

TRAVELING *the* BACK COUNTRY



Ride the Ozark National Forest

It's one of the most unique and scenic areas in Arkansas. Several national scenic byways cross the forest. You can see stunning vistas from mountaintops to caverns. The forest is a popular place for hikers, anglers, mountain bikers, rock climbers, campers, hang gliders, off-highway-vehicle (OHV) riders and whitewater enthusiasts.

Explore
the
BACK COUNTRY
over
1,000 miles
of Designated
OHV Routes

National Forests are public lands. The forest land, wildlife and resources are managed by the USDA Forest Service so that Americans can see and enjoy the Great Outdoors. Over the years, public expectations of national forests have evolved. To manage a forest today, consideration is given to the health and sustainability of forest resources while balancing the various recreational uses and public expectations. All resources are managed to benefit the American people while ensuring a healthy, productive forest and sustainable resources like plants, wildlife, wood and water.

More Americans are visiting national forests today, compared to 20 years ago. The Ozark National Forest has seen a sharp increase in the number of OHVs, as well as greater variety in OHV vehicle types. In keeping with the Forest Service's multiple-use mandate, these vehicles are welcome on the routes that are designed for their activity. In some places, OHV riders share the trail with hikers, bikers and equestrians.

More than 1,000 miles are designated for OHV use. You can only ride on these routes. You may see a path that looks suitable for an OHV, but only ride there if it is designated on the map for OHV use. You'll help protect forest resources by staying on legal routes when you bring your registered OHV to the forest.

Because OHV use can affect soil erosion, water quality, wildlife habitat and bother nearby visitors who are sharing the forest, OHV riders are expected to be courteous, stay safe and abide by the rules.

OHV Travel Primer

- Consult the forest maps to see which roads are legal for OHV use.
- Stay alcohol and drug free while riding.
- Maintain a safe speed for your driving conditions.
- On OHV trails, vehicles are limited to 50 inches wide

Allowed on designated OHV routes:



Three- and four-wheeled ATVs



Four-wheel drives



Utility vehicles



Motorcycles

KEEP IT SAFE

Wear proper safety gear

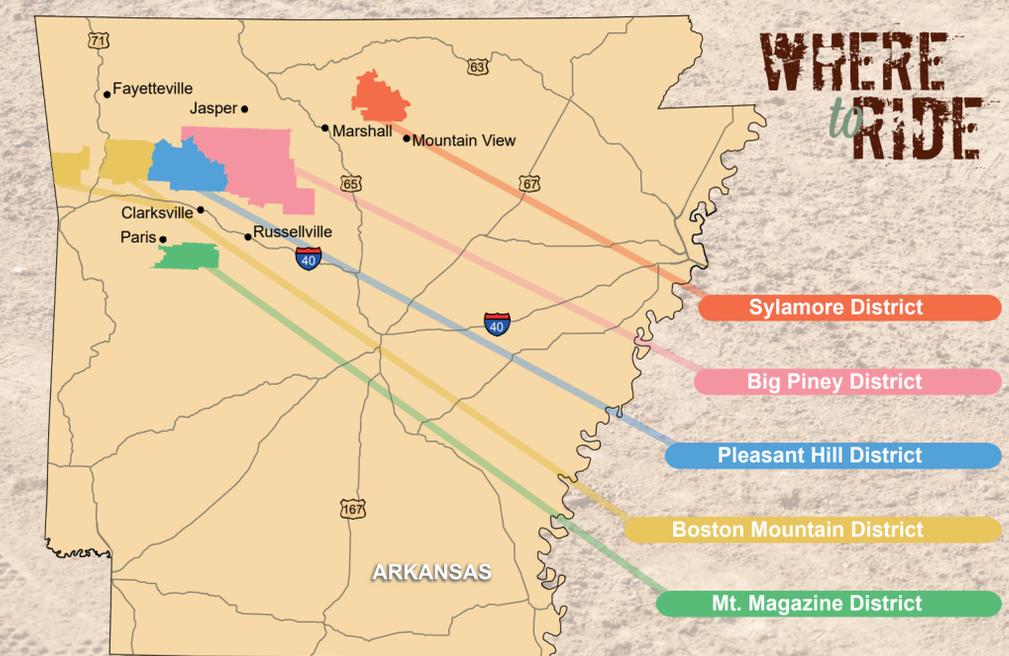
Remember, your safety is your own responsibility.



SHARE THE ROAD

The roads and trails within the national forest are shared by many visitors. Be alert and courteous to mountain bikers, horseback riders, hikers and other OHV riders as you share trails. Expect other vehicles on roads, even logging trucks and large machinery.

Accidents can be avoided by paying attention to changing landscapes, trees, hills and natural obstructions. Avoid collisions with other vehicles and expect to see traffic that moves faster than your OHV.



WHERE to RIDE

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Remember, the back country is remote.
- Cell phones do not work in many areas of the forest.
- Take along adequate food, water and first aid supplies.
- Pay attention to the weather forecast and watch for changing weather conditions during your ride.
- Tools like a tire pump, patch kit and tow strap can prevent a long walk.
- Medical assistance may not be readily available during emergencies.

Vehicles That Are Welcome



Off-highway Vehicles (OHVs)

This motorized vehicle is intended to be driven on unpaved surfaces. This category of vehicle includes motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) with three or four wheels, utility vehicles, dune buggies and four-wheel drives. OHVs intended for riding on trails must be 50 inches or less in width.

KNOW THE LAW

Arkansas State Regulations

All three and four-wheeled off-highway vehicles must be registered with the Arkansas Department of Revenue. Upon registration, the OHV will be assessed and the owner will be charged a "one time" fee of approximately \$10 for title, registration and a decal that will be placed permanently on the OHV. The decal is not a forest pass. It fulfills state requirements only. Call your county revenue department for more information.

- Operating an OHV at speeds greater than reasonable is prohibited.
- Headlights and taillights must be utilized when operating an OHV between one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
- When two or more OHVs are operating together on a road, they should be operated in single file.
- All OHV operators must comply with applicable Arkansas state laws governing the use of motor vehicles.
- Operators are prohibited from operating any vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic beverages or narcotics.

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Regulations

The following regulations apply only to Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AG&FC) owned or leased Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) such as Gulf Mountain, Cedar Creek, Point Remove and Gene Rush. The AG&FC does not allow OHVs on state-owned WMAs except to those people who can prove permanent disability and have received a Mobility Impaired Program card from the Game and Fish Commission. These AG&FC OHV permits are not applicable to Forest Service land and do not entitle the rider to go off roads or trails or on closed roads.

STAY ALERT

National Forests are inherently wild and unpredictable by nature. Be aware and take responsibility for your safety and that of those traveling with you! Prepare and watch out for:



Black Bears



Venomous Snakes



Wasps, Bees and Ticks



Poison Plants



Tornados



Flash Floods



Wildfires



Logging Truck



No passengers on single-rider vehicles

Children under age 12 may operate an OHV **only** under direct supervision of someone 18 years or older.



Adults only on adult OHV

Ozark National Forest Administrative Offices

Forest Supervisor's Office

605 West Main Street
Russellville, AR 72801
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www.fs.usda.gov/osfnf

Big Piney Ranger District

Hector Unit
12000 SR 27
Hector, AR 72843
Telephone: 479-284-3150

Jasper Unit
PO Box 427, Hwy 7 North
Jasper, AR 72641
Telephone: 870-446-5122

Boston Mountain Ranger District

1803 N 18th St
Ozark, AR 72949
Telephone: 479-667-2191

Mt. Magazine Ranger District

PO Box 511
3001 East Walnut Street
Paris, AR 72855
Telephone: 479-963-3076

Pleasant Hill Ranger District

PO Box 190
2591 Hwy 21 North
Clarksville, AR 72830
Telephone: 479-754-2864

Sylamore Ranger District

1001 E Main
Mountain View, AR 72560
Telephone: 870-269-3228

Other Important Numbers

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
Telephone: 1-800-364-4263
www.agfc.com

Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Telephone: 501-569-2000
www.arkansashighways.com

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