

Brown Mountain OHV Trail System



Getting Here:

From Lenoir: Take U.S. 90 west to Colettesville; turn left on SR 1337, Adako Road, just beyond elementary school and grocery store. Travel about 4.5 miles to FR 299, the entrance to the off-highway vehicle area. Turn right and travel 1.25 miles to the trailhead.

From Morganton: Take NC 181 to SR 1405, Brown Mountain Beach Road. Turn right and travel about 3.75 miles to FR 299. Turn left and travel 1.25 miles to the trailhead.

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Ride the Trail. The Brown Mountain OHV (off-highway vehicle) area, the only OHV area in the Pisgah National Forest, offers 34 miles of designated trails. Signs are located at the head of each trail section. A detailed map of the area is available for purchase.

These trails are mostly designed for trail bikes and ATVs. Jeeps and 4WD vehicles may only use Trail 8 and part of Trail 1. No bushwhacking or cutting vegetation is allowed. Restrooms and picnic facilities are 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. Daily and annual permits are available at several local vendors and at the Grandfather Ranger Station.
 - Ride only on designated trails. Do not travel 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 Brown Mountain OHV area or in campsites.
 - Children under age 8 may not operate ATVs or motorcycles. Children under age 16 must have constant supervision of a person over 18 years of age.
- Don't double-ride your OHV.
 - Don't operate a vehicle without a helmet.
 - Don't operate a vehicle with metal studs embedded in the tire or protruding from the tires.
 - Don't operate a vehicle in excess of the maximum noise limit allowed. The maximum is 99 dBu (taken stationary at 20 inches from the exhaust at a 45-degree angle).

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Brown Mountain OHV Map

Need a campsite? Primitive dispersed campsites are located along FR 299. If you are interested in more developed campsites, try Mortimer Campground, about nine miles from the Brown Mountain Trailhead.

