

Northern Border State Forest Road & Trail Project Route Designations Lake of the Woods State Forest / NW Angle State Forest

Vehicle Description

ATV - All-Terrain Vehicle - motorized foot-cast vehicles with at least 3 but no more than 6 low pressure tires. Class 1 ATVs have an engine displacement of less than 800 cc and total dry weight of less than 900 pounds. Class 2 ATVs have an engine displacement of less than 800 cc and total dry weight of 900 to 1,500 pounds.

H.V. - Highway-Licensed Vehicle - a motorized vehicle that meets the requirements for licensing and use on public highways, including cars, vans, pickups, motorcycles, etc.

OHM - Off-Highway Motorcycle - motorized vehicles traveling on 2 wheels with a seat designed to be straddled and handlebars for steering control. Motorcycles may be legal for highway use and still considered to be OHMs if used on trails or natural terrain.

ORV - Off-Road Vehicle - motorized recreational vehicles (over 1,500 pounds) capable of travel on natural terrain, such as four-wheel-drive trucks. ORV does not include farm, logging, military, emergency, law enforcement, utility, trail grooming, or construction vehicles when used for their intended purposes.

OHV - Off-Highway Vehicle - a generic term that includes ATVs, OHMs, and ORVs.

Route Description

Forest Roads

- Provide access for resource management activities and public use
- Are not considered "public highways" and the managing agency is not a "road authority"
- Are typically open to use by both H.V.s and OHVs.
- Are classified as "System" or "Minimum Maintenance" depending on condition and intended use
 - System Forest Road**
 - May be gravelled or native soil surfaced
 - Maintained and graded to allow use by low clearance H.V.s
 - Stippled with road name at major intersections
 - Minimum Maintenance Forest Road**
 - Typically narrow and native soil surfaced
 - Caution is recommended when traveling, low clearance H.V.s may not be suited for use on these roads
 - Will be signed "Road may be impassible. Travel at your own risk."
- Forest roads may be temporarily closed to motor vehicle use to prevent damage to the road surface. Forest roads on state forest land are typically open to H.V.s and OHVs use most of the year. Some forest roads on county and private forest lands have gates that are typically closed to restrict access by H.V.s but still allow access by ATVs.

Recreational Trails

- Trails signed, mapped, and maintained for recreational use
- Various uses may be "primary," "permitted," or "prohibited"
 - ATV and OHM Trails**
 - Trails that are signed, mapped, and maintained for use by ATVs and OHMs
 - Use by H.V.s and ORVs usually prohibited
 - Hunter Walking Trails**
 - Maintained trails primarily for use by hunters on foot
 - Use by motor vehicles and horses prohibited

Non-designated Routes

- Routes that are neither a forest road nor a recreational trail
- Width and surface varies and routes may not be suitable for public use
- Not signed or maintained for public use
- Available for use in an "as is" condition, with the user responsible for ensuring there is no damage to the route or adjacent resources
- On state forest lands classified as managed or limited these routes are available for motor vehicle use under the hunting and trapping exceptions allowed by MN Statutes 84.926
- Non-designated routes on state forest lands classified as managed are referred to as Access Routes and are available for motor vehicle use. It is illegal to operate a motor vehicle on these routes in a manner that causes erosion, rutting, or damage to trees (MN Rules 6100.1950, Subpart 7A). Some Access Routes are only suitable for motor vehicle use when frozen, use under non-frozen conditions will result in rutting. Access Routes that are damaged will be signed as closed to motor vehicle use.

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Legend

- System Forest Road
- Min. Maint. Forest Road
- ATV / OHM Trail
- Hunter Walking Trail
- Access Route
- Frozen Access Route Not suitable for motor vehicle use unless frozen
- Proactive Closure
- Non-designated Routes
- Snowmobile Trail For orientation purposes only
This plan does not address snowmobile trails
- Highways
- Streams & Ditches
- Populated Places
- Area with Limitations Hunting and trapping related motor vehicle use not allowed (MN Statutes 84.926)
- State Forest Land in Areas with Limitations
- Lake
- State Forest Land
- State Wildlife Land
- State Park Land
- State Scientific & Natural Area
- County Tax-forfeited Land
- Red Lake Band Land See Red Lake Band Disclaimer and Note
- Township Lines
- Section Lines

