

AT A GLANCE: Chengwatana State Forest

Location	Pine County
Classification	Limited
Highway-Licensed Vehicles:	May be used on designated forest roads.
Off-Highway Vehicles:	May be used on designated forest roads, as well as on forest trails signed as open to the specific type of off-highway vehicle.
Area (acres)	17,720 state-administered 11,280 privately owned
Natural Resource Profile	Series of forested upland "islands" surrounded by marsh and brush. The terrain is generally flat The major forest cover types are aspen and birch with smaller acreages of pine, spruce, balsam fir, tamarack, and oak.
Current Uses	Forestry, seasonal recreation, tourism, hunting
Recreation Types	Snowmobiling, off-highway vehicle riding, cross-country skiing, biking, camping, hunting, trapping, wildlife watching, fishing

Designation Summary	Approximate miles/acres
Class 1 ATV/OHM (new designation)	1.0 miles
Hunter-Walking Trail (new designation)	5.5 miles
Area with limitations on off-trail use during hunting and trapping	1,705 acres
OHV trail undesignated	3.0 miles

Description of Changes:

The DNR has designated short ATV/OHM trail loops off the Matthew Lourey state trail just south of St. Croix state park. The loops will create return routes and improved access to a walk-in overlook of the state-designated wild and scenic Kettle River. Currently OHV users in this area must turn around before the state park boundary, which is closed to OHV use, and return on the same treadway.

To provide greater trail variety, the DNR plans to develop more difficult sections on existing designated ATV/OHM trails.

The DNR has undesignated approximately 3 miles of that are unsustainable, redundant, or do not provide good recreational opportunity. This includes approximately 1.2 miles of trail within the Kettle River district, where OHV use is prohibited by state rule.

The DNR has designated a 1705-acre "area with limitations" where ATVs may not be used off-trail during hunting and trapping activities, per Minnesota Statutes, [section 84.926](#). The DNR has designated approximately 5.5 miles of hunter-walking trail within this area.

Implementation:

The new designations and changes in designation will be effective January 1, 2014. New trails will not be open for use and new trail uses will not be allowed until the DNR completes trail improvements and signs

the trails open over the next several seasons. At this time, the DNR expects to implement the "areas with limitations" in phases, posting informational notices during the 2014 deer hunting season, and enforcing the restrictions in 2015.

OHV = Off-highway vehicle (includes ATV, OHM, ORV)

ATV = All-terrain vehicle

OHM = Off-highway motorcycle

ORV = Off-road vehicle (includes 4-wheel drive vehicles; does not include ATVs/OHMs)

HWT = Hunter-walking trail

AWL = Area with limitations where there are no exceptions for off-trail ATV use and undesignated trail use during hunting and trapping per Minnesota Statutes, section 84.926.