

Guideline for OHV Operations on the Kootenai National Forest

- No wheeled cross country travel is permitted, except in the designated Douglas Hill OHV area and below high water mark on Lake Koocanusa.
- If riding both Forest System Roads and Trails a vehicle license and OHV decal are required.
- Out of state visitors on Forest System roads must follow all Montana State regulations.
- Nonresidents with OHVs that are not registered in their home state must purchase an OHV Nonresident Temporary Use Permit from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.
- Cross Country travel to access a dispersed campsite is permitted within 300 feet of designated routes as shown on the MVUM, as long as no new permanent routes are created and travel does not cause resource damage.

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OHV RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES on the Kootenai National Forest



Where to Ride on the Kootenai National Forest

The Kootenai National Forest offers a variety of riding opportunities for Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) enthusiasts.

OHV trail status can change frequently. Visitors should obtain a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) and contact the local Ranger District office to obtain site specific and current information before heading out.

There are different OHV opportunities available across the Forest:

- Approximately 3,540 miles of year-long and seasonally open roads (paved, gravel or dirt) designated for highway legal vehicles.
- Approximately 100 miles of trails open to motorcycles (single track) on the Cabinet Ranger District and Libby Ranger District.
- Approximately 3,600 acres of designated OHV (highway and non-highway legal vehicles) area below high water mark on Lake Koocanusa (with the exception of areas signed on ground for resource protection).

- Approximately 200 acres of designated OHV (highway and non-highway legal) area, and 9 miles of designated trails (highway and non-highway legal) within the Douglas Hill OHV area on the Rexford Ranger District.
- Approximately 35 miles of designated OHV trail (50" width or less) on the Libby Ranger District and Cabinet Ranger District.

MT State Regulations for OHV Riding on FOREST SYSTEM ROADS including (dirt, gravel or paved)

- Drivers must comply with all applicable motor vehicle laws.
- OHV must be registered as a motor vehicle, have a title and license plate.
- OHV must be street legal: license plate, headlights, tail lights and reflector, brake lights, brakes, rear view mirror, horn, muffler and approved spark arrestor.
- Operator must possess a valid driver's license.
- Motorcycle operators must have a motorcycle endorsement.
- Driver or passenger under 18 years old must have a safety helmet.

Regulation for OHV riding designated AREAS or OHV TRAILS

- OHV must have a Montana OHV registration decal.
- Some Forest Service roads are open for use by OHVs. On these roads, children ages 12-16 must be accompanied by a licensed operator.
- Unlicensed operators must be in possession of a Safety Certificate of the off-highway safety education course approved by the Montana FWP.
- Course found at <http://fwp.mt.gov/education/outdoorRec/ohv.html>
- Vehicle must be equipped with a US Forest Service approved spark arrestor.
- All OHVs ridden off-road must meet 96 DBA (decibel) sound limit.