



**On The Go Outdoor Adventures
Desert Escape
Off-Road, Off-Grid, & In The Air**

Off-Road Adventure Checklist

Preparing for a safe and memorable trip into the desert

Exploring off-road isn't just about the ride, it's about being ready for whatever the desert decides to hand you. From sudden weather changes to trail washouts or unexpected delays, preparation is the key to traveling safely and enjoying the journey. This checklist was designed to help you plan ahead, stay organized, and feel confident every time your tires hit the dirt.

Whether you're heading out for a short morning run or a full-day exploration, a few minutes of planning can prevent hours of frustration later. Use this guide as a starting point to build your own routine and customize your gear for the type of terrain you travel.

This list covers the basics: vehicle readiness, personal essentials, navigation tools, communications, and a few comfort items that make a big difference when you're miles from pavement. You'll also find a quick reminder to think ahead—checking weather, trail reports, fuel range, and daylight before you roll out.

Being prepared doesn't take away the adventure. It *protects* it. With the right gear, the right mindset, and a bit of trail wisdom, you'll be ready to explore farther, stay safer, and enjoy every mile the desert has to offer.

Thank you for downloading this checklist. If you'd like to refine your setup or discuss your off-road prep in more detail, I'm always happy to help—just reach out.

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A simple guide for safe, smooth, and memorable desert travel

Before You Go

- Tell someone your route and return time
 - Check weather and trail conditions
 - Download offline maps (Gaia, onX, Google Maps)
 - Fuel up the vehicle and extra gas if needed
 - Inspect rig: tires, fluids, belts, lights, battery
 - Pack required permits or access info
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Essential Gear

- Water — plenty for drinking and emergencies
 - Snacks or easy meals
 - First aid kit
 - Basic tool kit
 - Recovery gear: tow strap, shovel, tire plug kit
 - Tire gauge and air compressor
 - Flashlight or headlamp
 - Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses
 - Emergency blanket or light jacket
 - TP / wipes / small trowel
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Navigation & Safety

- GPS or trail app ready
 - Paper map backup
 - Radio or satellite communicator
 - Phone charged and power bank packed
 - Check fire restrictions
 - Send “we’re back” text when you return
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Drone & Camera Basics

- Drone and controller
 - Charged batteries
 - SD card cleared and ready
 - Charging cable
 - Landing pad
 - Camera or phone for photos
 - Lens cloth or wipes
 - Quick pre-flight check: props, GPS, home point
 - For deeper planning, see the “10 Things to Consider Before You Fly” bonus PDF*
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Personal Comfort

- Gloves
 - Closed-toe shoes / boots
 - Lip balm, hand wipes
 - Trash bags (pack it in, pack it out)
 - Small cooler (optional)
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Departure Check

- All bins closed and strapped
- Nothing loose on racks or seats
- Lights working
- Final head count for gear