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Please note that cellular phones do not work in many areas of the Little Belt Mountains.

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This map was developed and printed under a cooperative agreement between the Friends of the Little Belts and the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest.

Friends of the Little Belts is an organization whose mission is to preserve, promote, and improve responsible, sustainable access in the Little Belt Mountains area for all recreational users by protecting natural resources and improving recreation management in the area. Our goals are to:

- Bring together all recreational users and other interested stakeholders who will work together, genuinely and honestly, to achieve the goals of the organization.
- Build a strong working relationship and partnership with the managing agencies to achieve these goals.
- Improve the quality and sustainability of the recreational experiences by improving natural resource protection, maintenance, and facility design.
- Increase the financial and human resources applied to the management of the Little Belt Mountain area through: Volunteer development, training, and management, coordination and implementation of volunteer trail and facility projects and acquisition of funding for projects through grant acquisition, Challenge-Cost-Share agreements, and fund raising activities.
- Work in cooperation with the agencies, media, and others to educate users of the area about safe, responsible recreational use of the Little Belt Mountains area.
- Work collaboratively to find common ground and make travel management recommendations to the managing agencies.
- Develop an electronic communications network for members and advisors and use the internet and social media for communications and outreach.

The **Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest** consists of 2.8 million acres of public land in 8 major mountain ranges in central Montana. The Helena-Lewis and Clark Forest has a strong commitment to providing ecologically sustainable recreational experiences. Customer service, partnerships, and a strong land ethic are all hallmarks of the Forest.

This map is for over-the-ground travel. Obtain an over-snow map for snowmobiling.

The motorized travel information on this map is based on the Little Belt Mountain Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). Each year an MVUM is published by the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest and is available for free to the public at the below listed Forest Service Offices. The MVUM is the official document for motorized travel on the forest, and **it is the user's responsibility to have a copy of the most recent MVUM** and know the restrictions on the most current MVUM. This travel map will be updated occasionally, but it is imperative that motorized users understand that this map may not contain the most up-to-date motorized travel regulations.

NEW! OHV Resident Trail Pass Required starting January 2020.

Beginning in 2020, the new OHV Resident Trail Pass will be in effect (HB 355). This $20 pass is required on designated motorized roads and trails on public lands. Revenues will provide funding to benefit motorized recreation on public lands in Montana. The passes are available statewide from vendors and Montana FWP offices. For more information on OHV permits, please visit the Montana State Parks website at http://stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/ohvProgram.html or scan the code with your smartphone.

e-bike

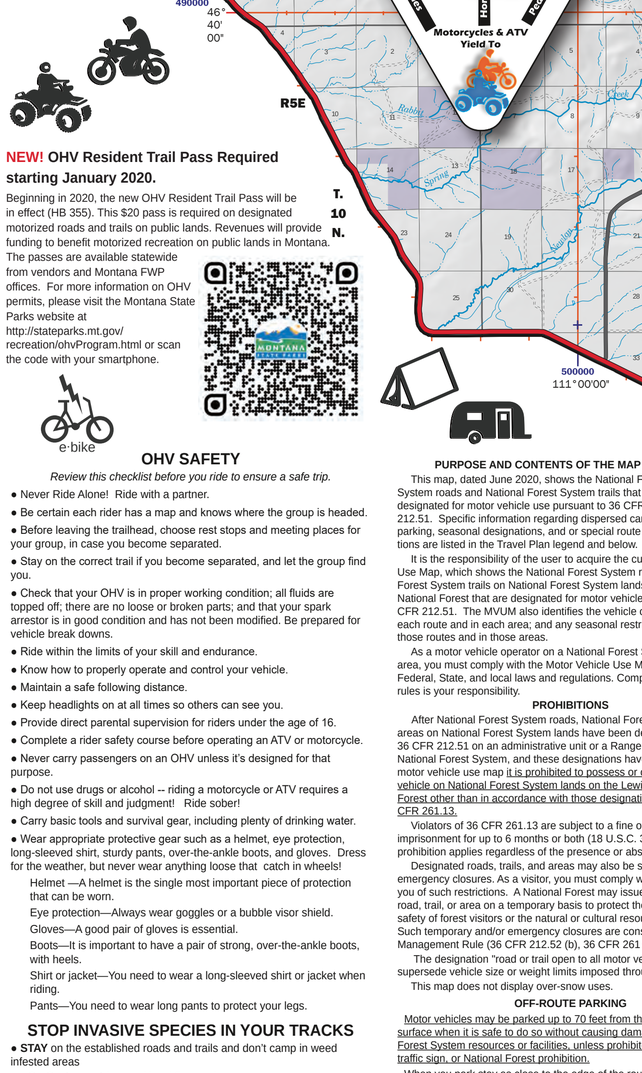
OHV SAFETY

Review this checklist before you ride to ensure a safe trip.

- Never Ride Alone! Ride with a partner.
- Be certain each rider has a map and knows where the group is headed.
- Before leaving the trailhead, choose rest stops and meeting places for your group, in case you become separated.
- Stay on the correct trail if you become separated, and let the group find you.
- Check that your OHV is in proper working condition; all fluids are topped off; there are no loose or broken parts; and that your spark arrestor is in good condition and has not been modified. Be prepared for vehicle break downs.
- Ride within the limits of your skill and endurance.
- Know how to properly operate and control your vehicle.
- Maintain a safe following distance.
- Keep headlights on at all times so others can see you.
- Provide direct parental supervision for riders under the age of 16.
- Complete a rider safety course before operating an ATV or motorcycle.
- Never carry passengers on an OHV unless it's designed for that purpose.
- Do not use drugs or alcohol -- riding a motorcycle or ATV requires a high degree of skill and judgment! Ride sober!
- Carry basic tools and survival gear, including plenty of drinking water.
- Wear appropriate protective gear such as a helmet, eye protection, long-sleeved shirt, sturdy pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves. Dress for the weather, but never wear anything loose that catch in wheels!
  - Helmet —A helmet is the single most important piece of protection that can be worn.
  - Eye protection—Always wear goggles or a bubble visor shield.
  - Gloves—A good pair of gloves is essential.
  - Boots—It is important to have a pair of strong, over-the-ankle boots, with heels.
  - Shirt or jacket—You need to wear a long-sleeved shirt or jacket when riding.
  - Pants—You need to wear long pants to protect your legs.

STOP INVASIVE SPECIES IN YOUR TRACKS

- **STAY** on the established roads and trails and don't camp in weed infested areas
- **USE CERTIFIED** hay and local firewood.
- **CLEAN** your pets, gear and vehicles before and after you go out - seeds can get stuck in tires, radiators, on pets, in clothes and soles.



PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THE MAP

This map, dated June 2020, shows the National Forest System roads and National Forest System trails that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. Specific information regarding dispersed camping, parking, seasonal designations, and or special route designations are listed in the Travel Plan legend and below.

It is the responsibility of the user to acquire the current Motor Vehicle Use Map, which shows the National Forest System roads and National Forest System trails on National Forest System lands in the Lewis & Clark National Forest that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. The MVUM also identifies the vehicle classes allowed on each route and in each area; and any seasonal restrictions that apply on those routes and in those areas.

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

PROHIBITIONS

After National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and areas on National Forest System lands have been designated pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51 on an administrative unit or a Ranger District of the National Forest System, and these designations have been identified on a motor vehicle use map it is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Lewis and Clark National Forest other than in accordance with those designations as outlined in 36 CFR 261.13.

Violators of 36 CFR 261.13 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.

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 vehicle size or weight limits imposed through State traffic law.

This map does not display over-snow uses.

OFF-ROUTE PARKING

Motor vehicles may be parked up to 70 feet from the edge of the route surface when it is safe to do so without causing damage to National Forest System resources or facilities, unless prohibited by state law, a traffic sign, or National Forest prohibition.

When you park stay as close to the edge of the route as possible, while ensuring that everyone can exit and enter your vehicle safely, that your vehicle and trailer are not impeding traffic along the route, and that you can safely unload your trail vehicles without entering the route right-of-way.

CAMPING OFF-ROAD

There are a number of camping opportunities in the Little Belts, including developed campgrounds with toilets, water, and other amenities. Most of the vehicle camping, however, is in 'dispersed' or undeveloped sites near the roads. Excepting specific sites signed as closed to camping and developed trailheads, you may travel cross-country with your vehicle within 70 feet of a motorized road or trail to a campsite, provided you don't create any new permanent vehicle tracks or cause resource damage. Camp site selection must be completed by non-motorized means. Please use existing routes whenever possible to reduce potential resource damage.

LEGEND

Ranger District Office

Road and Trail Symbols and Markers

U.S. Highway

State Highways

Major Roads, gravel surface

Other Minor Roads, including primitive, unsurfaced roads
These routes may not be open to public use. It is your responsibility to know route jurisdiction and get landowner permission if required.

Forest Roads

Roads open to Highway Legal Vehicles

Roads open to All vehicles as per State Law
(see Travel Plan legend for open dates)

National Recreation Trail *(see Travel Plan legend for allowed travel types and seasons)*

Pilgrim Creek Motorized-Nonmotorized Timeshare Trails

Deep Creek Figure-8 Loop NRT

11° 69' E

JUNE 22, 2020 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT 46° 51' N, 110° 39' W (WMM2015 MODEL)

RECREATION SYMBOLS

Smith River Boat Camps
(Reserved for floaters only during float season. Call 406-454-5840 for status.)

Campground, Picnic Area

Dispersed Campsite

Rental Cabin,Fishing Access Site

Parking Area, Trailhead

Lookout

LAND OWNERSHIP

Lewis and Clark National Forest

Bureau of Land Management Lands

Other Federal Land

State Lands

Private Lands

OTHER FEATURES

Summits

Medical center

Springs

Passes & Gaps

National Forest Boundary

County Boundary

Township/Range Boundary

Section

Miles 0 0.5 1 2 3 4 5

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/xN9DQ

Trails

442 Trails Closed to All Motorized

320 Trails Open to MOTORCYCLE

465 / 50 Trails Open to WHEELED VEHICLES LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 50-INCHES IN WIDTH

J6467 / 4x4 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

Seasonal Restrictions

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

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. Some locations are gated, but whether or not there is a gate the season designated is in effect.

Road Open Dates

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

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
e1	OPEN when not signed as "closed to wheeled vehicles." Call 406-236-5511 for route status.
f	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

Trail Vehicle Definitions

Motorcycle. A two-wheeled motor vehicle on which the wheels are situated in a line, rather than side by side.

Source: Forest Service Manual 2300, Chapter 2350, Section 2353.05 (Definitions). Effective Date: Nov. 4, 2009

*** Note:** On the Jefferson Division of the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest side-by-side OHVs that are wheeled and less than or equal to 50-inches in width are now allowed on trails that were traditionally only open to straddle-seat, handle-bar steered ATVs.

E-bikes (electric bicycles): The USDA Forest Service considers e-bikes as motorized vehicles and therefore prohibits their use on non-motorized National Forest System roads and trails, including off of open system roads and trails. Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes and electric mountain bicycles (eMTBs) are allowed on routes on the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest where motorized travel is authorized.

DO YOU HAVE A CURRENT MOTOR VEHICLE USE MAP?

THE MVUM SHOWS THE MOST CURRENT MOTORIZED TRAVEL RULES

MVUM

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