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U.S. Forest Service announces improvements on Uwharrie OHV Trails

Dickey Bell Trail, southern end of Rocky Mount Loop Trail, and parking for Dutch John Trailhead will be closed through July

TROY, N.C., March 29, 2024—The U.S. Forest Service is continuing several maintenance and improvement projects for off-highway vehicle (OHV) trails in the Uwharrie National Forest. OHV enthusiasts should review their plans for the spring season as a handful of trails and parking areas will remain closed for much-needed maintenance and improvements.

While OHV trails on the Uwharrie National Forest will open for the season on April 1, maintenance and improvement projects will continue on the Dickey Bell Trail, the Dutch John Trailhead and the south end of the Rocky Mount Loop. These areas will be completely closed to all traffic.

Visitors should stay off the closed trails and use alternative trailheads while construction is underway as any damage done during this time will potentially delay completion of the project, currently planned by the end of July.

"The Uwharrie is a popular destination for OHV riders across the region, and while these upgrades may cause a small impact on their visits, we know this work will ultimately lead to a much safer and better-quality experience," said District Ranger Susan Miller. "In the meantime, we encourage riders to enjoy one of the several other OHV trails and trailheads when the season opens."

The following trails will be open to OHV traffic when the season starts on April 1:

- The northeast portion of Rocky Mount Loop
- Sawmill Trail
- Slab Pile Trail
- Wolf Den Trail
- Falls Dam Trail
- Daniel Trail
- Falls Dam Trailhead/Art Lilley Campground
- Flatwoods Trailhead
- Wolf Den Trailhead
- Cotton Place Trailhead
- Lakeview Trail

For updates on closures or for the latest trail maps, OHV riders can contact the Uwharrie National Forest District Office at (910) 576-6391 or visit the office at 789 Biscoe Road, Troy, NC 27371.

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