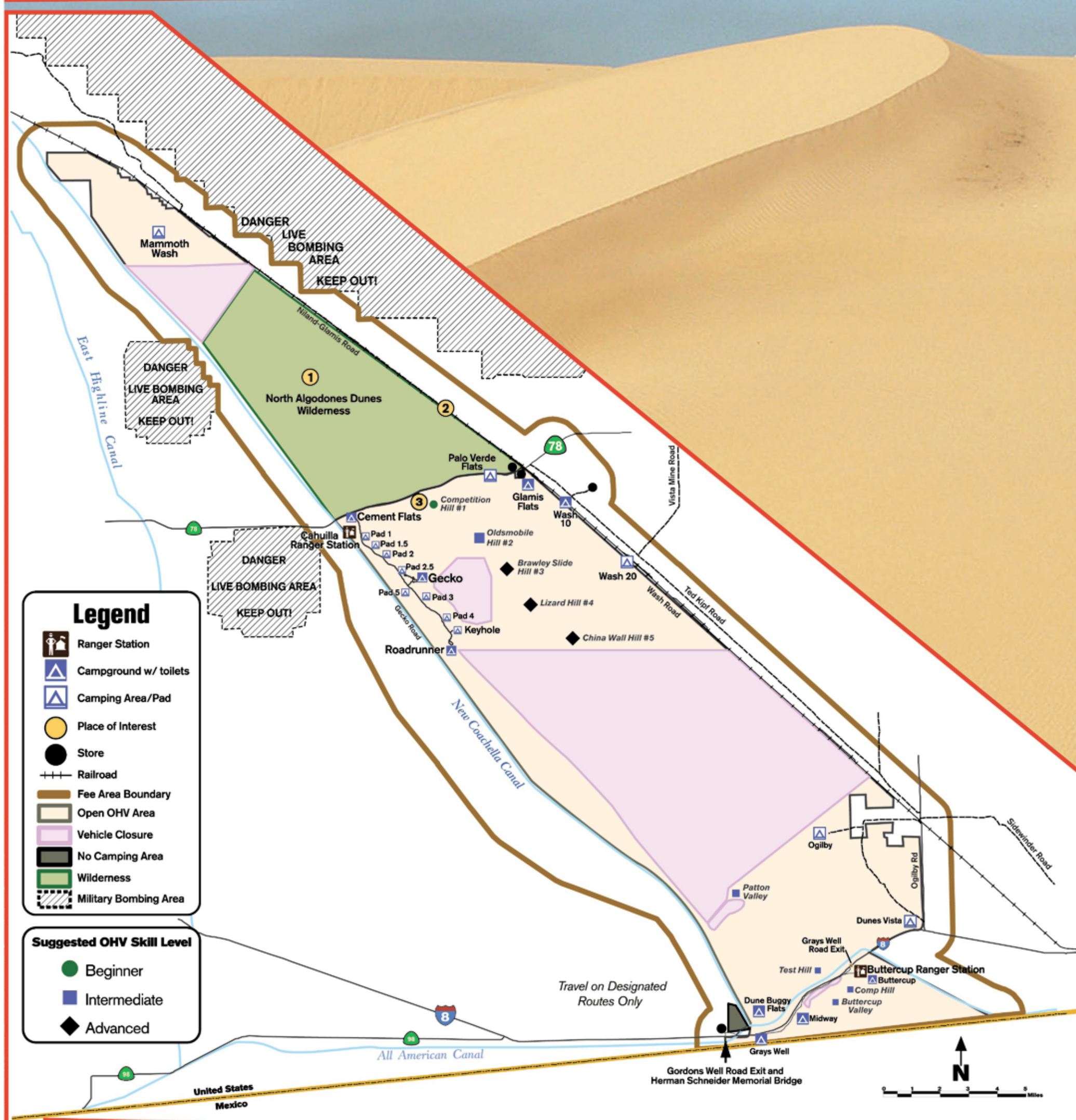




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Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Map

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Places of Interest

1 North Algodones Dunes Wilderness
This wilderness area encompasses more than 26,000 acres, with the largest and tallest dunes located in the central area and on the west side. The east side contains smaller dunes and numerous washes. You are welcome to walk or ride horses in this remote area. The wilderness is closed to all vehicle and mechanical transport.

2 Watchable Wildlife Site
A parking area with access to the wilderness area. Discover a variety of plants and animal species.

3 Osborne Overlook
A roadside overlook that offers scenic views of the sand dunes and the Imperial Valley. (OHV and street access.)

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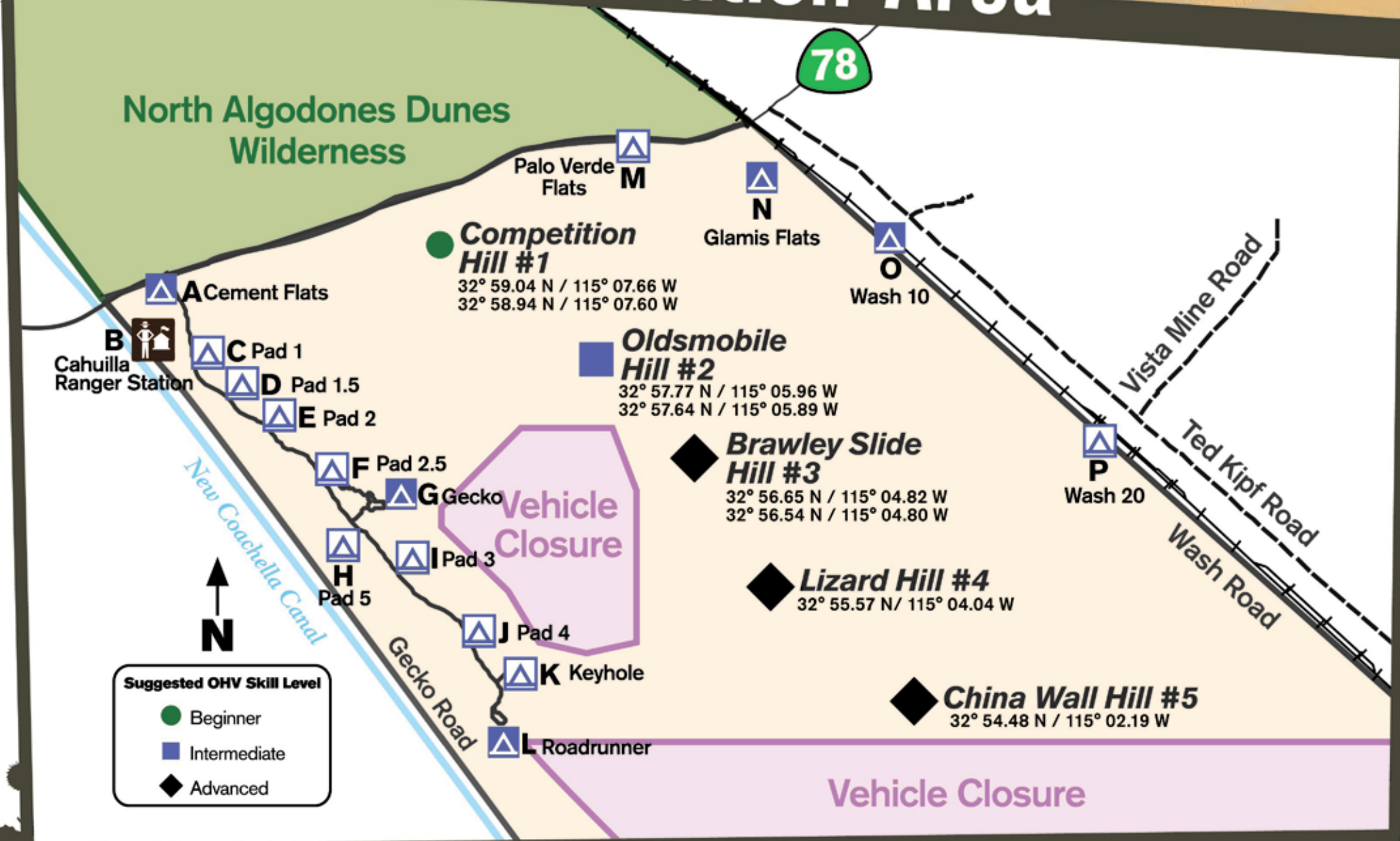
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Glamis Recreation Area



The Glamis Sand Dunes, part of the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area, are located southeast of the Salton Sea in southern California at the border with Arizona.

The Imperial Sand Dunes are the most popular off-road destination in Southern California. Since the annual rain fall is less than 2", the only winter hazard is blowing sand. Winter temperatures are typically in the 60-70° range.

The Imperial Sand Dunes are the largest mass of sand dunes in California at approximately 45 miles long and 6 miles wide with over 118,000 acres of land. OHV activities are permitted on some of the sand dunes, while other areas are permanently or temporarily closed. Vehicle camping is permitted in all areas open to vehicle use, with sites available on a first-come, first-served basis. However, a camping permit is required upon arrival.

The United States Bureau of Land Management estimates that over 1.4 million visitors come to these sand dunes each year for day-use riding or to camp over weekends and ride in the dunes. Hundreds of thousands of visitors arrive on various holiday weekends, often grouping in popular areas during specific times of the day, such as Oldsmobile Hill and Gecko Road.

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| A Cement Flats: Hwy 78 & Gecko Rd.
Turn right on Gecko Rd., then another right turn before Ranger Station. Bathroom. No dumpster. Vendors are located across Gecko Rd.
32° 58' 29" N / 115° 10' 35" W | H Pad 5: Take Gecko Road
32° 55' 57" N / 115° 08' 08" W |
| B Cahuilla Ranger Station:
(760)344-3919
32° 59' 14" N / 115° 10' 30" W | I Pad 3
Take Gecko Road
32° 56' 03" N / 115° 08' 13" W |
| C Pad 1: Take Gecko Road, first hardened camping pad on the left. About 1/2 mile from Hwy 78. Pads are marked by white paint on road. Bathroom at Pay Station. Dumpsters nearby. 32° 58' 05" N / 115° 10' 15" W | J Pad 4: Take Gecko Road
32° 55' 18" N / 115° 07' 22" W |
| D Pad 1.5: Take Gecko Road
32° 57' 38" N / 115° 10' 05" W | K Keyhole: Take Gecko Road
32° 54' 54" N / 115° 07' 04" W |
| E Pad 2: Take Gecko Road. Hardened camping pad on the left. 1 1/2 miles from Hwy 78. 32° 57' 22" N / 115° 09' 44" W | L Roadrunner: Loop at end of Gecko Rd. 5.8 miles from Hwy 78. Camping spots fill up very early. Bathrooms & dumpster. 32° 54' 42" N / 115° 07' 04" W |
| F Pad 2.5: Take Gecko Road
32° 56' 41" N / 115° 08' 49" W | M Palo Verde Flats
32° 59' 38" N / 115° 05' 26" W |
| G Gecko: Take Gecko Road
32° 56' 23" N / 115° 08' 34" W | N Glamis Flats
32° 59' 32" N / 115° 04' 45" W |
| | O Wash 10
32° 58' 48" N / 115° 02' 46" W |
| | p Wash 20
32° 57' 17" N / 115° 00' 51" W |

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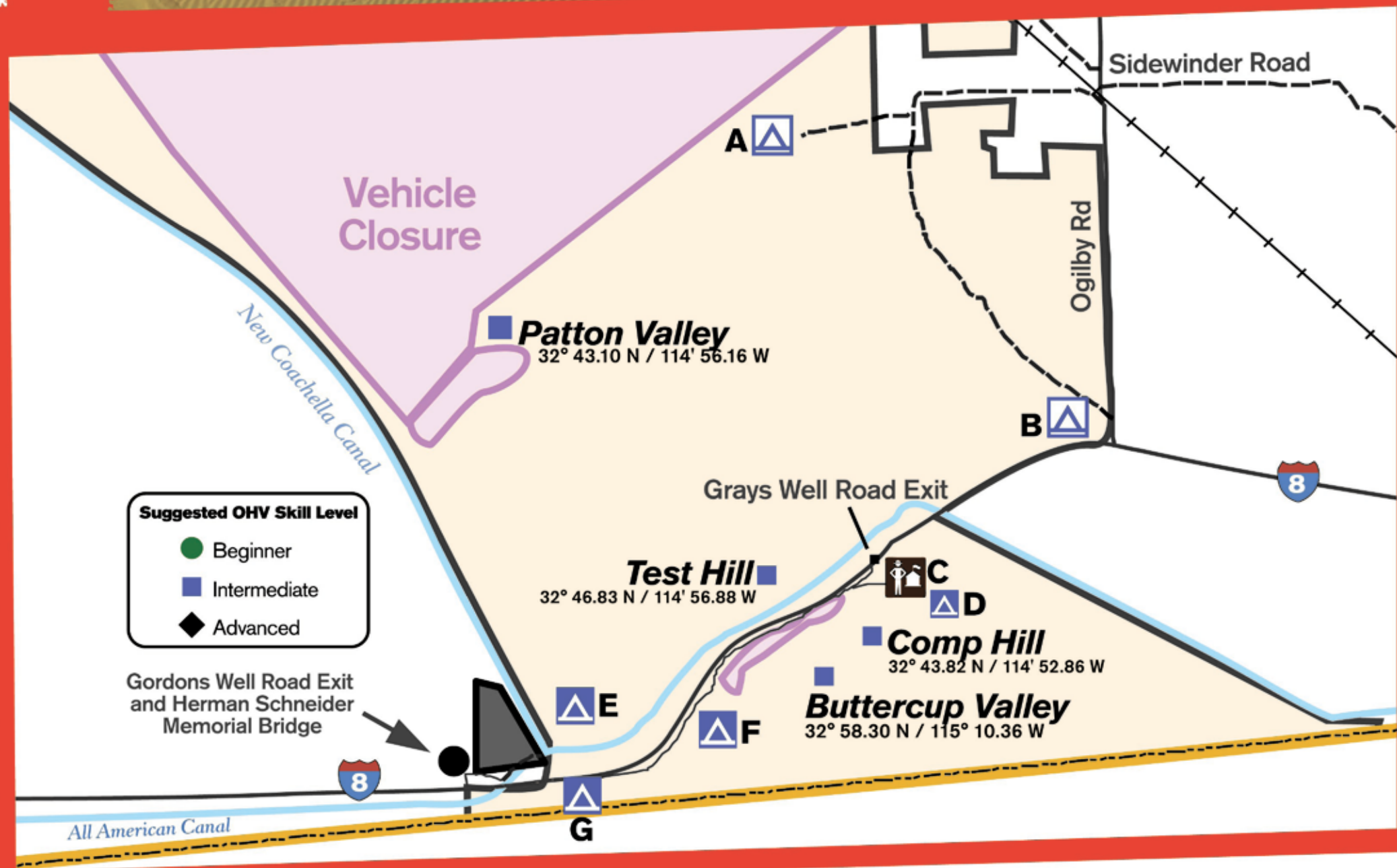
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South Dunes Recreation Area



The area of the Imperial Sand Dunes closest to Yuma is known as the South Dunes Recreation Area or Buttercup Valley. This area extends from the New Coachella Canal to the Arizona/California border.

Season permits run from October 1 through September 30 of the next year. Permits are available for a seven-day period or for the season. They are required for special events or

filming and "primary vehicles", meaning the street-legal vehicle that gets you here,

The South Dunes area is home to the historic Plank Road, which served as the first direct route through the sand dunes from San Diego, to Yuma. Constructed in 1915, parts of this road still remain among the drifting sands of the dunes. The Plank Road symbolized the adventurous spirit of the Wild West that lives

on in the outdoor enthusiasts who come to visit the Imperial Sand Dunes.

In addition to recreation, the picturesque sands of the Imperial Sand Dunes have been used as a backdrop in films since 1913. Pictures have been made here in every decade since, including "Star Wars" and, more recently, "Jarhead."

Campgrounds

- A Ogilby:** Camping area with pad. Ogilby tends to be a more family oriented, quiet camp area.
32° 48' 39" N / 114° 53' 20" W
- B Dunes Vista:** nonmaintained, gravel surface.
32° 45' 53" N / 114° 50' 14" W.
- C Buttercup Ranger Station**
(760)344-3919
32° 44' 19" N / 114° 53' 08" W
- D Buttercup:** paved road, toilets, dumpsters. 32° 43' 30" N / 114° 53' 31" W
- E Dune Buggy Flats:** nonmaintained, gravel surface, dumpsters, toilets.
32° 42' 49" N / 114° 56' 33" W
- F Midway:** paved road, toilets. 32° 42' 57" N / 114° 54' 53" W
- G Gray's Well:** paved access road, toilets. The dunes south of I-8 are very close to Mexico. 32° 42' 37" N / 114° 55' 27" W



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Things to Do and See

The Imperial Sand Dunes may seem desolate on the surface, but that doesn't mean you won't be able to find what you need. All you need to know is where to look.

Be it a wildlife lookout point, a part for your sand toy, a little piece of history, or a bite to eat, chances are, you'll find it tucked away in the dunes. Here are a few suggestions to check out the next time you're out there.

Vendor Row

Did that last launch off the top of Competition Hill snap something vital in your undercarriage? There's a chance you might be able to fix it on scene, thanks to the businesses along Vendor Row. From flags and parts to glow sticks and clothing, Vendor Row offers something for every duner.



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Duner's Diner

Whether you are looking for a refreshing drink at the bar, a delicious breakfast or extra oil for your buggy, Duners Diner has it all. This watering hole is known for its outdoor eating area, which features a unique cami-netting cover to keep you in the shade on those warm dune days. It's located West of the Gordons Well exit on I-8. At the "T", go left (west). 6626 US HIGHWAY 80. (760) 572-5332.

Boardmanville

The Boardmanville Trading Post looks a little like something you might see in a Crocodile Dundee movie in the Australian Outback. It is a little off the beaten path but duners know its where you can find a cold beverage and a place to take a rest from riding. It's located East of Wash 10 off Ted Kipf Road. (760) 351-0073. GPS: 32° 59.14 N / 115° 02.06 W



The Plank Road



The Plank Road is a small remnant of the unique "floating" wooden road that ran along the southern end of the Imperial Sand Dunes. The old plank road was constructed in 1915 in an effort to create a more direct route from Yuma to San Diego. It was in use until 1926, when the California Highway Commission constructed a paved road (Highway 80) as a permanent solution to maintenance and traffic problems the Plank Road posed. From BLM.gov

True or False? You decide ...

Locals have said for years - well, since World War II anyway - that famed Gen. George S. Patton buried a bunch of supplies out in the dunes. It's said that Patton wanted to prepare for a West Coast attack upon the country. In case that happened, Patton supposedly

wanted to have some Jeeps and tanks available for deployment - after digging them back up, of course. One valley near Gordon's Well is named after the general, who did train troops in the area, according to the Bureau of Land Management.



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