



CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST

An off-highway vehicle (OHV) is a term referring to all-terrain vehicles (ATV), off-highway motorcycles (OHM) and 4-wheel drive trucks.

Chippewa National Forest OHV Policy

The Chippewa National Forest has an OHV Road Travel Access decision policy that applies only to Chippewa National Forest lands, trails and roads. Contact other public land agencies for their specific OHV policies.

Where to Ride

Roads

- OHV use is allowed only on roads that are designated open for such use, **as marked on the Motorized Vehicle Use Map.**
- Forest Service roads are identified and signed with a number at their main intersection with other roads.
- Designated roads may include: passenger vehicles and large commercial truck traffic. Please show caution when sharing a road with other vehicles.

Trail

The Soo Line Trail is the only designated ATV trail in the Chippewa NF. This trail is located on an old railroad grade that has been converted to an ATV and snowmobile trail. It stretches from Cass Lake to Moose Lake, Minnesota with 15 miles located within the Chippewa NF. The trailhead, with ample parking for vehicles and trailers, is located in the town of Cass Lake, MN.

Get the Map

To locate Forest Service roads and the Soo Line trail a free *Chippewa National Forest Motorized Vehicle Use (MVUM)* map is available showing numbered roads on the Forest open to OHVs. The map is available at national forest offices in Blackduck, Cass Lake, Deer River and Walker. The black and white map is updated annually. Make sure you have the most recent copy.

Where Not to Ride

- Cross-country motorized travel off of numbered roads and the designated motorized trail is prohibited.
- Big game retrieval and other OHV use such as bear baiting or trapping is prohibited off designated numbered roads or designated trail is prohibited.
- About 110 miles of roads open to OHVs will be affected by seasonal closures to protect habitat for endangered, threatened or sensitive species.
- **All roads open to OHVs will be temporarily closed during the spring break-up period between March 15 and May 1 each year.**

Enjoy Your Ride Responsibly!

- Travel only on designated roads and/or trail.
- Respect the rights of others, including all private property owners, all recreational trail users, campers and others so they can enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed.
- Educate yourself prior to a trip by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, and know how to operate your equipment safely.
- Do your part by modeling appropriate behavior, leaving the area better than you found it, avoiding the spread of invasive species, and restoring degraded areas.



TREAD LIGHTLY!
ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LAND

OHV Planning- Get Involved in the Trail Planning Process

Planning for additional OHV connector trails and opportunities will occur as budgets allow. Federal, tribal, state and local government agencies will work together to identify these opportunities across multiple ownerships. Public meetings will provide you an opportunity to comment on the specific proposals.



Talk to Law Enforcement officials and land managers

To clarify where to ride, ask questions. OHV riders want to be responsible trail users. Managers want to know more about where users want to ride.

Check the NEPA Quarterly Newsletter

Four times a year, each Forest Service District Ranger announces current and upcoming project proposals (including roads and trails) in the NEPA Quarterly. The NEPA Quarterly is available by mail, at all Forest Service administrative offices or online at fs.usda.gov/chippewa. For each project proposal, public comments are accepted for a specific period of time.

Pocket Reference Card

OHV POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

- *All cross-country OHV travel into the Chippewa National Forest off roads and trails is prohibited.*
- The policy allows for OHV use only on National Forest roads and trails that are designated open for such use.
- ATV summer use is permitted on the Soo Line Trail.
- OHV use is prohibited in the Suomi, Trout Lake and North Winnie Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized Areas and Non-Motorized trails like the North Country Scenic Trail
- OHV travel is not allowed in ditches and shoulders of National Forest roads.
- All National Forest roads open to OHV use are temporarily closed during spring break-up March 15 to May 1 each year.
- Seasonal closures to protect habitat will be posted.
- A free Chippewa Motorized Vehicle Use map is available showing numbered roads and trails on the Forest open to OHV use by season.
- National Forest roads closed or open to OHV use may change due to monitoring of road conditions. Please contact the Chippewa National Forest annually for current road information and maps.



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