

Stanislaus County
Department of Parks and Recreation
FAQ for OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE PARKS

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1. How many OHV parks are there in Stanislaus County?

Stanislaus County Parks and Recreation Department owns and operates two large Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) parks in Stanislaus County:

- a. La Grange Off-Highway Vehicle Park
- b. Frank Raines Off-Highway Vehicle Park

2. Do you have to have a registration?

Yes, all vehicle units must have an OHV registration in the form of a Red or Green sticker, or an on-road registration. Please refer to the OHV Laws and Regulations resource listed below for more details.

3. Does your park allow for Green or Red stickers?

Green/Red stickers have different regulations and riding schedules. Please see OHV Laws and Regulations below for more details.

4. Where can Green or Red stickers be purchased or renewed and what do they cost?

Green/Red stickers have different regulations and can be purchased from the DMV. Please check with California's DMV for the most current sticker cost and regulations.

5. What does a Red sticker mean? And where can it be purchased?

A Red sticker is the OHV registration for certain year manufactured vehicles that do not meet emission standards and can only be used at certain times of the year. Please refer to the OHV Laws and Regulations resource listed below for more details.

6. What are park hours and annual schedules?

Frank Raines is open seasonally depending on weather conditions – its park operation status is updated regularly on the County Parks website: www.stancounty.com/parks.

La Grange OHV Park is open year round. Day use is from sunrise to sunset. Please note that park operations may vary and may not entirely match the red sticker riding schedule.

7. Do you have camping? Is there a limit to how long we can stay in the campgrounds?

Camping is available at both off-road parks and camping is limited to 15 days. All camping at La Grange OHV Park is first-come, first-serve. Frank Raines OHV Park has first-come, first-serve camping, as well as reservations available on www.reserveamerica.com.

8. What type of camping do you have?

Frank Raines has 34 full hook-up campsites and undeveloped camping. La Grange has some undeveloped camping, and some developed sites with water hook-ups.

9. Do you take reservations, or is camping first-come, first-serve?

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10. Do you have restrooms? Flush toilets or showers?

Yes, Frank Raines has flush toilets and La Grange has vaulted toilets. Hot showers are available at no additional cost at Frank Raines only.

11. Do you have picnic tables? Barbeque pits?

Yes, we have both picnic tables and barbeque pits.

12. How much does it cost to drive in?

Please check the Fee Schedule under the OHV Fees section for all costs related to the OHV parks.

13. Do the OHV parks have picnic shelters?

None at this time.

14. Can you have ground fires?

No ground fires are allowed – you may only use the barbeque pits for fires.

15. At Frank Raines Regional Park, how do you reserve the recreation hall?

Call the main office during business hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., M – F, at (209) 525-6815.

16. Can we ride bicycles in the off-road area?

No, only in the day-use and campground areas.

17. Do traffic laws apply to off-road parks?

All sections of the California Vehicle Code and Penal Code are strictly enforced.

18. Are mufflers and spark arrestors required?

Yes, as per the vehicle code.

19. Are motorcycle helmets required?

State law requires helmet use on all all-terrain type vehicles used on public lands.

20. Where is the nearest medical help (urgent care & hospital)?

At both parks, emergency help is available by calling 911.

Due to the area being remote, wireless phone contacts may not operate. Please be aware that there may be a higher risk to the length of time emergency help can be reached or arrive timely. Should you be able to establish contact, you may call the local dispatch for non-emergency situations at (800) 273-4911. For power failures, you may call TID at (209) 883-8301.

The nearest available medical care for Frank Raines Regional Park and La Grange Regional Park is at the following locations:

Doctors Medical Center

1441 Florida Ave.

Modesto, CA

(209) 578-1211

Memorial Hospitals Association

1700 Coffee Road

Modesto, CA

(209) 526-4500

For La Grange, medical care is also available at:

Oak Valley Hospital

350 S. Oak Ave.

Oakdale, CA

(209) 847-3011

21. What kind of security is there and who enforces the rules and law enforcement?

Both parks are patrolled by the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department. A park attendant is on site most days during business hours at Frank Raines Regional Park.

22. Do you have senior/veteran discounts?

Please see the Fee Schedule for a complete list of discounts offered.

23. What type of off-road vehicles are allowed in the OHV Parks?

Motorcycles, Mini Bikes, ATV's, UTV's/side by sides, 4WD trucks and Jeeps, Dune Buggies

24. How big is the hunting area at Frank Raines?

The Minniear Day Use hunting area is approximately 1,000 acres.

25. Where is parking available at Frank Raines?

Besides the day use park and the campground area, there are several areas along Del Puerto Canyon Road that are available to hunters to pull off and park. There are walk-throughs at the "V" shaped fence openings. There are three designated pull-out areas off Del Puerto Canyon Road within the Minniear Day Use Area. Please check with Parks Staff for additional information.

26. Can I camp in the Minniear Day Use Area at Frank Raines?

NO CAMPING is allowed in the Minniear Day use Area, except for designated campgrounds.

27. Can I drive into the Minniear Day Use Area to collect my kill?

NO – the Minniear Day Use Area does not allow vehicle entry of any kind. The intent of low impact use is to preserve the environment and allow continued recreational opportunities in the rugged terrain. The Minniear Day Use Area is available for hunting for a *limited time* during the designated season. Please call to check available dates at (209) 525-6815.

OHV PARK LAWS AND REGULATIONS:

(Please refer to the California Department of Motor Vehicles for additional information not found in these links.)

- **California State Parks OHV Laws Quick Guide**
http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/pages/25010/files/le_quickbook-oct2014final.pdf
- **California Off-Highway Adventures Guide (includes map)**
http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/pages/1140/files/ca-ohmvr_adventuremap_final.pdf
- **California Department of Motor Vehicles OHV Laws and Safety**
http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1234
- **California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division**
http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1140

DIRECTIONS/INFORMATION:

La Grange OHV Park: La Grange OHV Park is located 2 ½ miles south of La Grange, CA, on Highway J-59. The park is 126 acres of trails, hill climbs, and various other challenges. There is also a dedicated Moto-Cross track open to the public when sponsored events are not scheduled. An under-80cc training area is available for younger riders. Flush toilet restrooms and camping are available. Day use is sunrise to sunset. Further information is available by calling (209) 853-2448 or (209) 525-6750.

Frank Raines information: Frank Raines OHV Park is located 25 miles west of Patterson, CA, on Del Puerto Canyon Road. The park is 860 acres of trails, hill climbs, and various other challenges. The area is mostly steep terrain. Flush toilet restrooms and full hook-up developed camping are available. A full kitchen recreation hall is available for rentals. Day use is sunrise to sunset. Further information is available by calling (408) 897-3127 or (209) 525-6750.