

PRAIRIE CITY SVRA NEWSLETTER

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Spills

Sometime spills happen. Spilled fluids from your vehicle can have a negative effect on wildlife and the environment. The fluids can even pollute our drinking water if they are left on the ground. If you have a spill it is important to clean it up and dispose of it properly. Being prepared and having a spill kit with you can go a long way in keeping our recreation areas clean.



Prairie City has added spill kit clean up stations to the 4x4 area. If you have a spill in the park and you do not have a spill kit please use one of the provided kits.



It is a good idea to keep a spill kit in your vehicle. You can purchase a ready made kit or you can make your own. A simple spill kit should include:

- 1 five gallon bucket
- 1 heavy duty trash bag
- 1 bag of cat litter
- 2 pairs of latex gloves
- 1 roll of paper towels



Steps to clean a spill:

- 1) Safety first - Make sure your vehicle is stable and that you can safely work around it.
- 2) Stop the leak - Find something to plug the puncture or crack.
- 3) Contain the spill - Catch the spill with any available container. Spread an absorbent material like kitty litter. You can also use paper towels, rags, or even a cotton t-shirt in a pinch.
- 4) Collect all of the contaminated material and place it in a container.
- 5) Properly dispose of the contaminated material.

4x4 Project

The 4x4 project is almost complete. In total four new rest areas with restrooms, shade coverings, and picnic tables were added. Fifteen obstacles have been added or improved.



The improved obstacles have been well received with an increase in visitation. The project began in 2003 when a "cooperative pool of community-minded four-wheelers" known as the Prairie City 4x4 Planning Committee came up with a plan to improve the 4x4 area. Thank you to all the folks involved in the Planning Committee.

Some of the clubs and groups involved:

California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs, Friends of the Rubicon, California Rockwalkers, Capitol City Mountain Goats, Dirty Dozen Jeep Club, Far-n-Gone, Hi-Landers, High Rock Trekkers, River City Rock Crawlers, Rough and Ready, Sacramento Jeepers, Sacramento Valley Top Gun, and Sierra Treasure Hunters.

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New Law

On January 1, 2013 a new Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle (ROV) states:

- Operator of a ROV shall be at least 16 years of age or be directly supervised in the vehicle by a parent or guardian or adult authorized by the parent or guardian.
- Safety helmet required for operator and passengers of ROV.
- Seat / shoulder belt or safety harness required to be worn when ROV is in motion.
- Operator of ROV shall not allow a passenger unless the passenger is seated upright with back against seatback, and can grasp the occupant handhold with the seatbelt / safety harness properly fastened.

Beginning July 1, 2013

- Operator of ROV shall not allow passenger to occupy a separate seat location not designed and provided by the manufacturer for a passenger.

This new law defines a Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle (ROV) as the following:

- a. Designed by the manufacturer for operation primarily off of the highway.
- b. Has a steering wheel for control.
- c. Has non-straddle seating provided by the manufacturer for the operator and all passengers.
- d. (1) Has a maximum speed capability of greater than 30 miles per hour.
(2) A vehicle designed by the manufacturer with a maximum speed capability of 30 miles per hour or less, but is modified so that it has a maximum speed capability of greater than 30 miles per hour is an ROV.
- e. Has an engine displacement equal to or less than 1000cc (61ci).

Comments, suggested improvements to the bill and concerns may be sent to: ohvinfo@parks.ca.gov with a subject line of AB 1595. The Off-highway Motor Vehicle recreation Division will respond to all inquiries.



Upcoming Events

January

19-20 Prairie City
Gran Prix

February

No Events

March

9-10 Prairie City Kart
Club Race #1

16-17 PC World Karting
Association Race

16-17 VORRA Race

April

4-7 NorCal Rock Racing

13-14 Supermoto USA

20-12 VORRA Race

27-28 All-Star Karting

May

18 Hangtown MX
Classic

