

CHOCOLATE MOUNTAIN AERIAL GUNNERY RANGE

Bradshaw Trail Remedial Investigation, MRP Site 1

The United States Navy is initiating an environmental investigation along the Bradshaw Trail and adjacent area. This notice is to inform Bradshaw Trail users of the planned schedule for temporary closure of sections of the Bradshaw Trail during field work and sources for real-time trail closure updates.

General Information

- The environmental investigation will include an airborne geophysical survey, surface/geophysical, intrusive digging, potential detonation and management of any military munitions items encountered, and soil sampling.
- FOR PUBLIC SAFETY REASONS:** portions of the trail will need to be temporarily closed during investigation of MRP Site 1 (which includes the Bradshaw Trail).

What Can I Expect?

Overall Work Activities	<p>Overall Investigation Dates: August 12, 2019 through February 7, 2020.</p> <p><i>Please note: The entire trail will not be closed for the entire duration of the investigation. Unaffected segments of the trail will remain open to the public. Every effort will be made to minimize Bradshaw Trail closures and to communicate the information to the public.</i></p> <p>Potential Closure Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 09/16/2019 – 09/27/2019: Airborne geophysics survey. 10/21/2019 – 11/26/2019: Surface/ geophysical survey. ** Although no trail closure is planned, if an item is found, temporary trail closure will be conducted in the area until the item is properly contained. 01/06/2020 – 02/07/2020: Intrusive subsurface investigation and soil sampling. <p>The planned investigation activities will pose no danger to the public for open areas of the Bradshaw Trail, and will have no lasting negative impact on the quality/condition of the Bradshaw Trail.</p>
What You May See	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy and Contractor personnel and vehicles along the trail with field equipment. A helicopter close to ground level during the airborne survey. Work area boundaries: orange cones and barriers with caution tape. DO NOT ENTER THE WORK AREAS.
What You May Hear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occasional noise during detonations of any military munitions items encountered. A helicopter during the aerial geophysics data collection.

If you have questions or comments concerning this field event, please contact the Navy Project Manager, Natalie Rothell, at natalie.rothell@navy.mil or 619-532-3860.

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Where to Find This Notice and Updates

Updated information following this public notice, with information on dates and time of trail closures can be found at the below:

- Fliers at information displays posted at trail access points and at the Border Patrol station.
- **Off-roading club's websites** [Imperial Valley Off-Road Vehicle Association (www.icorva.com); Desert Side Tracks 4x4 Club (www.dst4x4club.org); Riverside Ruff Riders 4WD Club (www.riversideruffriders.com); San Diego 4 Wheelers (www.sd4wheel.com); and Riverside 4 Wheelers (www.riverside4wheelers.net)]
- **ATV Rental Facilities** [Desert Adventures ATV Rentals and Tours (300 E Evan Hewes Hwy, Ocotillo, CA 92259); San Diego Motorsports Rentals (5965 CA-78, Borrego Springs, CA 92004); ATV Experience Chiriaco (62450 Chiriaco Rd, Indio, CA 92201); Off Road Rentals (59511 CA-11, Palm Springs, CA 92264); Steve's ATV Rentals (2104 Frontage Rd, Thermal, CA 92274); American ATV Rentals Ocotillo Wells California (2098 Thomas R Cannell Rd, Thermal, CA 92274)]
- **Hunting Clubs** [Woodland's Hunt Club in Imperial County (www.whuntclub.com) and Imperial Valley Hunting and Fishing Club]
- Local trail information posting [AllTrails.com (www.alltrails.com)]

***Direct contact with other desert tortoise biologists conducting studies in the area at the time of the field work (contact information must be provided to the Navy by the BLM or USFWS in order for the Navy to make the notification). ***



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