

Off-Road Vehicle Briefing

412 CEG/CEVA



Desert Tortoise

- Desert Tortoise Protection
 - *Endangered Species Act*
 - *USFWS Biological Opinions*
- Why has the population declined?
 - Predation
 - Disease
 - Vandalism
 - Collection as pets
 - Habitat destruction/modification



Typical Burrow



Hatchling Tortoise



Desert Tortoise


- In remote areas, always check underneath your vehicle
- Watch out for rain!
- Stay on designated trails
- What do you do if you find a tortoise?
 - Do not touch unless the tortoise is in immediate danger
 - Minding your safety, move tortoises off roads
 - Unauthorized handling could result in \$50,000 fine and jail time
 - Call Environmental Management at 277-1401



... the tortoise is in immediate danger (e.g. crossing a *busy* road) and must be moved, you may do so while following these rules:



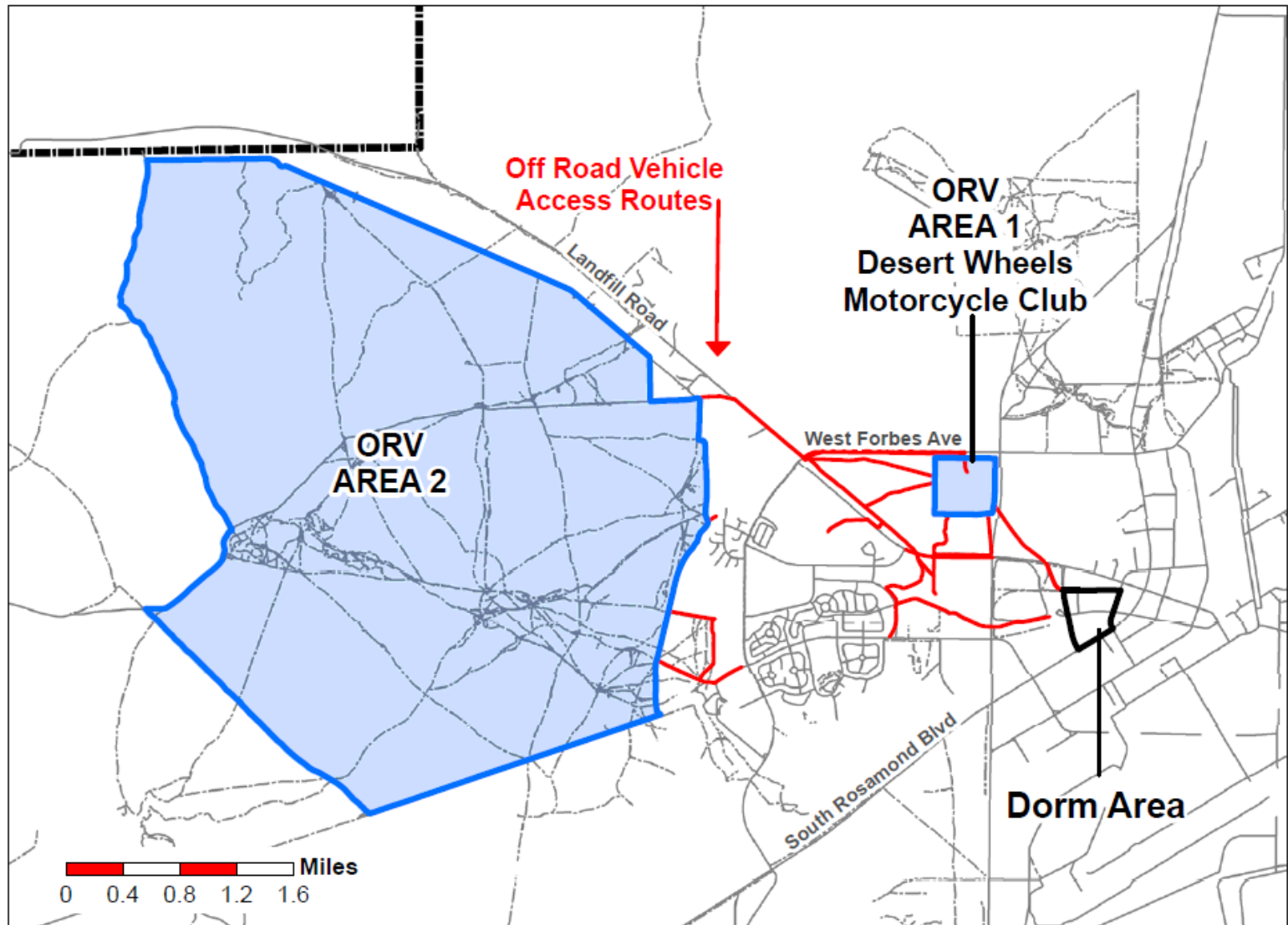
- 1. Approach slowly from the front**
- 2. Note the direction the tortoise is going**
- 3. Pick up the tortoise (with both hands on the sides) and move in the same direction it was headed**
- 4. Place the tortoise about 100 feet away and in the shade**
- 5. Notify Environmental Management**



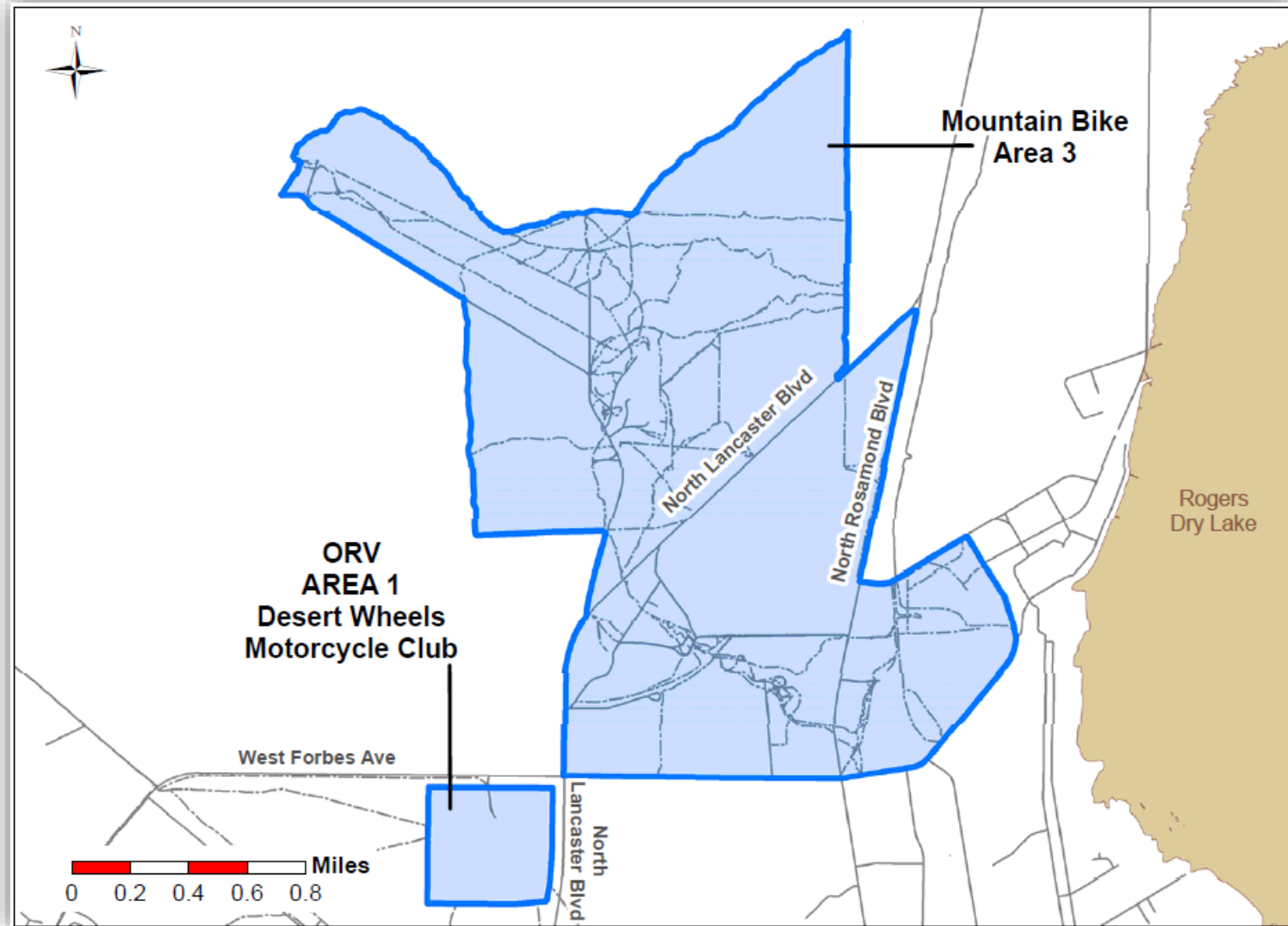
For More Information on
the Desert Tortoise –
Check Out Our Video On
YouTube!

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Where are the Motorized Areas?



Where is the Mountain Bike Area?



What Regulations Control the ORVAs?

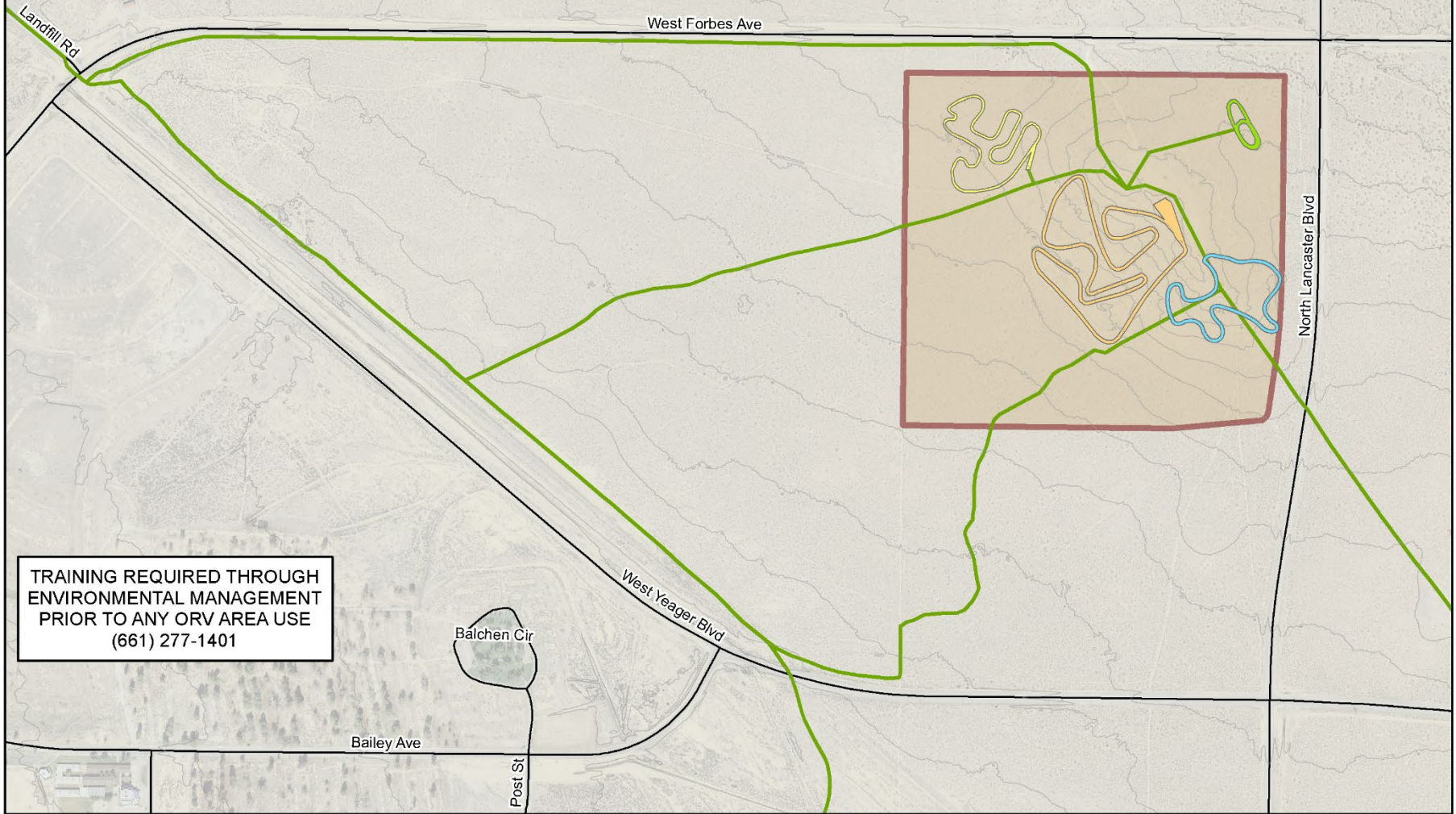
- Edwards Air Force Base Instruction 31-28
- DOD-I 6055.4
- Basewide Biological Opinion 8-8-14-F-14
- Edwards Ground Safety office can answer any questions regarding base requirements at 661-277-5049



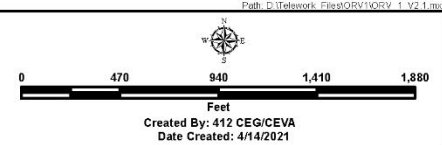
What are the rules for ORVA 1:

- Desert Wheels Motorcycle Club
 - Features several tracks with various jumps
 - ***Must be member of club to use the area***
 - For details/information contact club president Lt Col Jeremy Wimer
 - Preferred contact: DesertWheelsMC@gmail.com
 - Can also be reached at (830) 313-1130

Edwards Air Force Base ORV Area 1



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|  Intermediate Track |  Authorized Access Routes |
|  Kids Track |  Recreation Area |
|  Main Track |  10 ft Contour |
|  Oval Track |  Road |



Desert Wheels Motorcycle Club Edwards Air Force Base

West Forbes Ave

North Lancaster Blvd



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| Intermediate Track - All Vehicles OK | Authorized Access Routes | Parking Area |
| Kids Track - All Vehicles OK | Recreation Area | Entrance Gate |
| Main Track - Dirt Bikes and Racing Quads Only | 10 ft Contour | |
| Sandy Oval Track - All Vehicles OK | Road | |

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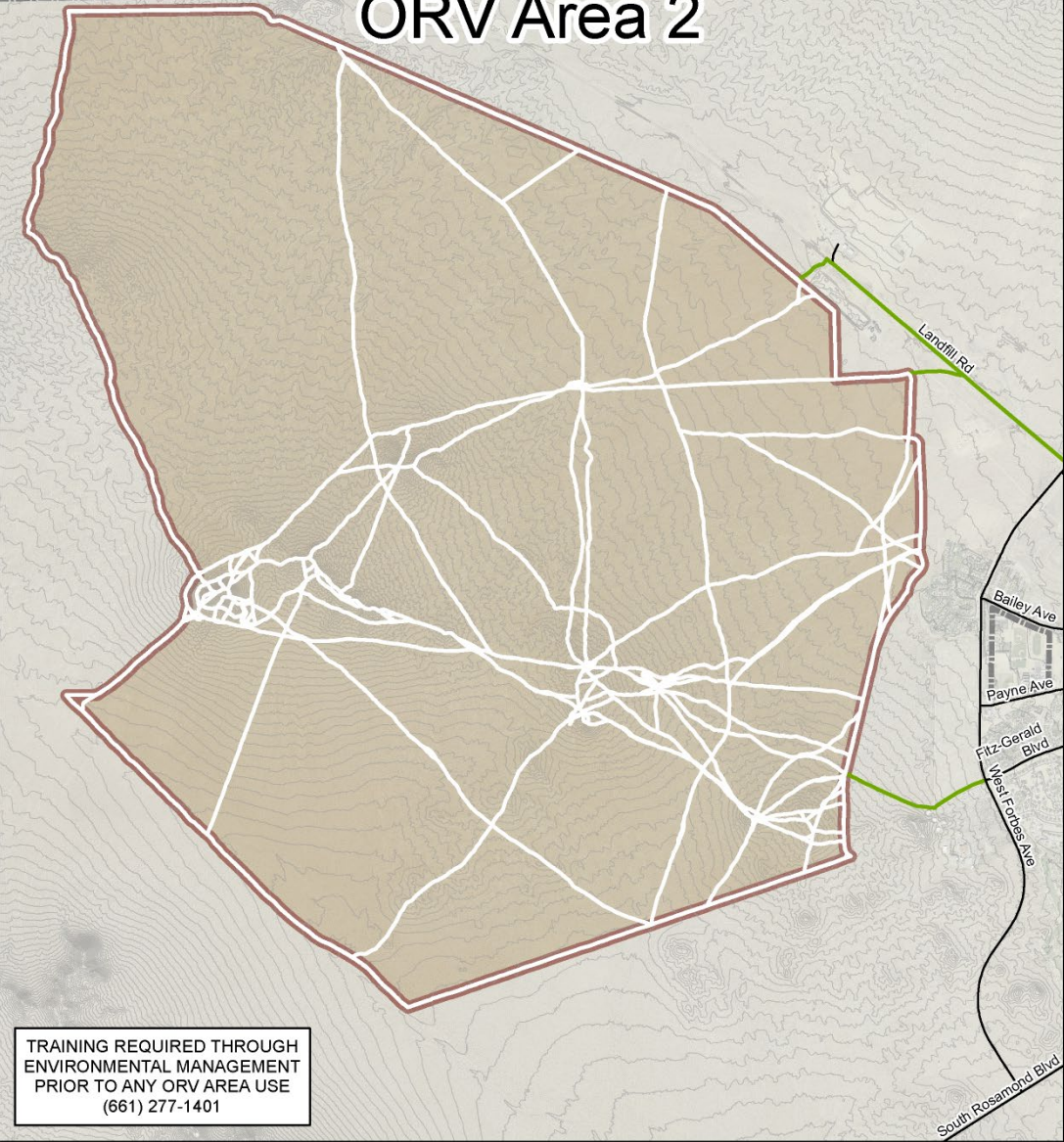
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What are the rules for ORVA 2

- Open only during daylight hours
- Must have SVIA safety training to operate ORVs
- Must have desert tortoise training. Keep training card on you at all times.
- Stay on existing roads/trails!
- Must be 18 or supervised at ALL times.
- Never leave litter of ANY kind
- Wear safety gear
- Open to:
 - Motorized vehicles
 - Non-motorized vehicles
 - Horseback riders
 - Pedestrians



Edwards Air Force Base ORV Area 2



TRAINING REQUIRED THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PRIOR TO ANY ORV AREA USE
(661) 277-1401

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| Authorized Trail/Road | Recreation Area | 10 ft Contour Interval |
| Authorized Access Routes | Road | Edwards AFB Boundary |

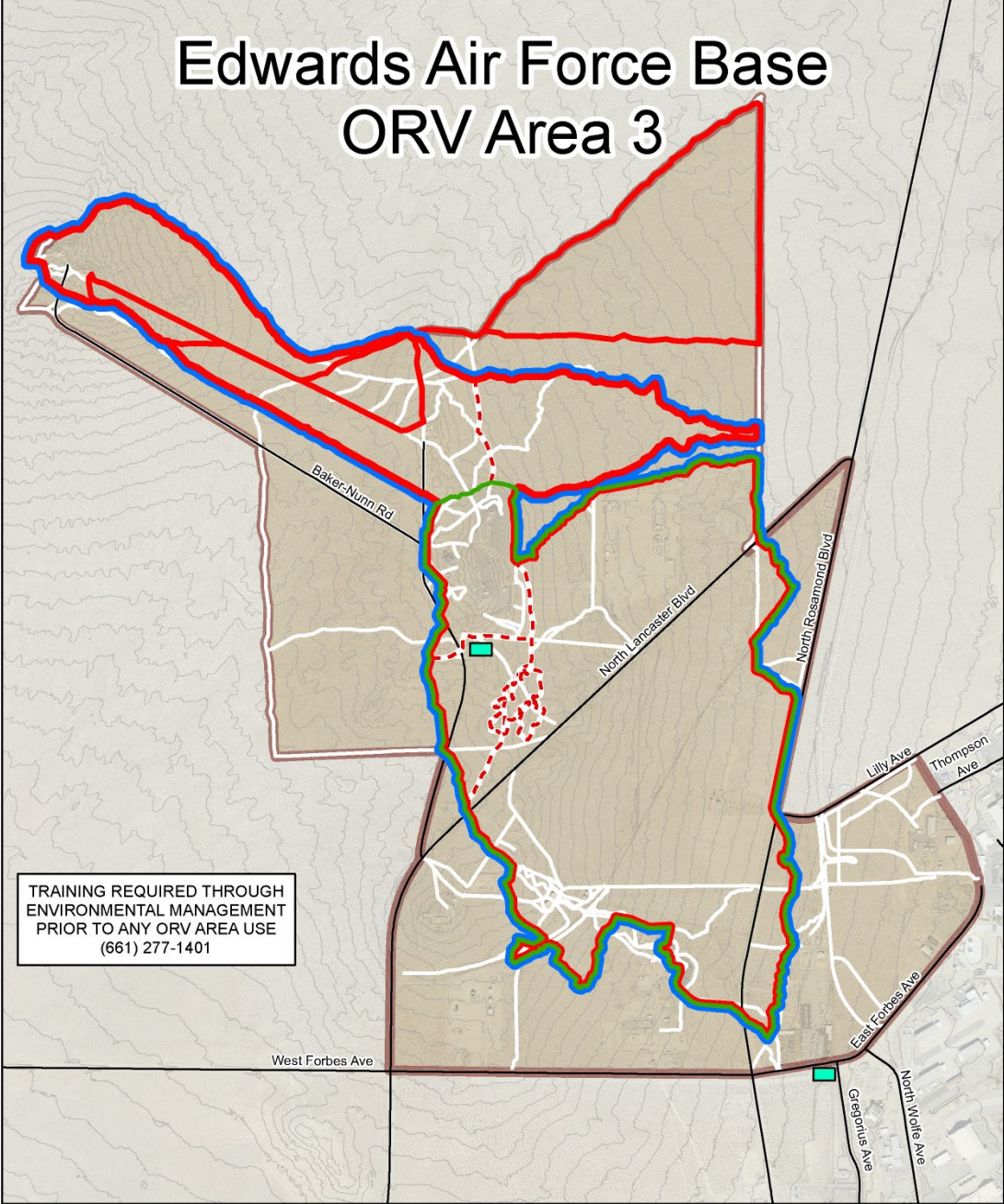
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What are the rules for Mountain Bike Area 3

- Open only during daylight hours
- Must have desert tortoise training. Keep training card on you at all times.
- Stay on existing roads/trails!
- Must be 18 or supervised at ALL times.
- Never leave litter of ANY kind.
- Wear safety gear
- Open to:
 - Non-motorized vehicles
 - Pedestrians



Edwards Air Force Base ORV Area 3



TRAINING REQUIRED THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PRIOR TO ANY ORV AREA USE (661) 277-1401

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| 5 Mile Loop | Tech Twisties Trail and Connector Trails | Recreation Area |
| 10 Mile Loop | Other Authorized Trail | Parking Area and Tool Stand |
| 15 Mile Loop | Road | 10 ft Contour Interval |

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What happens if people violate the rules?

- Citations by Security Forces/Fish and Wildlife Officer
- Closure of the areas for recreational use
- Fines if caught doing illegal activities such as harassing desert tortoises or collecting artifacts.



Recommendations

- Beware of other types of users in the area
- Go with a buddy or make sure someone is aware of your route and return time
- Bring water and sun protection
- Don't over extend your riding capabilities
- Do not harass/feed the wildlife



Additional Resources

- Where can I get more maps?
 - Outdoor Recreation
 - Housing Office
 - Environmental Management
- Where can I get more information/additional training?
 - Environmental Management
- How can I get SVIA training
 - Visit <http://www.atvsafety.org> for approved training courses
- In case of an Emergency, call 277-4540