

## Where can you ride?

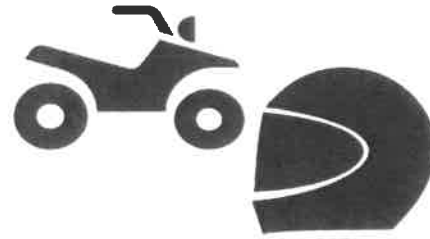
The OHV area offers 34 miles of trail and is the only OHV area on the Pisgah National Forest. OHV riders may only go on designated roads and trails posted by signs at the head of each trail section. Trails are rated by width to provide experiences for different user groups: trail bikes, ATVs and Side-by-side vehicles (SXSs), and full-size vehicles.

- Full-size Jeeps and 4WD vehicles may only use the main Trail 1 and Trail 8. These trails are open to all vehicles and are the only trails rated as easy.
- Trails 1B, 4, 6, 10, and 9 up to the intersection of 10 are open to trail bikes, ATVs, and SXSs less than 65 inches wide.
- Trails 1A, 2, and portions of trail 9 are open to trail bikes, ATVs, and SXSs less than 50 inches wide.
- Trails 3, 5, and 7 are open to trail bikes only.

Only state licensed street legal machines that meet all state regulations for safety and noise may use open Forest Service roads. No bushwhacking or cutting vegetation is allowed.

## Detailed Maps Available

It is recommended that all riders carry a map. The Brown Mountain OHV map gives more detail on the trails within the Brown Mountain OHV area. Maps are available where passes are sold, or by contacting the Grandfather Ranger District at 828-652-2144. The district also provides camping information for this location. Buy maps online at: [www.nationalforestmapstore.com](http://www.nationalforestmapstore.com)



## Directions to OHV Area

*From Lenoir:* Take US 90W to Collettsville. Turn left on Adako Rd, just beyond the elementary school and grocery store. The entrance to the OHV area is the fifth road on your right (approx. 1 mile beyond Brown Mountain Beach Rd at the Forest Service sign.) Take road until it dead ends at the trailhead.

*From Morganton:* Take NC 181 north. Turn right on Brown Mountain Beach Road (State Road 1405) at the white church on the right. OHV entrance is about 5 miles on the left, 300 ft beyond a small concrete bridge at the Forest Service sign. Take road until it dead ends at the trailhead.

## Brown Mountain: Land Of Mystery

Mysterious lights have been reported at Brown Mountain, appearing to dance and whirl along the mountain's crest. Brown Mountain is the subject of much folklore surrounding the lights. The best places to view these mysterious lights are at Brown Mountain Overlook on NC 181 and Wiseman's View on Old NC 105.

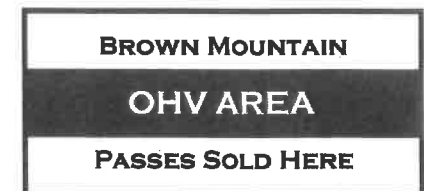
## Follow Operating Rules & Regulations

To ensure a safe experience for all visitors, follow these rules.

- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in Brown Mountain OHV area and campsites. Law enforcement remains present and violations will result in strict citations.
- Riders must have valid passes attached to vehicles at all times.
- Do not operate a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- DOT-approved helmets and eye protection are required.
- OHVs are not allowed on forest roads.
- Ride only on designated trails. Do not travel cross-country.
- Stay on designated routes marked with symbols showing the kind of OHV vehicle allowed. To protect the land, do not carve new routes or shortcuts.
- 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 with metal studs embedded in or protruding from tires.
- Only carry the number of passengers that your vehicle is designed to carry.
- For your safety, pay attention to trail directions. Most trails are one-way.
- Some old routes are closed and badly eroded. Help nature restore these sites by not riding them. Avoid wet trails and wheel spins.
- Be sure your spark arrester works properly. Remember: you are responsible for any fire you start.
- Do not disturb wildlife.
- Carry a litter bag and pack out all trash. Learn and use no-trace camping techniques. Carry a trowel and bury human waste 6 in. deep and at least 200 ft from water.
- Remember, people may judge all OHV owners by your actions.

## Required Daily & Annual Passes

There is a use fee per-vehicle for the OHV area. Passes are sold at local stores in Morganton, Lenoir, Collettsville, and at the Grandfather Ranger District Office just off I-40, exit 90 (109 E Lawing Dr. Nebo, NC). For questions and more information, call 828-652-2144. Riders must have valid passes attached to vehicles and clearly visible at all times.



**Learn and practice your riding skills before you ride at Brown Mountain as most trails are challenging. Don't exceed your ability or skill level!**

### Handling Emergencies

If you come across someone who is injured, stop *immediately*. Treat the injury and make the person comfortable. If you must go for help, leave someone with the injured person. When you leave, provide shelter, food, water, and a light within reach. Attach a note to the victim with the person's name, injury details, time of injury, first aid administered, your name, intended destination, and time you left the site. Be sure you know your way back to the location. In case of injury dial 911 first!

#### Area Hospitals:

- Grace Hospital, 2201 Sterling St. Morganton, NC; (828) 438-2000
- Caldwell Memorial, 321 Mulberry St. SW, Lenoir, NC; (828) 757-5398

Burke County Sheriff: (828) 438-5550

**911 — Call if you can.**

**Text if you can't.**

Your 911 address is:  
**1610 Brown Mountain Beach Rd.  
 Morganton, NC 28566**

### Volunteers Needed

For more information on how you can help maintain these trails, please contact:  
 Grandfather Ranger District  
 (828) 652-2144 grandfatherRD@fs.fed.us

# Brown Mountain OHV TRAIL SYSTEM



**Ride challenging trails through the 34 mile Brown Mountain OHV Trail System on your trail bike or all-terrain vehicle, discovering the Brown Mountain area of the Pisgah National Forest.**

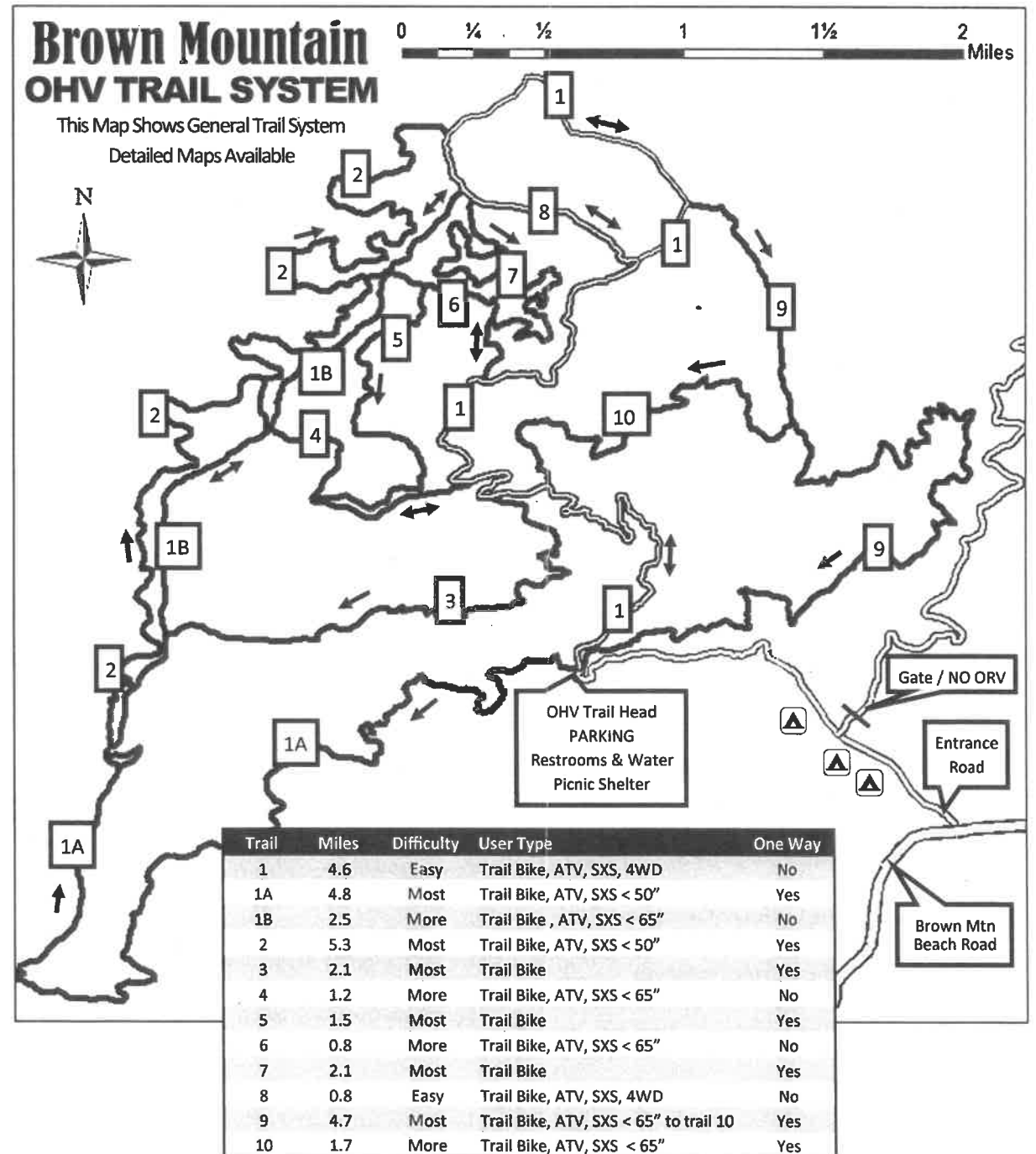


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Difficulty Levels	
Easy	Novice to advanced users. Gentle grades. Few Obstacles.
More	Intermediate to advanced users. Steeper terrain, narrower trails, some obstacles.
Most	Advanced to expert users. Rocky, frequent obstacles with challenging areas.



SXS—Side by Side Vehicles, SXS trails are sized to 50 or 65 inches. Know your width!