

## Discover Greater Zion, Utah's Off-Road Oasis

**St. George, Utah – Summer 2020** – A playground of year-round adventure and exhilaration set among stunning backdrops and technical challenges await off-highway vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts in <u>Greater Zion</u>. The region, nestled in the southwestern corner of Utah, offers nearly 340 miles of OHV roads and trails, in addition to acres of designated open riding areas set among mesa, desert and alpine environments.

The region's best known OHV opportunities can be found at Sand Mountain, adjacent to Sand Hollow State Park. This mecca for OHV riders offers more than 15,000 acres of perfectly sculpted dunes, legendary trails and technical rock-crawling that riders can experience via guided tour or explore on their own. The state park augments the adventure, with a reservoir perfect for boating, fishing, diving or just lounging on the beach. Sand Mountain is home to a number of well-known OHV events, including Trail Hero, an annual four-day celebration that gives 4x4 drivers the opportunity to come together for guided rides and challenge themselves on terrain that ranges from mild to wild. Other popular OHV events at Sand Mountain include the Tri-State ATV Jamboree and Winter 4x4 Jamboree. Just a stone's throw from the park, lodging caters to OHV enthusiasts with ample trailer parking, dining and more.

Beyond Sand Mountain, Greater Zion offers OHV gems with varying landscapes for all types of vehicles. Set in Dixie National Forest, <u>Stud Horse Draw</u> winds through wild horse country in a remote and beautiful area filled with ponds, meadows, petroglyphs and more. Located on the western side of the county, the 45-mile <u>Joshua Forest</u> OHV trail, set in Joshua Tree National Landmark, offers a glimpse of the northernmost stand of yuccas in the country and gorgeous views that extend all the way to Zion National Park.

For a respite from the desert climate, OHV enthusiasts can drive along the small boulders and rocks of the <u>Toquerville Falls</u> trail to reach a beautiful two-stage waterfall and swimming hole, a perfect escape on a hot summer day.

Greater Zion is serviced by a number of outfitters and guides that can provide local knowledge and expertise, as well as guided trips and gear. Tour options range from sunrise excursions and guided rides in Warner Valley, great for motocross riders, to custom tours and more. Experienced riders can rent dirt bikes, UTVs, ATVs and other off-highway vehicles for independent exploration of the region. With proper permitting OHVs can be driven on Utah roads making getting to the trail part of the fun.

For more information on riding in this OHV haven, visit GreaterZion.com for an <u>interactive trail</u> <u>map</u>, lodging options, outfitters and guides, and more.

## **About Greater Zion**

Located in the southwest corner of Utah, Greater Zion is a destination that offers more than 2,400 square miles of adventure and inspiration. Zion National Park, the fourth most visited National Park in the United States, is the premier attraction, but Zion is only the beginning. Four

state parks and a multitude of year-round recreational lands set the stage for a burgeoning mountain biking scene, some of the best off-highway vehicle riding in the country, scenic and challenging play at 13 top-rated golf courses, world-class cultural performances at Tuacahn Center for the Arts and so much more. The vibrant communities of St. George, Springdale, Hurricane, Ivins and towns in between offer a wide range of lodging options, dining experiences and access to outdoor pursuits through local outfitters and tour companies. Home to the 2021 IRONMAN 70.3 World Championships, Greater Zion also is a world-class destination for sporting events, conferences and meetings. The Greater Zion Convention and Tourism Office is a transient-room-tax-funded entity of Washington County, Utah. For more information, please visit GreaterZion.com.

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