

The Lower Ranch
This 2400-acre area, set aside for motorcycle and ATV use only, has about 64 miles of trails and several hillclimbs. There are also two picnic areas, a practice motocross track, an ATV track, a TT track, a mini-bike trail, and a mini-track. A washrack is located in the Lodge Camp, and in the Day Use Area. Riding is allowed from sunrise to sunset.

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Closed Areas
During wet weather, the eastern portion of the Lower Ranch, which has an adobe soil, may be temporarily closed due to extremely muddy conditions. The western (granite) portion is nearly always open. Occasionally a trail will be closed for maintenance. Be safe, use caution, and watch for signs indicating that heavy equipment is being operated. Some areas may be closed for revegetation and erosion control projects.

Safety Tips

- It is recommended that all ATV operators take part in a formal safety training course under supervision of a certified ATV instructor.
- Proper riding equipment is essential to the safe operation of an OHV. Each ATV rider must wear a helmet and should wear proper protective clothing.
- Before starting out, familiarize yourself with the terrain. AVOID SURPRISES.
- Inexperienced riders should thoroughly acquaint themselves with all vehicle controls before starting out.
- Drive within the limits of your ability. Don't go faster or climb higher than you can safely handle. Watch out for other riders. When in doubt, take time to think and look the situation over before you proceed.

- Helmet —
- Goggles —
- Shoulder —
- Guards
- Gloves —
- Elbow Pads
- Knee —
- Pads
- Shin —
- Guards
- Riding —
- Boots

Lower Ranch Riding Areas & Trails

- Paved Roads
- Main Park Road (2 and 4 wheel vehicles)
- Trails** (Motorcycles & ATV's only)
- Easiest Trails
- More Difficult Trails
- Most Difficult Trails
- Single Track
- Motorcycles Only
- Maintained Tracks
- Special Use Area
- Camping
- Day Use Area
- Locked Gates
- Most Major Trails are One Way
- Two Way Road
- One Way Road

- Check Your Vehicle**
- Gas and Oil
 - Lights
 - Tire Pressure
 - Spark Arrestor
 - Wheels and Spokes
 - Front Forks
 - Brakes
 - Rear Shocks
 - Chains
 - Loose Nuts and Bolts
 - Clutch
 - Other Equipment



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area
7800 Cienega Road
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Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Upper Ranch: 8:00 a.m. to sunset
Vehicle operation sunrise to sunset

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Welcome to Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area. Hollister Hills offers recreation for motorcyclists, four-wheelers, picnickers, and campers in the Gabilan Mountains, just an hour's drive from San Jose. Park elevations range from 660 feet to 2425 feet.

The Upper Ranch

This 800-acre area, which has about 24 miles of trails, is used for four-wheel drive recreation and for four-wheel drive and motorcycle special events; a fenced motocross track is also located here.

Four-wheel drive operators should call before coming, especially on weekends, to make sure that the area isn't reserved for a special event. To use the area for the day, register first at the park office. If your vehicle gets stuck or breaks down, you are responsible for removing it. The Upper Ranch may be accessed for day use from 8 a.m. to sunset. **Vehicle operation is allowed only between sunrise and sunset.**

Camping

The Upper Ranch has one family campground—Sycamore, which accommodates about 60 people, and has water and flush toilets. Fires are allowed in fire-rings only. Bring your own wood or purchase it at the park store.

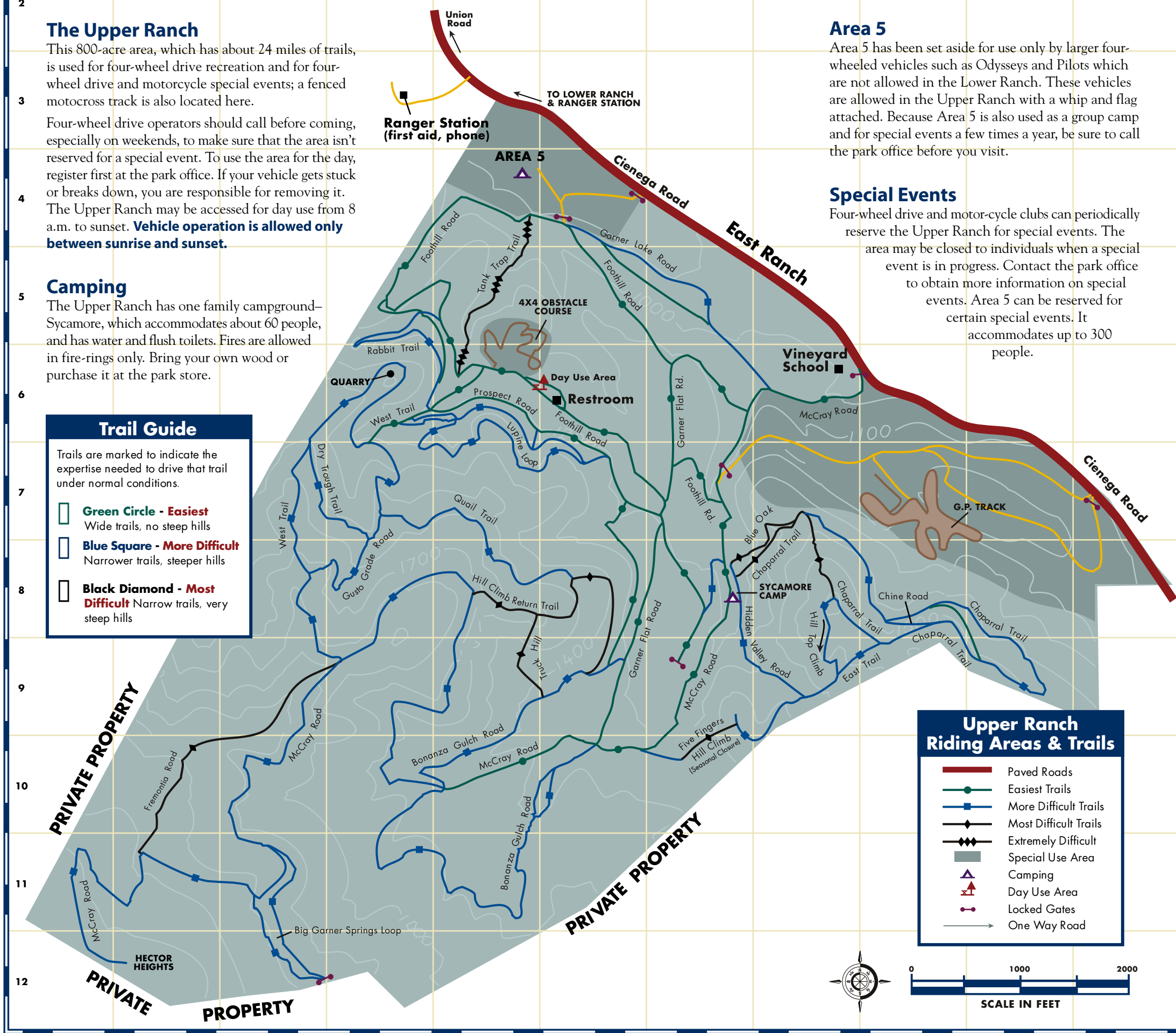
Trail Guide

Trails are marked to indicate the expertise needed to drive that trail under normal conditions.

- **Green Circle - Easiest**
Wide trails, no steep hills
- **Blue Square - More Difficult**
Narrower trails, steeper hills
- ◆ **Black Diamond - Most Difficult**
Narrow trails, very steep hills

HOLLISTER HILLS

UPPER RANCH



Area 5

Area 5 has been set aside for use only by larger four-wheeled vehicles such as Odysseys and Pilots which are not allowed in the Lower Ranch. These vehicles are allowed in the Upper Ranch with a whip and flag attached. Because Area 5 is also used as a group camp and for special events a few times a year, be sure to call the park office before you visit.

Special Events

Four-wheel drive and motor-cycle clubs can periodically reserve the Upper Ranch for special events. The area may be closed to individuals when a special event is in progress. Contact the park office to obtain more information on special events. Area 5 can be reserved for certain special events. It accommodates up to 300 people.

Upper Ranch Riding Areas & Trails

- Paved Roads
- Easiest Trails
- More Difficult Trails
- Most Difficult Trails
- Extremely Difficult
- Special Use Area
- ▲ Camping
- ▲ Day Use Area
- Locked Gates
- One Way Road



OHV RULES OF THE "OFF"-ROAD

You are responsible to know park rules and regulations. All provisions of the California Vehicle Code are enforced.

- Speed limit is 15 mph within 50 feet of a campground, campsite, or concentration of people or animals. California's Basic Speed Law applies: Don't drive faster than is safe for conditions.
- Speed limit is 25 mph on the main park roads (those used by other vehicles as well as motorcycles)
- You may not drive a motor vehicle on a trail (CVC 38305) or a highway (CVC 22350) at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent and in no event at a speed that endangers the safety of other persons or their property.
- All California Vehicle Code laws pertaining to driving under the influence or open containers of alcohol apply to off-road. **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.**
- Motor vehicles must stay out of vegetated areas. Stay on trails and obey all signs.
- ATV operators under the age of 18 must possess an appropriate safety certificate or be supervised by an adult who possesses a safety certificate.
- All sections included in Division 16.5 of the California Vehicle Code "Off-Highway Vehicles" apply in the designated OHV area.
- Please help us be good neighbors by staying within designated riding areas.
- All ATV riders must wear helmets.
- No passengers are allowed on three or four-wheeled ATV's.
- Odysseys and Pilots must have a whip and flag to operate in the Upper Ranch. The whip must extend eight feet from the ground to the top when the vehicle is stopped and a flag (minimum 6" by 12") must be attached within 10 inches from the top.

• **Vehicle operation is allowed only between sunrise and sunset.**
Red Sticker Operation: October 1st through May 31st

REGISTRATION

Current California off-road vehicle registration (green & red stickers) or highway registration are required at all times when operating OHVs on public lands. Funds generated from OHV registration along with a portion of the state gas tax are used for the acquisition, development and operation of OHV areas throughout California.

SPARK ARRESTERS

Each off-highway vehicle must have a U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrester in good working order and in place at all times.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Resource Management is a priority at Hollister Hills and all other OHV Trust Fund Areas. Effective resource management requires: proper trail layout and design; monitoring wildlife habitat; implementing erosion control measures; maintaining roads and trails; suppressing excessive dust; and protecting riparian areas, among other things. Please help us be good stewards of the land by staying on the trails and riding responsibly!

Please Note:

- The gates to the Upper Ranch area must be attended or kept locked at all times.
Remember, others are using the area, so always expect to meet another vehicle.
- Motorcycles, and ATV's are not allowed to be taken into the four-wheel drive area, except on special event motorcycle weekends.

