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


## TRAIL TYPES

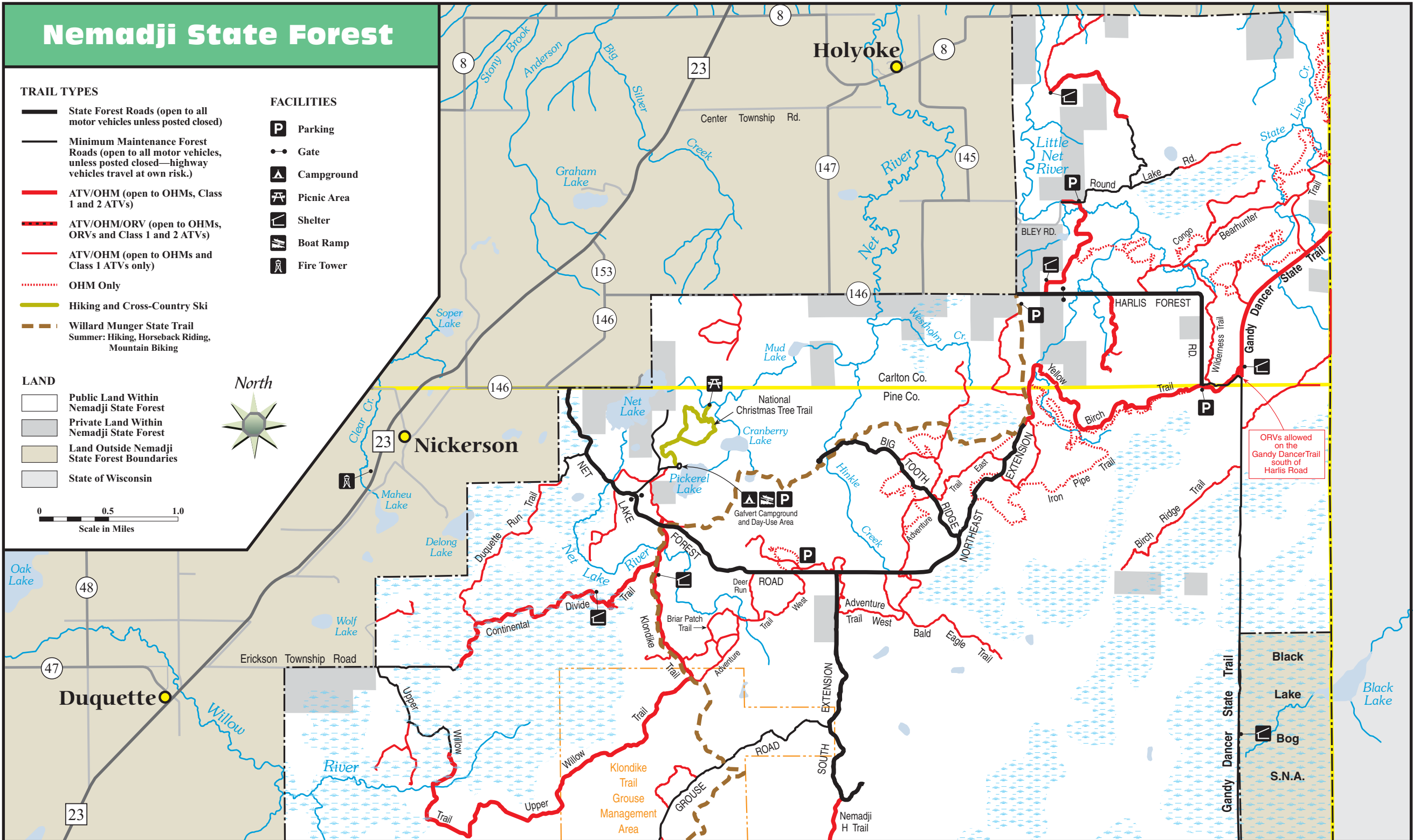
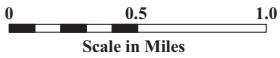
-  State Forest Roads (open to all motor vehicles unless posted closed)
-  Minimum Maintenance Forest Roads (open to all motor vehicles, unless posted closed—highway vehicles travel at own risk.)
-  ATV/OHM (open to OHMs, Class 1 and 2 ATVs)
-  ATV/OHM/ORV (open to OHMs, ORVs and Class 1 and 2 ATVs)
-  ATV/OHM (open to OHMs and Class 1 ATVs only)
-  OHM Only
-  Hiking and Cross-Country Ski
-  Willard Munger State Trail  
Summer: Hiking, Horseback Riding, Mountain Biking

## FACILITIES

-  Parking
-  Gate
-  Campground
-  Picnic Area
-  Shelter
-  Boat Ramp
-  Fire Tower

## LAND

-  Public Land Within Nemadji State Forest
-  Private Land Within Nemadji State Forest
-  Land Outside Nemadji State Forest Boundaries
-  State of Wisconsin



ORVs allowed on the Gandy Dancer Trail south of Harlis Road

# Nemadji State Forest OHV Trails

(includes the Straight Arrow and Nemadji ATV Trails)



## General rules and restrictions

For more detailed information on rules and restrictions, please refer to the booklet **Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations**. To receive a free copy call the DNR Information Center at 1-888-MINNDNR or (651) 296-6157.

### In general you may operate an off-highway vehicle:

- On your own land.
- On private land with the landowner's permission.
- On frozen waters where you have legal access (if not restricted by law or local ordinances).
- On land posted with signs specifically permitting the use of off-highway vehicles.


### You may not operate an off-highway vehicle:


- On the median of a four-lane highway.
- Within the right-of-way of any interstate highway
- At airports.
- In any state park, state recreation area, state historic site, Wildlife Management Area or state Scientific and Natural Area with the exception of posted trails and areas.
- On any frozen waters where you don't have legal access.
- In any areas restricted by local ordinances or municipalities.
- In a tree nursery or planting area.


## What are you riding?


Not all off-highway motor vehicles can be ridden on all trails. The following descriptions can help you be certain that what you're riding is permitted on the trail you chose.

**ATVs** - All-Terrain Vehicles are motorized, flotation-tired vehicles with at least three, but no more than six low pressure tires, with an engine displacement of less than 800 cubic centimeters.

 Class 1 ATVs have a total dry weight of less than 900 pounds.

 Class 2 ATVs have a total dry weight of between 900 and 1,500 pounds.

 **OHMs** - Off-Highway Motorcycles are vehicles designed to be straddled by the operator and have handlebars for steering control. Motorcycles may be legal for highway use and still considered to be OHMs if used for off-highway operation on trails or natural terrain.

 **ORVs** - Off-Road Vehicles are motorized, recreational vehicles capable of cross-country travel on natural terrain, such as four-wheel-drive trucks or ATVs over 1,500 pounds.

## For More Information

*Find The Trails*.com



### Before you go...

A little planning will go a long way to ensure a safe and enjoyable riding experience. Remember to wear appropriate protective gear, review the current *Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations*, and keep your vehicle in good operating condition. Inexperienced riders should take a certified training course and understand the safety features of their vehicles before going out on trails.

## The Nemadji State Forest Trails

The landscape here varies from gently rolling upland to steep stream valleys and elongated swamps. Recreational facilities in the forest include the Gavvert Campground and Day-Use Area and multi-purpose state forest trails. A portion of the Willard Munger State Trail connects Nemadji forest trails with some in the St. Croix State Forest and St. Croix State Park including the Gandy Dancer, Yellow Birch, Continental Divide, and the Upper Willow trails.

### THE NEMADJI ATV TRAIL

This trail system is located in the north-central part of the Nemadji State Forest, primarily south of the Harlis Forest Road. This system comprises forest management routes, off-season snowmobile routes, and developed ATV trails. The area provides a nice variety of trail riding. The system is maintained through the efforts of the Washington/Ramsey County Wheelers ATV Club.

### THE STRAIGHT ARROW OHM TRAIL

This unique off-highway motorcycle trail system is located in the northeast corner of the Nemadji State Forest. Designed primarily as a single track OHM trail, there are a few short connecting segments of forest roads and ATV trails. This trail is maintained and signed by the Straight Arrows OHM Club. This system, combined with the other riding opportunities in this forest, provides a variety of trail riding for many skill levels.

This trail is open for OHV use all year, although watch for seasonal closings.

Nearby Facilities:  in Nickerson.

**Directions / Parking:** From Nickerson, Highway 23 northeast 1/2 mile; then right 1.5 mile to Net Lake Forest Road, turn right about 2 miles.

## Safety First!

- Read the owner's manual and know your vehicle.
- Check your vehicle before you ride.
- Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing.
- Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders.
- Supervise young or inexperienced riders.
- Never carry a passenger on vehicles intended for one person.
- Ride straight--no alcohol or drugs.
- Let trail conditions determine safe speeds.
- Stay to the right on trails.
- Stay away from open water, thin ice and wetlands
- Know the weather forecast.
- Use your headlight and make sure your taillight is working.
- Maintain safe distances when riding with others.
- Reduce your speed when riding at night.
- Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users.
- Young or beginning riders should take an all-terrain vehicle or off-highway motorcycle safety training course offered by the DNR.

**Nemadji State Forest OHV Trails are classified as**



Easiest

## What's New?

In 2003, the use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) was banned in certain types of wetlands. The 2004 Legislature removed portions of that broad ban, and added new restrictions on where OHVs can travel. The new law does not differentiate between public and private wetlands in restricting OHV operation. It attempts to rely less on a recreational rider's knowledge of various wetland types and to make the rider generally more cautious of traveling on any wetland that is not part of an approved trail system. In addition, it allows exemptions for non-recreation use of OHVs in public waters and wetlands for various work-related activities.

## Trail difficulty ratings



Easiest



More Difficult



Most Difficult



**Yellow directional arrows are placed along the trail.**

Check the DNR's website for the latest information about regulations and safety training courses. Contact local trail office prior to your visit to be aware of current trail conditions.

### Visitor Information

Department of Natural Resources Information Center  
(651) 296-6157 (metro area & outside MN)  
1-888-MINNDNR / 1-888-646-6367 (MN toll free)

TDD (Telecommunications Device for Deaf)  
(651) 296-5484 (metro area)  
1-800-657-3929 (MN toll free)

[www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us) or [www.findthetrails.com](http://www.findthetrails.com)

### Trail Area Information

MN DNR Trails and Waterways  
Moose Lake Area Office  
(218) 485-5410

Washington/Ramsey Club ATV Portion: Alex Chester 651-484-3027  
Straight Arrow OHM Portion: Ken Fastner 651-456-0224

**If you have a medical emergency please DIAL 911**



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