



# Wayehutta OHV Trail System

## **Getting Here:**

From Sylva take NC 1075 to SR 1002 (Old Cullowhee Road), turn left. Travel 3 miles to SR 1731 (Wayehutta Road), turn left. Travel 3.5 miles (pavement ends), continue 0.5 miles. SR 1731 joins Forest Service Road 4650. Continue approx. 1 mile to the trailhead parking area.

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**Ride the Trail.** The 24-mile Wayehutta Trail System is open to off-highway vehicles (OHV) less than 60 inches in width. These vehicles include motorcycles, utility terrain vehicles and all-terrain vehicles (ATV), such as four-wheelers.

The OHV area offers challenging rides. Wayehutta's trails cross old railroad grades and trace steep mountain rims. A number of rolling dips, steep climbs and technical rocky sections are also offered across the system's 3,000 to 5,000 foot elevations. Located near the trail system's entrance is a 30-foot waterfall with rhododendron. New visitors normally stop off the trail to quickly glance at the system's only waterfall. The 1.2-mile Sunset Ridge Trail travels to a summit where lavender field thistles and black-eyed Susan's display a patchwork of colors. The view is worth the climb over the technical, rocky section. From this vantage point, riders can view vistas that include the Blue Ridge Parkway.

A special recreation permit is required to use this area and is available at the trailhead.

**Be safe.** Help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all visitors to the forest,

- Riders must have valid permits attached to their vehicles at all times.
- Always comply with state and federal safety laws, including child-age requirements.
- Ride only on designated trails, never cross-country.

- OHVs are not allowed on forest roads.
- Do not carelessly operate a vehicle without regard for another's safety or in a way that could endanger any person or property.
- Do not operate a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in Wayehutta OHV area.

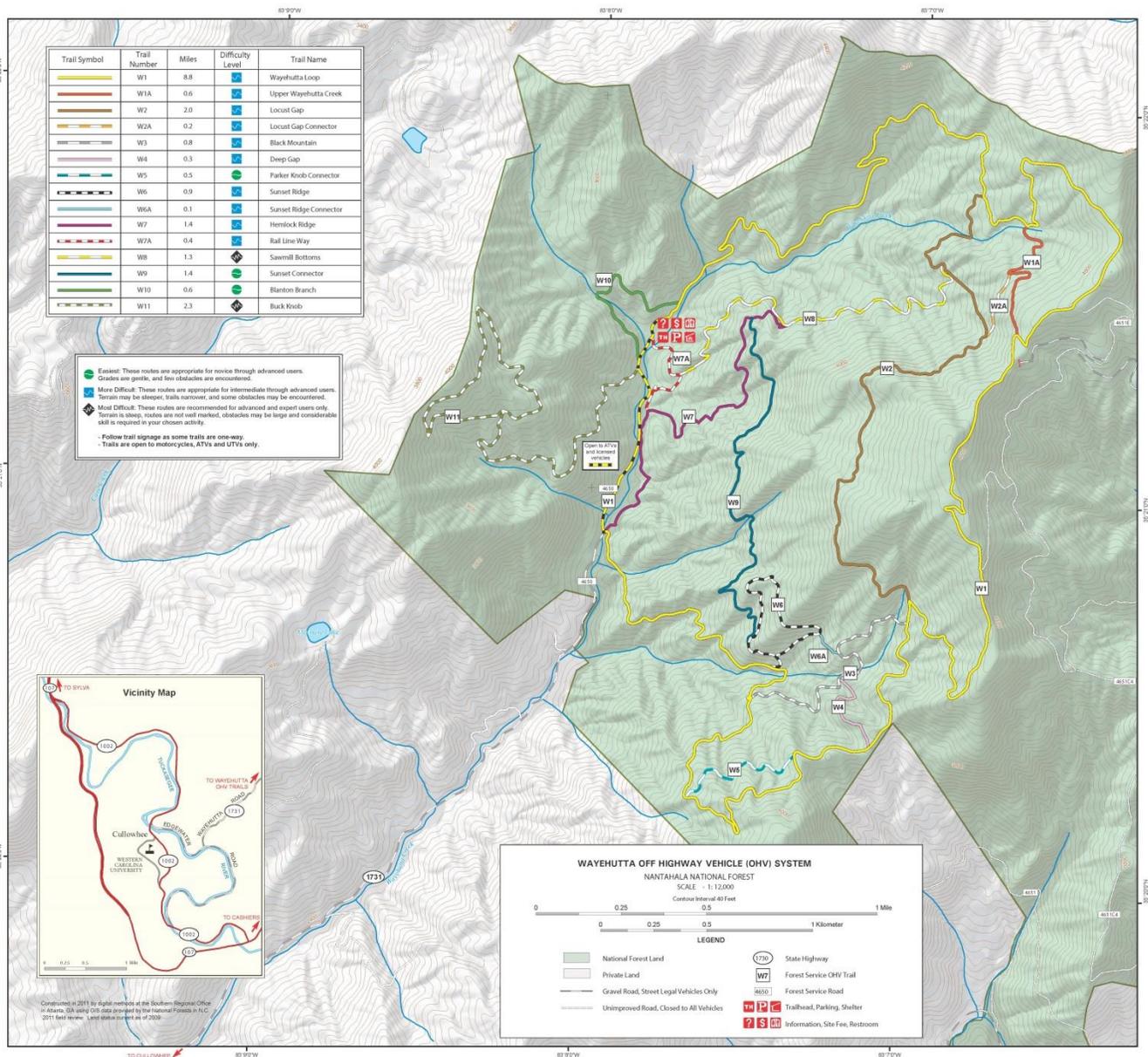
## **The following acts are prohibited:**

- Children under age 8 operating ATVs or motorcycles.
- Children under age 12 operating ATVs 70cc or larger.
- Children under age 16 operating any ATV 90cc or larger and not under the supervision of a person over 18 years of age.
- Double-riding.
- Operating a vehicle without a helmet.
- Operating a vehicle with metal studs embedded in the tire or protruding from the tires.
- Operating a vehicle after dark.
- Operating a vehicle in excess of the maximum noise limit allowed. The maximum is not to exceed 99 dBu (taken stationary at 20 inches from the exhaust at a 45-degree angle).

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# Wayehutta OHV Trail System Map



Trails are rated according to the degree of skill needed to ride each trail.

- The “Easy” trails have gentle grades (15 percent maximum pitch), sweeping turns and fairly smooth tread without obstacles.
- “More Difficult” trails require some degree of skill and challenge to travel. They have moderate to steep grades (30 percent maximum pitch), relatively rough surfaces and loose material.
- “Most Difficult” trails require a high degree of skill and challenge to travel. They have moderate to steep grades (50 percent maximum pitch), rough surfaces, tight curves and switchbacks.