
Motorcycles, mountain bikes, horses, and hikers only

Other Routes

- Mountain Bike Trail:**
Mountain Bikes, horses, and hikers only
- Equestrian Trail:**
Horses and hikers only

Trail Number & Difficulty Level

	Easiest	}	Trail Number with degree of difficulty symbol
	More Difficult		
	Most Difficult		

*VEHICLE DEFINITIONS

Vehicles that are *both* highway licensed & equipped

- Passenger Car Low Clearance
- 2WD High Clearance
- 4WD High Clearance
- Motorcycle

Non-Highway Legal

- 4WD High Clearance
- ATV
- Motorcycle

Other Users

- Mountain Bikes
- Horses

	Forest Service Ranger District Station		National Forest Boundary
	Forest Service Picnic Area		Rock Creek Recreational Trails Area
	Non-Forest Service Picnic Area		Deer Winter Range Seasonal Closure November 10 to May 1
	OHV Staging Areas		Snow Closure Zone subject to snow conditions
	Forest Service Campground		Perennial Stream
	Trailhead		Intermittent Stream
	County Road		Eldorado National Forest Land
	Primary Forest Route		Non-Forest Land
	Forest Road		
	Locked Gate - All Year		
	Locked Gate - Seasonal		

Public lands are subject to change and leasing. Local inquiry should be made before entering.

NOTICE: Due to high fire hazard conditions certain areas of the National Forest are closed to public entry from approximately July 1 to November 15 every year. For further information check with your local Forest Service Office.

For More Information

For Current Fire, Recreation, or Vehicle Restrictions and 24-hour information on trail conditions and closures contact:

Georgetown Ranger District
(530) 333-4312, TTY: (530) 647-5407
 7600 Wentworth Springs Rd.
 Georgetown, CA 95634

Forest Web Site: www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado

Emergency Phone Number:
 911 or 530-647-4911 (from a cell phone).

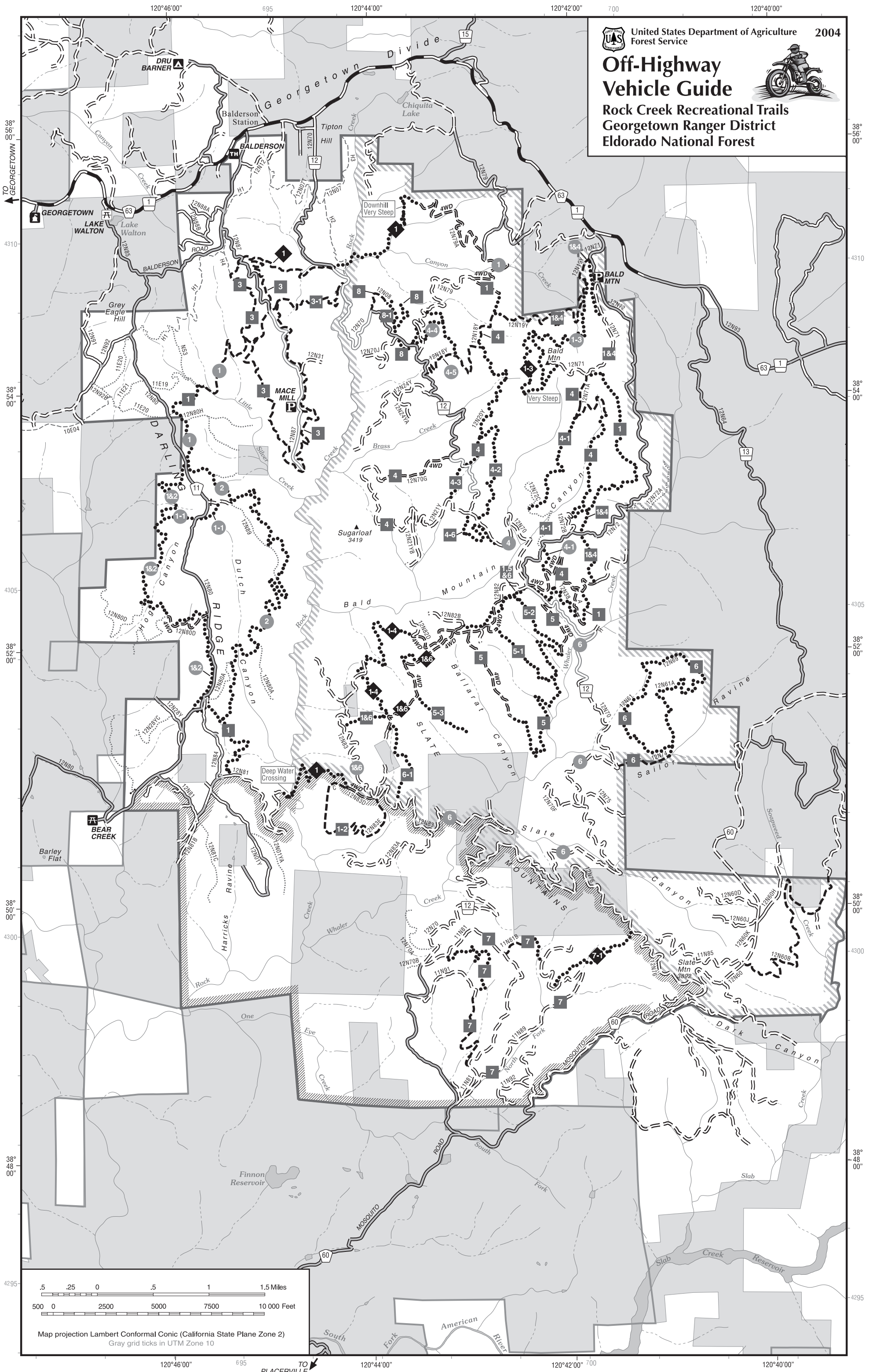
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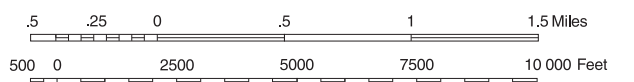


Rock Creek Recreational Trails
Georgetown Ranger District
Eldorado National Forest



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Map projection Lambert Conformal Conic (California State Plane Zone 2)
Gray grid ticks in UTM Zone 10

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