

FAUNA OF THE SANTA ROSA RANGE



Red Tailed Hawk (Buteo Jamaicensis)

The most common hawk in Northern America, these carnivorous birds are keen-eyed and efficient hunters. Look for their stick nests high above the ground.



Prong Horn Antelope (Antilocapra Americana)

The fastest animal in the western hemisphere (70mph) is a rare treat to see due to its coloring and ability to see you from 4 miles away!



Meadowlark (Sturnella Neglecta)

This melodic, ground-inhabiting species builds its nest, forages and roosts there. Territorial males will jump-flight or sing over boundary disputes.

Big Horn Sheep (Ovis Canadensis Californiana)

Weighing up to 150 pounds these vegetarians avoid predators in rocky terrains, where hooves reign supreme.



Mule Deer (Odocoileus Hemionus)

Weighing from 100-475 pounds, these animals can be seen in great numbers early in the morning and at dusk. Look for the distinct white rump patch with black tail and large ears that can be up to 6 inches in length.



Sage Grouse (Centrocercus Urophasianus)

Watch for males between March and May as they gather together at lek sites to perform mating dances!



Great Basin Rattlesnake (Crotalus Oreganus Lutosus)

Medium-sized, venomous, heavy bodied snake with a broad triangular head and tail rattle. Young are live born usually between August and October.



Elk (Cervus Elaphus)

A larger relative of the deer, male elk (bulls) can have antlers reaching 4 feet above their heads and tower around 9 feet tall.

Chukar (Alectoris Chukar)

Native to Pakistan the Chukar Partridge was introduced in Nevada to be a game bird. They have been known to go up to 3 meters into mineshafts in search of water!



DON'T MISS

WILDFLOWERS GALORE

These are just some of the dozens of varieties to be discovered along the routes. Peak season is generally late May through June.



LYE CREEK CAMPGROUND

Lye Creek Campground, nestled among aspen at an elevation of 7,400', offers an excellent base for multi-day exploration of the Santa Rosas. Located about 6 miles south of the Buckskin Route, picnic tables, fire rings, grills, water and vault toilets are available; fee station is self-serve.

FALL COLORS

Return to the Santa Rosa in fall for magnificent colors of another kind and excellent hunting opportunities.



AT A GLANCE

These OHV routes are appropriate for most riders but still pose some safety concerns.

TERRAIN

STEEP SLOPES

LOOSE SURFACE MATERIAL

DEEP RUTS

ROUTES ARE OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES; WATCH OUT FOR OTHER USERS.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

LIMITED CELL PHONE RECEPTION

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE 1-2 HOURS

WEATHER

WEATHER IN THE MOUNTAINS IS VARIABLE YEAR-ROUND. BE PREPARED FOR RAPIDLY CHANGING CONDITIONS.

LIVESTOCK GRAZING IS ONE OF THE "MULTIPLE USES" SUPPORTED BY THE NATIONAL FOREST. FENCES, GATES AND LIMITED INTERACTION FROM VISITORS ARE IMPORTANT TO PROPER MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK AND FORAGE RESOURCES.

STAY OUT, STAY ALIVE

Abandoned mines are abundant throughout Nevada and many have not been secured. Life-threatening hazards include open shafts, unstable grounds, explosives and unbreathable air.

TREAD LIGHTLY!

RESPECTED ACCESS IS OPEN ACCESS

TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY

Stay on designated roads, trails and areas.
Go over, not around, obstacles to avoid widening the trail.
When possible, avoid wet, muddy trails.

RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS

Respect all recreational trail users and private property owners.
Leave gates as you found them, unless otherwise posted.

EDUCATE YOURSELF

Prior to your trip, obtain travel maps and regulations from public agencies.
Check the weather forecast and plan accordingly.
Take recreational skill classes and know how to operate your equipment safely.

AVOID SENSITIVE AREAS

Sensitive areas include meadows, wetlands and streams.
Stay on trail to protect wildlife habitats and sensitive soils.

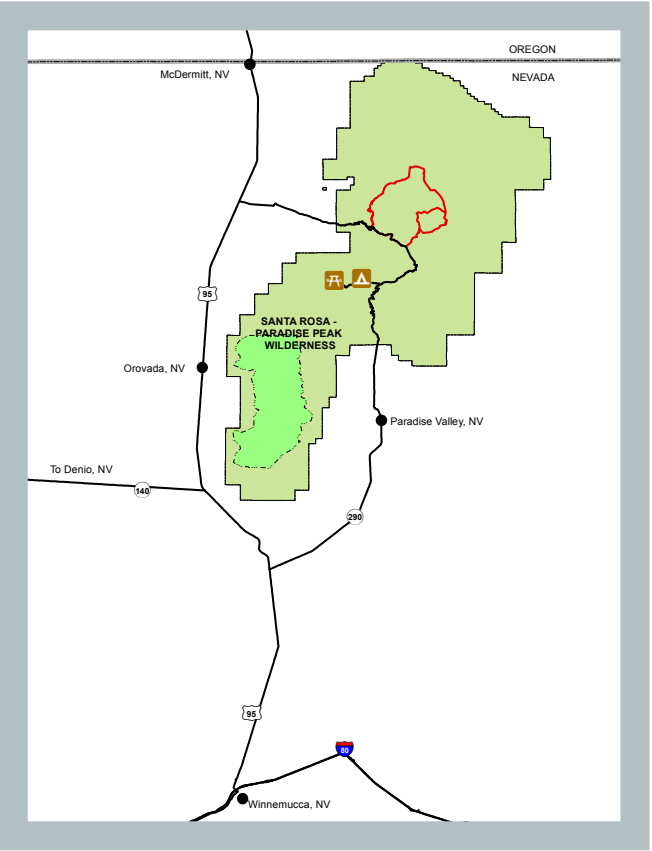
DO YOUR PART

Model appropriate behavior, your actions speak for all trail users.
Properly dispose of waste, leave the area better than you found it.
Avoid the spread of invasive species, stay on trails and wash all equipment after use.



GETTING THERE

Just a 45 minute drive north of Interstate 80, lies the beautiful and majestic Santa Rosa Range and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. From the picturesque community of Paradise Valley, a short journey into the mountains accesses the Buckskin and Table Mountain OHV Routes, offering unparalleled opportunity to explore the beauty, wildlife and wonder of this special place on your ATV. This project was made possible through a generous Recreational Trails grant from Nevada State Parks in partnership with Nevada Outdoor School, US Forest Service and Northern Nevada ATV Association.



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