

# TOWN OF GILA BEND OFF-ROAD TRIPS

## Quilotosa Wash to Gila River Bed

### OVERVIEW

Loads of off-road enthusiasts travel far to the East of Florence, AZ. to traverse and explore the Gila River Bed, but us “Benders” enjoy easy access from Gila Bend! Quilotosa wash is about 3000 feet of dry desert wash that gives you access to the Gila River just below Point of Rocks. Depending on the time of year, water may be present as well as vegetation like tamarisk salt cedars, sage brush and mesquites, so check with the Gila Bend Visitor Center or use an alternate route. No dedicated parking so make sure to respect the land and do not block any farm roads or gates.

The Gila Bend River bed is where the locals love to play during the dry season. The area has wide expanses of sandy wash, pebbles, rocks and dry mud holes to cruise around in. Great for ATVs/quads. Because the river bed is wide and pretty free of obstacles, it's a perfect spot for beginners.

#### Best time to go:

November through early April. Be sure to check weather forecast for rain as flash flooding is highly possible. Flash floods in washes and dry river beds normally occur if rain is present miles away and not necessarily at your location.

#### Average Time:

About 7 minutes to get there, stay as long as you like!

#### How to get there:

From Gila Bend, on Pima Road, turn North onto Martin Ave, then go right on Papago. Take Papago to St. Louis and make left. St. Louis to Indian Road, go left. Indian to first right at South 307<sup>th</sup> Ave, follow to Watermelon, make left. Take Watermelon to 315<sup>th</sup> Ave and turn right (Indian road), then take the road North till it veers right and look for a sharp left to take. You will be able to make out a dirt road to follow. You can either take this dirt road straight to the river bed or make the first left and follow along to the Quilotosa Wash.

