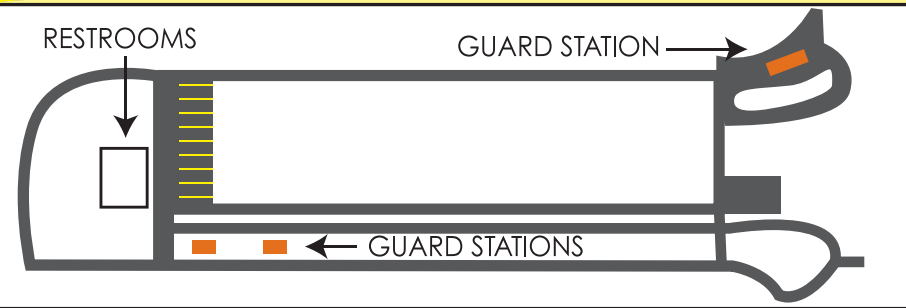
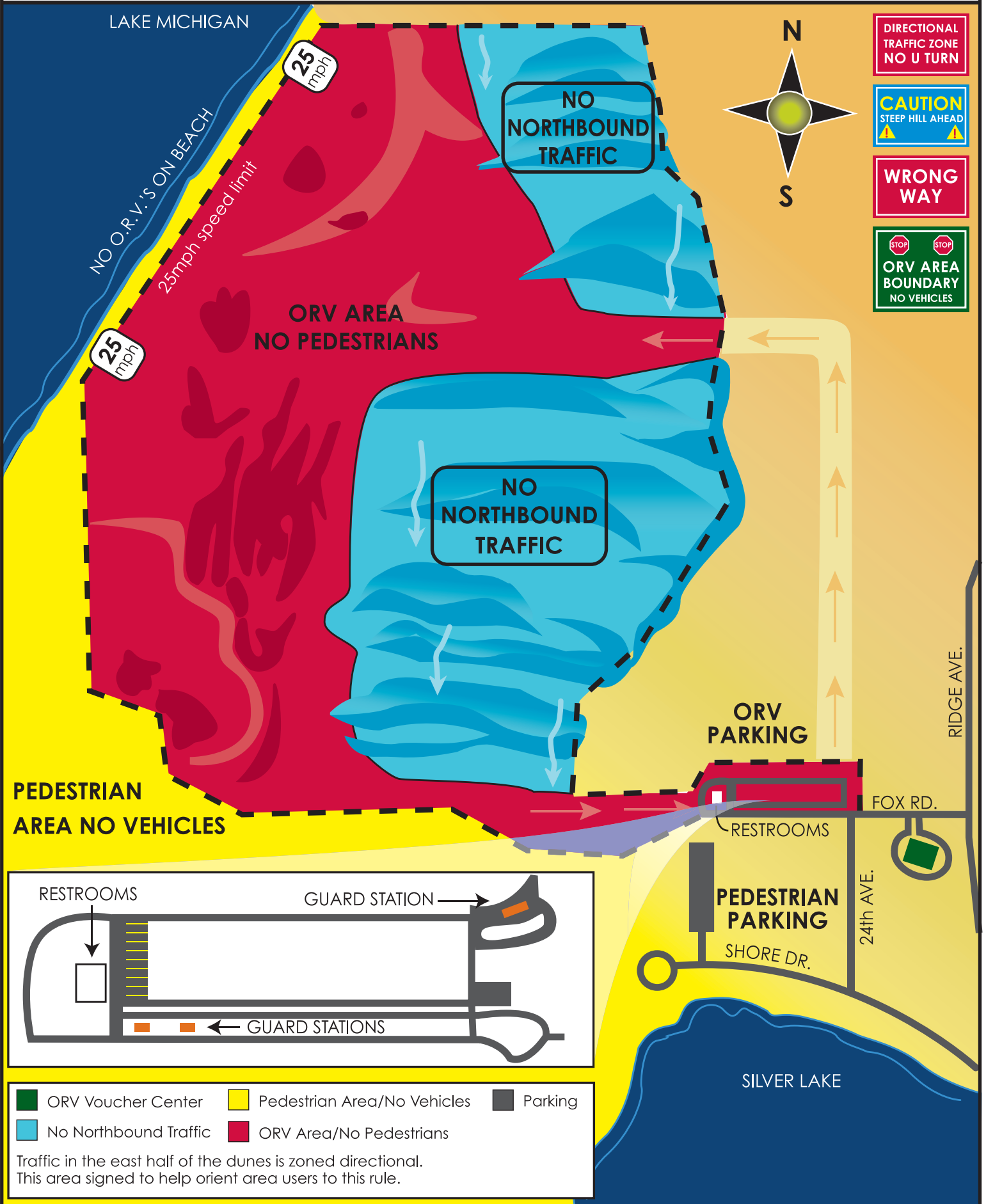


# Silver Lake Off-Road Sand Dunes

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- ORV Voucher Center
- Pedestrian Area/No Vehicles
- Parking
- No Northbound Traffic
- ORV Area/No Pedestrians

Traffic in the east half of the dunes is zoned directional. This area signed to help orient area users to this rule.

# “Know your Dune Safety”



## 1. “Wrong Way”

There are directional traffic zones that you need to be aware of. You can find a map of the off-road vehicle area at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr). Please respect these areas and orientate yourself prior to riding.

## 2. Topographical Changes

Silver Lake Sand Dunes can change drastically from day to day, even hour by hour, depending on the severity of the weather. Be on the watch for steep inclines, changing slopes, natural hazards and/or sudden drop-offs.

## 3. Where am I?

Review the ORV map prior to riding. Drive over each hill and slow down as you approach the top of the hills. Travel the dunes in its entirety and get a feel for North, South, West and East. Do not park your ORV on the backside of a hill.

## 4. Driving Alone

This one is simple; if possible, don't do it. Have someone accompany you so that if an accident occurs someone is there to seek help immediately. If you know a seasoned operator, have them take you up and show you around first.

## 5. Fast and Furious

The beach area has a designated speed limit of 25mph. Other areas do not. Exercising common sense and adopting an operating speed that you can control goes a long way. Extend courtesy to fellow operators and provide a safer environment for everyone involved.

## 6. Jumping

Unsafe jumping practices can be dangerous. We encourage you to not attempt to jump hills. If you decide to do so, do not do so alone and have spotters.

## 7. Busy, busy, busy

Just like with any major highway or roadway, the more drivers you have the higher level of risk. You need to be more aware of your surroundings and drive defensively on major holidays and peak season, which is typically mid-June through Labor Day.

## 8. What to wear

We live in a world of safety. It is imperative that you follow strict safety measures when operating your ORV. General riding gear includes: helmet, goggles, gloves, chest protector, riding boots, shoulder guards, elbow guards, long pants, knee pads, and shin guards. Click here for more on “what to wear”.

## 9. Under the influence

Do not, at any time, operate your ORV under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

## 10. Know your Dunes

Do your homework. Challenge businesses in the community to help you with your experience or answer questions. Look for businesses that promote the “Drive Safe, Know your Dunes” campaign. Know the voucher system and what you need to drive the ORV area by visiting [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

**Safety Awareness 'n the Dunes Committee S.A.N.D.** was developed by a group of local Silver Lake Sand Dunes business owners along with the local chamber of commerce. With the support of the community and other businesses, we plan to build awareness and educate vacationers about Silver Lake Sand Dunes and their safety as a user of the ORV area.

