

TOWN OF GILA BEND OFF-ROAD TRIPS

Oatman Massacre Site

OVERVIEW

The site of the infamous Oatman Family massacre is great for exploring and riding around. Depending on what you are up for, you can haul your toys straight to the massacre area at Oatman Flat, or you can ride your toys along Oatman Road from the turn-off at Agua Caliente Road. This ride along Oatman Road is about 14 miles. The road is unpaved, dirt, and two-tracks wide in most places.

Once at the site, get out and explore. You will find the memorial stone for the massacre to the West at N33 0 15.42, W113 9 20.48, and the actual burial site is at N33 0 8.88, W113 9 36.55

There is also a stagestop from the historic Butterfield Trail approx. 1 mile to the East of the memorial.

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:

Depends on how fast you go!

How to get there:

From Gila Bend, take the I-8 West to the Sentinel exit, exit East onto Agua Caliente and follow for about 1.5 miles till you reach Oatman Road on right. There's room on the North side of Oatman just after you turn on where you can park and unload. OR continue the rest of the way along Oatman Road till you reach the massacre site.

