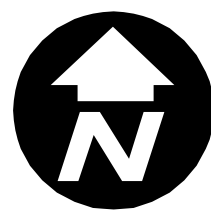


Aitkin County
Forest Road and Trail Designation Plan
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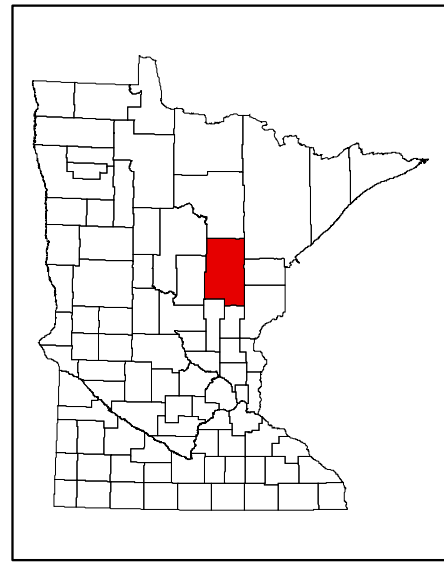
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ATV: All-Terrain Vehicle, includes Class I and Class II
HLV: Highway-Licensed Vehicle
OHM: Off-Highway Motorcycle
ORV: Off-Road Vehicle
OHV: Off-Highway Vehicle, a generic term that includes ORV, ATV, and OHM, but not HLV.

Forest Roads:
• Provide access for resource management activities and public use.
• Are not considered "public highways," and the resource agencies are not "road authorities."
• Are typically open to use by both highway-licensed vehicles (HLV) and off-highway vehicles (OHV).

System Forest Roads:
• Graveled and maintained.
• Minimum width of 14 feet or 1 1/2 to two lanes wide, so highway-licensed vehicles can easily meet.
• Some on Wildlife Management Area lands are signed as closed to off-highway vehicles.
• Signed with system road name at major intersections.

Minimum Maintenance Forest Roads:
• May be gravelled or native soil surfaced.
• Width is narrow or one lane wide, making it difficult to meet vehicles.
• Caution is recommended when traveling, low-clearance highway vehicles may not be suited for use on these roads.
• Will be signed "Road may be impassable. Travel at your own risk."

Non-designated Routes
• Unassigned routes on State Forest lands classified as limited.
• Available for non-motorized use in an "as is" condition, with the user responsible for ensuring that there is no damage to the route.
• Available for motor vehicle use under the big game hunting and trapping exceptions as per MN Stat. 84.926, subd. 4.
• Illegal to operate a vehicle on these routes in a manner that causes erosion, rutting, or injuries, or that damages or destroys trees or growing crops (MN Rules 6100.1950 Subpart 7A).
• Width and route surface varies. All routes depicted may not be passable for all types of uses.

County-Managed Routes
• Invented routes on county-managed lands are depicted within the state forest statutory boundary.
• Counties are responsible for permissible uses on these routes.

Proactive Closures
• Routes where all public motor use is prohibited, including recreational OHV use and motor vehicle use under the big game hunting and trapping exceptions.
• Routes are signed closed, gates, barricades, or berming may be present.

ATV & OHM Recreational Trail
• Signed and maintained routes for ATV and OHM use that may use system and minimum maintenance forest roads for connections to local points of interest and facilities.
• Additional parking/staging areas may be proposed.

Areas with Limitations on Off-trail and Non-designated Trail Use (Mn Stat. 84.926, subd. 5)
• Areas within limited forests the big game hunting and trapping exceptions for ATVs and/or HLVs under MN Stat. 84.926, subd. 2 & 4, do not apply.
• Signs or gates indicate this closure.

Walking Trails
• Signed, maintained routes for walking and non-motorized use.
• Includes routes currently signed and managed as walking trails.

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