



WELCOME HUNTER - to the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF)

Hunting is a tradition and part of our heritage. To ensure every hunter has an opportunity to enjoy a traditional hunting experience, certain acceptable practices must be followed. This is in addition to following the state hunting regulations while in the National Forest.

TRAVEL/PARKING

- Cross country use by any motorized vehicle (ie. ATV's, 4X4 vehicles, snowmobiles, etc.) is prohibited on the CNNF. Travel is authorized only on designated MVUM open roads and trails – see current year MVUM map. Obtain a current year Motor Vehicle Use Map to show where motorized use ends as it will not be signed closed. Copies of these maps are available at all USDA Forest Service Offices.
- It is prohibited to take any motorized vehicle behind a berm, gate, rocks, barrier posts, or other closure device within the National Forest. Highway Legal Vehicles are not allowed on most all ATV and snowmobile trails. See MVUM map for exceptions and multi-use trail segments.
- Open Town Routes within the National Forest roads system that are ATV and/or snowmobile open must be signed with the designated green rectangular sign with a white ATV and/or snowmobile emblem.
- Please park your vehicles and/or camper safely off the road to allow for driver visibility (a 30 feet right of way for parking is allowed if it is done without causing any resource damage). Blocking, restricting, or otherwise interfering with the use of a road, trail, or gate is prohibited.
- Operation of a motor vehicle within any active Timber Sale Area is prohibited and dangerous.
- This fall the CNNF completed analysis for the Travel Management Project (see enclosed brochure). Information on Travel Management is at: www.fs.usda.gov/detail/cnnf/home/?cid=STELPRD3814260 , or at the Ranger District Offices.
- Take the opportunity this hunting season to determine if the roads you utilize have been incorporated into the MVUM. If you have questions visit any Ranger District Office or www.fs.usda.gov/detail/cnnf/home/?cid=STELPRD3814260

BLINDS/TREE STANDS

- To cut or damage any live tree is prohibited (ie. to create shooting lanes, place a tree stand or blind).
- Construct blinds with natural dead materials gathered from the immediate area or use artificial materials. The use of any nails, wires, screws, or other harming metal objects to fasten camouflage, blinds, or stands to a tree is not permitted and has a penalty of \$225.
- Cutting, trimming, or removing brush larger than 1 inch in diameter is not permitted. Pruning extensive amounts of live tree branches may constitute tree damage, be cautious and use discretion.
- Abandoned personal property or year round tree stands and blinds are considered permanent and not permitted. Regulations prohibit constructing, placing, or maintaining any road, trail, structure, or enclosure on National Forest System land without permission; including, abandoned property.
- Portable tree stands are acceptable IF they are removed immediately at the end of the hunting season. Stands may be put up approximately one week before the hunting season. Any stands or blinds left after the hunting season will be considered abandoned, posted by law enforcement, and removed.

- It is recommended that while on Forest Service land ground blinds display a minimum of 144 square inches of material, that is a solid blaze orange, be visible from all directions around the blind during any gun or muzzleloader deer season whether occupied or not. Waterfowl hunting blinds are an exception.
- Please leave all areas where a blind was constructed looking natural at the end of any hunting season.
- Leaving personal property on the National Forest cannot be used to reserve a hunting spot. Be a responsible and ethical hunter. Each year many complaints are received for stolen property. Locking deer stands and cameras on Forest Service land is allowed as long as no damage is done.

CAMPING

- Discharging a firearm within 150 yards of a FS campground, building, or other developed recreation sites; such as, boat launches/landings, picnic areas, or any other occupied areas is prohibited.
- Camping in non-developed recreation sites is permitted for a maximum of 21 consecutive days. After 21 days it is required to move all belongings not less than 1 mile away and for not less than 7 days. Please be respectful to other campers and common areas. Follow MVUM guidelines and park within 30 feet of any open or closed road. Do not reserve or block access for other hunters and administrative use.
- **NEW:** Our firewood closure order prohibits the possession, storage, or transport of any firewood that originates from more than 25 miles from your campsite. Firewood certified by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Transportation and Consumer Protection can originate from more than 25 miles from the National Forest destination. Both certified firewood and Kiln-dried, untreated/unpainted/ unstained/construction/dimensional lumber that is free of any metal or foreign substance is approved. Pallet boards are not approved.
- You may collect dead and down wood for your immediate campsite use without a firewood permit, but do not collect more than you will use during your visit.
- Fire destroys all resources- *Please be careful!* Do not leave campfires unattended, that includes smoldering fires. Completely extinguish your campfire before leaving your camp unattended.
- Practice "Leave No Trace." Please keep your campsite and toilet facilities 200 feet away from any streams, lakes, or wetland areas and at least 100 feet from any trail system. Pack out what you pack in and dispose of it properly.

*We hope you enjoy your visit on the Medford-Park Falls Ranger District.
Thank You!*

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