



Young Riders

- Kids under 18 are required to wear USDOT certified helmets while operating motorcycles.
- Always supervise your children when they are riding.
- Camping areas are not riding areas. Riding near or around campgrounds can impact soils and plants and is disrespectful of other campers.
- Riding OHVs in or around campgrounds and dispersed campsites is prohibited. Ride on designated routes only!
- Kids are allowed to ride on all Forest Service Trails.

Scan the code below to find out more rules governing youth riding & safety at the Montana State Parks OHV Program.



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Know the Law:

Visit the Montana OHV Program Website BEFORE you go on the trail!

Montana Resident OHV Trail Pass is Required on all Vehicles Using Public Trails by Montana State Law starting in 2020. Do you have yours?

The \$20 passes are available at all Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks offices and permit vendors. For more information, please visit the Montana State Parks website at <http://stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/ohvProgram.html>

CARRY AN MVUM:

Travel route restrictions for motorized routes on the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest are managed with Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM), available for free at forest offices. MVUMs are updated at greater frequency than this map. Get and follow one!

Cross-country motorized travel is illegal on the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest. Stay on trails and roads designated for motorized use during the season in which you are riding.

Travel Plan Legend

- Routes are open to the use designated by the symbol below, and open during the dates shown on the table, as per their Travel Symbol shown on the map. Not all shorter routes show on this map, but they can be identified on the Motor Vehicle Use Map, available on the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest website at: <https://go.usa.gov/vNDQ>
- Trails**
- Trails Closed to All Motorized
 - Trails Open to MOTORCYCLE
 - Trails Open to WHEELED VEHICLES LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 50 INCHES IN WIDTH
 - Trails Open to ALL VEHICLES (4x4 trails)
- Roads**
- Closed Roads (Shown for navigational purposes)
 - Roads Open to HIGHWAY LEGAL VEHICLES
 - Roads Open to All Vehicles under State Motorized "Mixed-Use" Laws (see "Young Riders" section on back)

Trail Open Dates

Symbol	Dates Open to Motorized
B	OPEN Jan. 1 - Dec. 31
D	OPEN May 16 - Oct. 14
E	OPEN May 16 - Nov. 30
F	OPEN when not signed as "closed to wheeled vehicles." Call 406-236-5511 for route status.
I	OPEN Jun. 1 - Nov. 30
K	OPEN Jul. 1 - Aug. 31
M	OPEN Jul. 1 - Oct. 14
N	OPEN Jul. 1 - Nov. 30
P	OPEN Jul. 15 - Aug. 31
R	OPEN Aug. 15 - Oct. 14
S	OPEN Dec. 1 - Aug. 31
T	OPEN Dec. 1 - Oct. 14

Seasonal Restrictions

Routes with Seasonal Restrictions - used under road and trail symbols to the left.

Seasonal Change Marker - This symbol is used to display where changes of seasons occur on a route and the route symbol does not change, or where changes of season may not be clear.

Road Open Dates

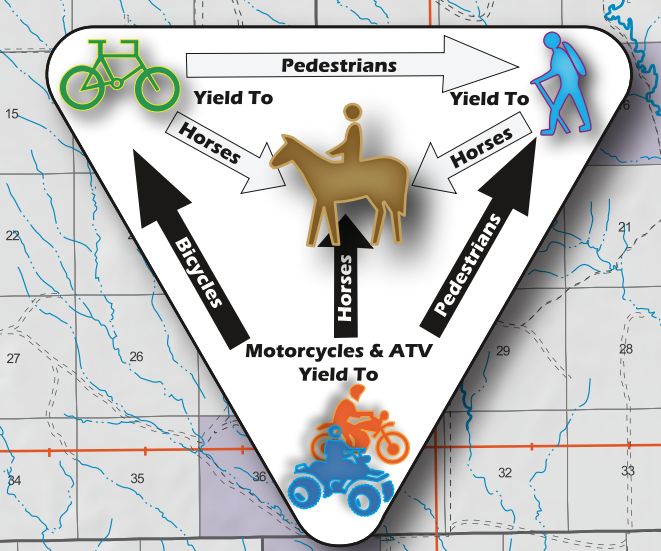
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Reasons for Seasonal Closures

- Seasonal closures of roads and trails are implemented for various reasons, including to reduce user conflict, provide security for wildlife species, and to prevent resource damage. The reasons shown below are a generalization of for each set of closure dates. The reason for individual route's closure dates may differ. "Big game security" involves preventing displacement of animals (including elk and deer) from Forest land, winter range, or calving grounds.
- | Open code | Dates closed | Reason for closure date / opening date |
|-----------|--|--|
| D | Oct 15 - May 15 | Big game security / Resource (erosion) protection |
| E | Dec 1 - May 15 | Big game security / Resource (erosion) protection |
| E1 | When signed "Closed to Wheeled Vehicles" | Winter trails (snowmobile, ski, snowshoe) closure managed to prevent user conflict |
| F | Dec 1 - Jun 1 | Big game security / Elk calving |
| H | May 1 - Jun 15 | Elk calving |
| K | Sep 1 - Jun 30 | Big game security / Elk calving |
| M | Oct 15 - Jun 30 | Big game security / Elk calving |
| N | Dec 1 - Jun 30 | Big game security / Elk calving |
| P | Sep 1 - Jul 14 | Big game security / User conflict (Smith River floating season) |
| Q | Dec 1 - Jul 14 | Big game security |
| S | Sep 1 - Dec 1 | Big game security |
| T | Oct 15 - Dec 1 | Big game security |

Campfires

- Know and observe all fire restrictions.
 - Use only dead timber for firewood. Do not cut green trees.
 - Use existing fire pits when they are available and use only the metal fire rings provided when in campgrounds that provide them.
 - Clear a 10-foot diameter area around your fire by removing flammable materials. Make sure no overhanging vegetation can be burnt by your fire.
 - Avoid having a campfire when it is very dry or windy.
 - Always have a shovel, bucket, and water directly on-hand.
 - Let the fire burn down to a fine ash, then add water and stir until it is cold to the touch and well saturated. If you don't have water available, use dirt that has no organic material in it.
- Do not leave any campfire unattended until it is completely cold to the touch!



Camping Rules

- Camping is limited to 16 consecutive days in a location. Read Order R1-2015-01 at <https://go.usa.gov/wvAx>.
- Keep your pets on a leash in campgrounds, and under control where you are.
- Roadside Camping**
- Roadside (also called dispersed camping) is allowed in the Little Belt Mountains, except near developed campgrounds and at trailheads signed as closed to camping. You may drive up to 70 feet from the road to reach your camp, but please try to use existing routes. Be sure you are on National Forest land before you camp. Do not build new fire rings - use existing ones. Do not cause resource damage - to trees, soils, streams, or vegetation. Camp at least 200 feet from streams. Hobbles or highline stock rather than tying them to trees. Clean up your campsite when you leave.

Store your food in a bear-resistant manner

Food, Refuse, and Attractant Storage in the Little Belt Mountains

Between March 1-December 1 annually, all human, pet and livestock food (except baled or cubed hay without additives), and garbage shall be attended or stored in an approved bear resistant manner when unattended. Attractants such as garbage, food leftovers, or grease may not be buried, discarded or burned in an open fire. Wildlife carcasses within 1/2-mile of any camp or sleeping area must be stored in a bear-resistant manner during nighttime hours.

Visit <https://go.usa.gov/wvAx> or scan the code to the left to read the order and find out more about safely recreating in bear country.