Francis Marion & Sumter National Forests
South Carolina

OHV/Motorcycle Trail Use



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Rules

Rules are necessary to make sure your riding adventure on the Francis Marion and Sumter is fun and safe. They also ensure a quality riding experience with the least damage to natural resources. Please help by obeying these rules.

These rules apply to all 4 trails on the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests: Cedar Springs OHV Trail, Parson's Mountain OHV Trail, Enoree OHV Trail, and Wambaw Cycle Trail.

- All applicable State and Federal laws and regulations apply on Forest Service trails.
- Stay on the designated, marked trails. Do not ride pipe line and power line rights-of-way or roads that are not part of the marked trail.
- Operating any type of vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is unsafe and unlawful.
- Blocking, restricting, or otherwise interfering with the use of a road, gate, or trail is prohibited. Not only is it dangerous, but also may hinder administrative functions or emergency access.
- Operating a motor vehicle carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the safety of any person, or in a manner that endangers, or is likely to endanger, any person or property is prohibited.
- Remove all litter and trash.
- Pay the fee. Operators must have a permit in their possession at all times while riding on the trails.

Call Before You Haul
(803) 561-4025

These trails are sometimes closed quickly to prevent resource damage. Call the number above or check the web site (www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms, Current Conditions) to be sure the trail you want to use is opened. These are the best sources of information for these tails.

Special permits are required for organized or commercial rides.

Remember, all 3 trails on the Sumter NF—Cedar Springs OHV, Parson's Mountain OHV, and Enoree OHV—are closed every year from the first Monday after January 1 through the lastThursday in March.

Failure to follow these rules and/or any additional rules posted at the trails may result in violation notices being issued.

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Safety

- File a trip plan with family or friends so someone will know where you are and whom to contact should you fail to return as planned.
- Take a first-aid kit. Know how to treat minor injuries. Be aware of the location of the nearest hospital.
- Watch for hazards along the trail. Do not try to jump trees and other obstacles that you may encounter.
- Yield the right-of-way when the trails cross Forest Service System roads. Be alert at the railroad crossing on the Cedar Springs Trail.
- Wear protective safety equipment when riding.
- Start and end at trail head parking areas.
- Take a break from time to time to rest and check your vehicle.
- Wear blaze orange during the big-game hunting season (October through December).

Tread Lightly

T **ravel only where permitted.**
Use only trails that are open to vehicles or other forms of travels. Cutting across switch-backs or taking short-cuts destroys vegetation and trails.

R **espect the rights of others.**
Be courteous to other users who also want to enjoy the land for their activities.

E **ducate yourself.**
Find out when and where the trails are opened.

A **void sensitive areas at all times.**
Sensitive areas include streams, lake shores, meadows, muddy roads and trails. Avoid wildlife.

D **rive and travel responsibly.**
Protect the forests, lands, and waters you enjoy.

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