



# Desert Bloom Rally

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### Can I bring my Family and Kids?

Of course! The Desert Bloom Rally is one of the most family friendly events in the country. We encourage you to bring your family with you to enjoy one of the most beautiful parts of the desert. Geocaching in the area is always a favorite among the children.

### I only have a stock UTV/ATV, Motorcycle and ...?

I know what you are going to ask, and the answer is...you'll be fine! All trails can be driven in a completely stock UTV/ATV or off road motorcycle. If you have 2-Wheel Drive, you might need some assistance in some loose gravel or rocks, but the trail leader is there to help ensure everyone gets up AND down the trail safely. Stock motorcycles may have fuel range issues on certain rides. Please ask your trail guide for trail mileage BEFORE heading out.

### What do I NEED to bring?

- Yourself
- Your passengers
- Money for gas and food
- Your riding toys
- Water (you will want to drink a LOT of water in the desert)
- Trash bags. Do NOT litter on the trails! We've never had a problem with it, and we don't plan to start. In fact, bring some extra bags, and if you see trash on the trails pick it up and help us be a positive effect on our trail system.

### What SHOULD I bring?

- You should bring your camera, extra SD cards, a charger, etc.
- Sun block
- Tow Strap
- Tire plug kit & Fix-A-Flat
- First aid kit / Tylenol / more sun block
- Snacks for the trail...the longest trails can put you out on the trail for several hours. Bring food and water, and you will be able to focus on the trail and scenery more than your stomach!

### Can I register in person at the event?

Yes, but it may cost a little more.

## **I want to modify my vehicle, what should I get first?**

There are many website forums dedicated to this topic, but for this event, the only things I'd really encourage purchasing are a GPS System or a SPOT safety tracker and/or a satellite phone. We believe in safety first. Other than safety equipment, my personal order would be:

1. Better Tires - more ply and puncture resistant
2. Taller Tires - (not too tall) but ground clearance is a huge advantage
3. Custom Wheels – nothing makes a UTV or ATV look great like a good set of wheels
4. Suspension Upgrades – start with a good set of adjustable shocks and the difference is huge. Need more? A wider A-Arm kit is next, although expensive, and reliability can be a factor
5. Skid plates – Protection is never a bad thing and will protect your so very expensive equipment

One final note, we love our sponsors! They make this event and they bring a TON of products with them. Come stock, talk to the sponsors, see what you like, and go home with a UTV full of mods!

## **Where can I stay?**

Stay with us at Desert Gardens. RV spaces with hookups and without hookups are available by calling Desert Gardens at (928) 927-3248 or you may conveniently reserve your spot and pay online with your registration.

### **Desert Gardens RV & Mobile Home Park**

1240 Acacia Dr.  
PO Box 2818  
Quartzsite, AZ 85346

Fax: (928) 927-3248  
Phone: (928) 927-6361  
[desertgardensrvpark@gmail.com](mailto:desertgardensrvpark@gmail.com)

Below are two convenient hotels in Quartzsite:

Super 8 Motel  
2050 Dome Rock Road  
Quartzsite, AZ 85359  
928.927.8080

Quartzsite Yacht Club  
190 West Main Street  
Quartzsite, AZ 85346  
928.927.6331

There are several hotels in Blythe, CA (18 miles west of Quartzsite). See the city of Quartzsite's website (<http://www.quartzsitebusinesschamber.com/camp.htm>) for a list of over 30 RV campgrounds in Quartzsite. Dry camping is also available in the surrounding desert.

## **Can I bring my dog?**

Yes, many people bring their dogs. Three rules:

1. Check with your hotel if they will take animals (again, we want to make a positive impression on the town of Quartzsite, please don't break the rules!).
2. Keep the dog on a leash around town and all event areas.
3. CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG (regardless of where they go).
4. Keep your dog under control and in your eyesight at all times on the trails. The last thing we want is another driver hitting your dog, or your dog taking a wrong step into an area he/she cannot get out of.

### **What is the weather like?**

This is Arizona in the winter so you can have rain, wind, warm sun, anything and even snow. Bring shorts and t-shirts but also cold weather gear. We recommend you have jackets and gloves with you at all times. When noting the temperature on weather.com (<http://www.weather.com/weather/right-now/Quartzsite+AZ+85346>) please note that 60F in the desert with the sun shining and no humidity is **much** warmer than you'd expect.

### **I can't make it, can I get a refund on my registration fee?**

We will gladly refund your registration, minus a small fee for expenses, if you request it by January 1<sup>st</sup>. We do make special cases for our military guests who are being deployed overseas. We will even still ship you a swag bag as a very small token of our appreciation for what you do!

### **Is there cell phone coverage in Quartzsite and on the trails?**

In Quartzsite, yes, but don't expect 4G. There is limited, sporadic service on the trails with better coverage on trails adjacent to I-10.

### **Is there internet access in the town of Quartzsite?**

There is no city-wide Wifi, but most hotels and the 3 large truck stops in town have available coverage.

### **Does the town have gas stations, grocery stores, etc?**

The town is fully stocked with grocery stores, many gas stations, a laundromat, many restaurants, LP fill stations, and a hardware store. One noteworthy item is that things tend to close early in Quartzsite, so don't expect to be able to hit the hardware store if you are on a late trail run.

If you have more questions, please email us at [support@five2productions.com](mailto:support@five2productions.com).