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## ***Driving to Rocky Top***

**GREENEVILLE, TN – November 16, 2012 ...** US Forest Service officials at the Cherokee National Forest recommend the use of high clearance vehicles to visit Rocky Top.

Unaka District Ranger, Terry Bowerman said, “With the work done on the southern portion of Forest Road 402 coming from Del Rio, getting to Rocky Top is a little easier now. Even so, this is a typical high mountain road, and we recommend using high clearance vehicles to make your way to Rocky Top Gap.

“The northern section of Forest Road 402 coming from Bridgeport is very rough in spots and only high clearance four wheel drive vehicles are recommended.”

Getting to Rocky Top - from Del Rio turn off W Hwy 107 onto Old Fifteenth Road, proceed 5.5 miles & turn onto Rocky Top Road. At 1.5 miles, bear right on FS Road 402, and then proceed 1.2 miles to the first scenic overlook, on Rocky Top Ridge. There are 4 more scenic pull offs in the next 0.6 miles to Rocky Top Gap. FS Road 402 continues north another 3 miles to Edwina-Bridgeport Road., and then 0.5 miles to Hwy 25/70. However, this section of the road is very rough requiring a high clearance four wheel drive vehicle. Retracing your route back to Del Rio is recommended for most visitors.

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