Notice of Land Use in Johnson Valley

The Johnson Valley Shared Use Area will be temporarily closed to the public beginning October 22, 2021 through Monday November 1, 2021 while the Marine Corps conducts critical military training in the area. Please note this is a change from previous announcements. The new dates are a shortened window from the originally scheduled dates of October 15, 2021 through November 1, 2021.

The Marine Corps decided to shorten the closure period after revising the scope of training to be conducted in October and November 2021. When possible, the Marine Corps elects to shorten closure periods to allow for maximum public use and recreation in the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area.

The Johnson Valley Shared Use Area will also be closed for military training on the following dates in 2022:

- April 26 – May 9, 2022
- October 18 – November 1, 2022

During closure periods, the Marine Corps closes the Shared Use Area to the public for safety. The periods include the time required to survey the land and ensure it is clear of any hazards prior to reopening to the public. The adjacent Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area is unaffected by closures of the Shared Use Area and remains open for recreation and off-roading.

Discover Johnson Valley Smartphone Application

The Discover Johnson Valley smartphone application has been discontinued and is no longer available for download. Users that have the application on their phone should delete the application, as it no longer receives updates or indicates closures of the Shared Use Area. The Marine Corps is exploring alternative channels for digitally sharing boundary information.

Information on upcoming training in the Shared Use Area and a downloadable map of the installation and Shared Use Area boundaries is always available at www.29palms.marines.mil/johnsonvalley. Updates and reminders are also circulated on the Government and External Affairs Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts - @GEA29Palms.

Special Use Airspace Establishment to Support Military Training Requirements

To support training requirements, the Marine Corps seeks to establish new and modify existing Permanent SUA over and adjacent to expansion areas. Per National Environmental Policy Act requirements, an Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared that analyzes potential impacts associated with this proposed action.

To support smaller-scale ongoing daily training activities 365 days per year, the FAA established Controlled Firing Area (CFA) over the expanded area of the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center. The CFA is effective through August 23, 2022.

Additional information about Special Use Airspace at MCAGCC is available at: https://www.29palms.marines.mil/airspace.