

ORV

Off Road Vehicle



CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST "CELEBRATING 100 YEARS" 1908-2008

An off-road vehicle (ORV) is a term referring to all-terrain vehicles (ATV), off-highway motorcycles (OHM) and 4-wheel drive trucks.

Chippewa National Forest ORV Policy

The Chippewa National Forest is implementing a November 2007 OHV Road Travel Access decision. This policy applies only to Chippewa National Forest system lands, trails and roads.

Where to Ride

- ORV use is allowed only on roads that are designated open for such use, **as marked on the Motorized Vehicle Use Map.**
- Forest Service roads are identified and signed with a number at their main intersection with other roads.
- Designated roads include both low standard and higher standard roads. Please show caution when sharing a road with passenger vehicle traffic.

Low standard roads are Forest Service roads planned, constructed, and maintained for future-management use. They are managed for use by high clearance vehicles. Passenger car traffic is not encouraged.

High standard roads are Forest Service roads managed for passenger car traffic. Specific high standard roads are open for ORV use. Please show caution when sharing a road with passenger vehicle traffic.

To locate Forest Service system roads and trails a free *Chippewa National Forest Motorized Vehicle Use* map is available showing numbered roads on the Forest open to ORVs. The map is available at national forest offices in Blackduck, Cass Lake, Deer River and Walker.

Where Not to Ride

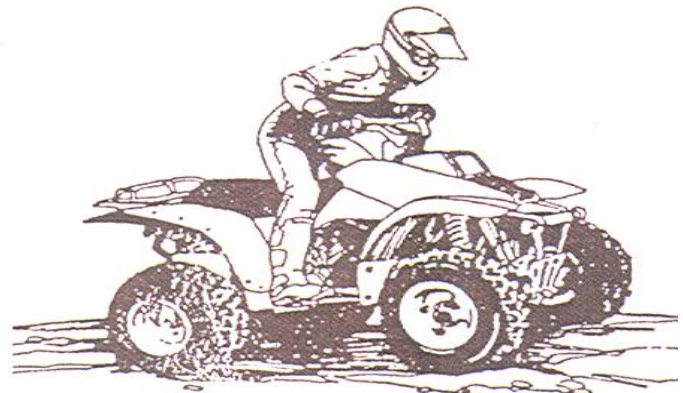
- Cross-country motorized travel off of system roads and trails is prohibited.
- Big game retrieval and other ORV use off system roads and trails such as bear baiting or trapping, is prohibited.
- All roads open to ORVs will be temporarily closed during the spring break-up period between March 15 and May 1 each year.
- About 110 miles of road open to ORVs will be affected by seasonal closures to protect habitat for endangered, threatened or sensitive species.

This policy only involves National Forest system land, trails, and roads on the Chippewa National Forest. Contact other public land agencies for their specific ORV policies.

Get Involved in the Trail Planning Process

During the upcoming year, planning for additional ORV connector trails and opportunities will occur.

Federal, tribal, state and local government agencies will work together to identify these opportunities across multiple ownerships. Public meetings will provide you an opportunity to comment on specific proposals.



ORV Planning – What you can do:

Mailing List

Contact one of the offices listed below and ask to be added to the forest wide mailing list to receive ORV info. You will receive notification of public meetings, and proposed projects as part of implementation of the Forest Plan.

Talk to Law Enforcement officials and land managers

To clarify where to ride, ask questions. ORV riders want to be responsible trail users. Managers want to know more about where users want to ride.

Check the NEPA Quarterly Newsletter

Four times a year, each Forest Service Ranger District announces current and upcoming project proposals (including roads and trails) in the NEPA Quarterly. The NEPA Quarterly is available by mail, at all Forest Service administrative offices or online at www.fs.fed.us/forest/chippewa/publications. For each project proposal, public comments are accepted for a specific period of time.

Pocket Reference Card

ORV POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

- All cross-country ORV travel off system roads and trails is prohibited.
- ATV summer use is permitted on the Soo Line Trail.
- The policy allows for ORV use only on roads and trails that are designated open for such use.
- ORV use is prohibited in the Suomi, Trout Lake and North Winnie Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized Areas and Non-Motorized trails like the North Country Scenic Trail
- ORV travel is not allowed in ditches and shoulders of National Forest system roads.
- All forest roads open to ORV use are temporarily closed during spring break-up March 15 to May 1 each year.
- Seasonal closures to protect habitat will be posted.
- Roads closed or open to ORV use many change due to monitoring of road conditions. Please contact the Chippewa National Forest annually for current road information.



For More Information Contact:

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Blackduck Ranger District
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PH: (218) 835-4291

Marcell / Deer River Ranger District
1037 Division Street, Box 308
Deer River, MN 56636 PH: (218) 246-2123

Walker Ranger District
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