

Motor Vehicle Use Map 2007



THE PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP

This map dated 09/28/2007 shows the National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and the areas on National Forest System lands in the Denbigh Experimental Forest and Souris Unit of Dakota Prairie Grasslands that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. The map contains a list of those designated roads, trails, and areas that enumerates the types of vehicles allowed on each route and in each area and any seasonal restrictions that apply on those routes and in those areas.

Designation of a road, trail, or area for motor vehicle use by a particular class of vehicle under 36 CFR 212.51 should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use, or to imply that the road, trail, or area is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Motor vehicle designations include parking along designated routes and at facilities associated with designated routes when it is safe to do so and when not causing damage to National Forest System resources. Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render designated roads and trails impassable for extended periods. Designated areas may contain dangerous or impassable terrain. Many designated roads and trails may be passable only by high-clearance vehicles or four-wheel drive vehicles. Maintenance of designated roads and trails will depend on available resources, and many may receive little maintenance.

This motor vehicle use map identifies those roads, trails, and areas designated for the motor vehicle use under 36 CFR 212.51 for the purpose of enforcing the prohibition at 36 CFR 261.13. This is a limited purpose. The other public roads are shown for information and navigation purposes only and are not subject to designation under the Forest Service travel management regulation.

These designations apply only to National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and areas on National Forest System lands.

PROHIBITIONS

It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Denbigh Experimental Forest and Souris Unit of Dakota Prairie Grasslands other than in accordance with these designations (36 CFR 261.13).

Violations of 36 CFR 261.13 are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for up to 6 months or both (18 U.S.C. 3571(e)). This prohibition applies regardless of the presence or absence of signs.

This map does not display nonmotorized uses, over-snow uses, or other facilities and attractions on the Denbigh Experimental Forest and Souris Unit of Dakota Prairie Grasslands. Contact the Sheyenne Ranger District for more information.

Designated roads, trails, and areas may also be subject to temporary, emergency closures, and visitors must comply with signs notifying them of such restrictions. A national forest may issue an order to close a road, trail, or area on a temporary basis to protect the life, health, or safety of forest visitors or the natural or cultural resources in these areas. Such temporary and/or emergency closures are consistent with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.52 (b); 36 CFR 261 subpart B).

The designation "road or trail open to all motor vehicles" does not supersede vehicle size or weight limits imposed through State traffic law.

OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and in areas on National Forest System lands carries a greater responsibility than operating that vehicle in a city or other developed setting. Not only must the motor vehicle operators know and follow all applicable traffic laws, but they also need to show concern for the environment as well as other forest users. The misuse of motor vehicles can lead to the temporary or permanent closure of any designated road, trail, or area. Operators of motor vehicles are subject to State traffic law, including State requirements for licensing, registration, and operation of the vehicle in question.

Motor vehicle use, especially off-highway vehicle use, involves inherent risks that may cause property damage, serious injury, and possibly death to participants. Riders should drive cautiously and anticipate rough surfaces and features such as snow, mud, vegetation, and water crossings common to remote driving conditions. Participants voluntarily assume full responsibility for these damages, risks, and dangers. Motor vehicle operators should take care at all times to protect themselves and those under their responsibility.

Some of the Denbigh Experimental Forest and Souris Unit of Dakota Prairie Grasslands is remote, and medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones may not work in many areas of the Denbigh Experimental Forest and Souris Unit of Dakota Prairie Grasslands. Operators should take adequate food, water, first aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate for the conditions and expected weather.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO RESPECT PRIVATE LAND! PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEGE. STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS, TRAILS, AND IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

Read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions, please contact the Sheyenne Ranger District for clarification.

Road, trail, and area users must comply with this map, as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is the responsibility of the user.

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Refer to regulations and laws pertaining to off-highway vehicles (OHV) for the state of North Dakota. These regulations can be found at: www.parkrec.nd.gov/Trails/ATV.htm or by calling the ND Parks and Recreation office at 701-328-5357. Information can also be found at the following web site: www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/t39c29.pdf.

Motor vehicle use off of designated roads for the purpose of dispersed camping is permitted for up to 300 feet from the centerline of the road throughout the year on National Forest System Lands. Roads that allow vehicles to access dispersed campsites are displayed on the legend and on the map (indicated by dots on either side of the road).

EXPLANATION OF LEGEND ITEMS

Roads Open to All Vehicles:

These roads are open to all motor vehicles, including smaller off highway vehicles that may not be licensed for highway use (but not to oversize or overweight vehicles under state traffic law).

Dispersed Camping:



This symbol is used along with a designated road or trail to indicate that limited cross-country motor vehicle use is allowed within a specific distance of that route, solely for the purpose of dispersed camping.

INFORMATION SOURCES

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