



# Motor Vehicle Use Map Black Hills National Forest

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Travel and recreate with minimum impact.

Respect the environment and the rights of others.

Educate yourself. Plan and prepare before you go.

Allow for future use of the outdoors by leaving it better than you found it.

Discover the rewards of responsible recreation.

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## PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP

The designations shown on this Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) are effective as of the date on the front cover and will remain in effect until superseded by a new Motor Vehicle Use Map. It is the responsibility of the user to acquire the current MVUM. This map shows the National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and the areas on National Forest System lands in the Black Hills National Forest that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 212.51. This map also contains a list of those designated roads, trails, and areas, the types of vehicles that are allowed on each route and in each area, and any seasonal restrictions that apply on those routes and in those areas.

Designation of a road, trail, or area for motor vehicle use by a particular class of vehicle under 36 CFR 212.51 should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use or implying that the road, trail or area is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Motor vehicle designations include parking along designated routes and at facilities associated with designated routes when it is safe to do so and when not causing damage to National Forest System resources. Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render designated roads and trails impassable for extended periods. Designated areas may contain dangerous or impassable terrain. Many designated roads and trails may be passable only by high-clearance vehicles or four-wheel-drive vehicles. Maintenance of designated roads and trails will depend on available resources, and many may receive little maintenance.

This motor vehicle use map identifies those roads, trails, and areas designated for the motor vehicle use under 36 CFR 212.51 for the purpose of enforcing the prohibition at 36 CFR 281.13. This is a limited purpose. The other public roads are shown for information and navigation purposes only and are not subject to designation under the Forest Service travel management regulation.

These designations apply only to National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and areas on National Forest System lands.

## PROHIBITIONS

It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Black Hills National Forest other than in accordance with these designations (CFR 281.13)

Violators of 36 CFR 281.13 are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000, imprisonment for up to 6 months, or both (18 U.S.C. 3571(e)). This prohibition applies regardless of the presence or absence of signs.

This map does not display nonmotorized uses, over-snow uses, or other facilities and attractions on the Black Hills National Forest. Obtain forest visitor information from the local national forest office.

Designated roads, trails and areas may also be subject to temporary, emergency closures. As a visitor, you must comply with signs notifying you of such restrictions. A national forest may issue an order to close a road, trail or area on a temporary basis to protect the life, health, or safety of forest visitors or the natural or cultural resources in these areas. Such temporary and/or emergency closures are consistent with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.52 (b), 36 CFR 261 subpart (b)).

The designation "road or trail open to all motor vehicles" does not supersede State traffic law.

## OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and in areas on National Forest System lands carries a greater responsibility than operating that vehicle in a city or other developed setting. Not only must you know and follow all applicable traffic laws, you need to show concern for the environment as well as other forest users. The misuse of motor vehicles can lead to the temporary or permanent closure of any designated road, trail, or area. As a motor vehicle operator, you are also subject to State traffic law, including State requirements for licensing, registration, and operation of the vehicle in question.

Motor vehicle use, especially off-highway vehicle use, involves inherent risks that may cause property damage, serious injury, and possibly death to participants. Drive cautiously and anticipate rough surfaces and features, such as snow, mud, vegetation, and water crossings common to remote driving conditions. By your participation, you voluntarily assume full responsibility for these damages, risks, and dangers. Take care at all times to protect yourself and those under your responsibility.

Much of the Black Hills National Forest is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the Black Hills National Forest. Take adequate food, water, first-aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate for the conditions and expected weather.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO RESPECT PRIVATE LAND! PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEGE. STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS AND IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

Road and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions, please contact the Black Hills National Forest for clarification.

As a motor vehicle operator on a National Forest System road, trail, or area you must comply with this map, as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is your responsibility.

### Legend

- Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only
- Roads Open to All Vehicles
- Trails Open to All Vehicles
- Special Designation: Trails Open to Vehicles 62" or Less in Width
- Seasonal Designation
- Dispersed Camping / Elk Retrieval
- Elk Retrieval (ER) Zone
- Interstate
- Highways, U.S. State
- Other Public Roads
- Motorized Trailhead
- FS Campground
- Picnic Area
- Information Site
- Peaks
- Forest or Unit Boundary
- National Forest System Lands
- Non-National Forest System Lands within the National Forest
- Political Boundary
- Township and Range Lines
- Section Lines
- Lakes

## EXPLANATION OF LEGEND ITEMS

### Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only:

These roads are open only to motor vehicles licensed under State law for general operation on all public roads within the state.

### Roads Open to All Vehicles:

These roads are open to all motor vehicles, including smaller off-highway vehicles that may not be licensed for highway use (but not to oversize or overweight vehicles under State traffic law).

### Trails Open to All Vehicles:

These trails are open to all motor vehicles, including both highway legal and nonhighway legal vehicles.

### Special Designation: Trails Open to Vehicles 62 inches or Less in Width:

Trails open only to motor vehicles 62 inches or less in width at the widest point on the vehicle. Refer to Special Designation Table for specific information.

### Other Public Roads and Trails:

Interstate  
Highways, U.S., State  
Other Public Roads

These symbols show routes the Forest Service does not have jurisdiction over and has not designated for motorized use. These symbols are part of the reference layers showing connections to towns and cities outside the forest boundary.

### Motorized Trail Access:

This symbol indicates a trailhead for access to a motorized route. Not all motorized routes have trailheads and those that do may range from primitive to developed.

### Seasonal Designation:

This symbol, used in conjunction with one of the other road or trail symbols, indicates that the road or trail is open during certain portions of the year. Refer to Seasonal Designation Tables for specific information.

### Dispersed Camping/Elk Retrieval:

This dotted symbol is used along with a designated road symbol to indicate limited cross-country motor vehicle use within a specific distance of that road, solely for the purpose of dispersed camping and/or elk retrieval. The dots indicate where this activity is permitted. They may be on the left, right, or both sides of the road. Refer to DISPERSED CAMPING and ELK RETRIEVAL Table for specific information.

### Elk Retrieval (ER) Zone:

This symbol indicates limited cross-country motor vehicle use within a specific distance of roads, solely for the purpose of elk retrieval. Refer to ELK RETRIEVAL Tables for specific information.

## BLANKET TRAVEL MANAGEMENT STATEMENTS

**Roads and Trails requiring Permits:**  
Motorized Trails in the South Dakota portion of the Black Hills National Forest require vehicles to display a Black Hills National Forest Motorized Trail Permit.

"Roads Open to All" in the South Dakota portion of the Black Hills National Forest require operators to have a Driver's License and vehicles to display a state license plate or a Black Hills National Forest Motorized Trail Permit.

Motorized Trails in the Wyoming portion of the Black Hills National Forest are enrolled in the Wyoming ORV Program and require operators to have a Driver's License and vehicles to display a state license plate or a Wyoming ORV Permit.

"Roads Open to All" in the Wyoming portion of the Black Hills National Forest that are enrolled in the Wyoming ORV Program require operators to have a Driver's License and vehicles to display a state license plate or a Wyoming ORV Permit.

