

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Under the new rule, where can I ride my ATV?

A: Riding ATV's are permitted only on designated routes shown on the MVUM map.

Q: Can I still retrieve game with my ATV?

A: Game retrieval is permitted ONLY in designated game retrieval corridors in the National Wildlife Management Preserves.

Q: Where can I get an MVUM map?

A: MVUM maps will be available at all District Offices, the Forest Supervisor's Office, by mail, and online.

Q: How much do the MVUM maps cost?

A: The MVUM maps are free.

Q: Will there be more recreation trails added in the future?

A: Yes. The 66 mile Breezy Hill motorcycle trail is currently under construction.

Q: Is camping allowed in the general forest area outside of the camping corridors?

A: Yes. However, access to the site must be by foot travel.

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Summary Statement

The National Travel Management Rule restricts motor vehicle use to designated roads, trails and areas. Cross-country travel which is not on designated routes is prohibited. The Forest Decision also prohibits nighttime motorized travel from 1 hour after sunset until 1 hour before sunrise on all motorized trails and also on roads designated for vehicles ≤ 50 inches wide.

Advantages to new rule are:

1. Enhances water quality by minimizing erosion caused by user-made stream crossings and routes.
2. Limits the disturbance of forest wildlife and vegetation.
3. Minimizes resource damage in general forest areas.
4. Allows maintenance funds to focus on designated trails.
5. Allows Law Enforcement officers to better enforce the rules and protect forest resources.
6. The designation of 66 mile Breezy Hill motorcycle trail.
7. The KNF offers over 250 miles of motorized trails which will remain open for public ATV use.

TRAVEL MANAGEMENT

Kisatchie National Forest

MVUM

(Motor Vehicle Use Map)



YOUR GUIDE TO NEW TRAVEL RULES IN THE KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

For more information, visit Kisatchie.us

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Travel Management Scheduled Changes:

- ◆ Decision Signed
11/05/2007
- ◆ Implementation Date:
08/01/2008
- ◆ MVUM Maps available:
07/18/2008

For Additional Information and MVUM Maps:

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Forest Service Law Enforcement

Phone: (318) 473-7013

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When the Travel Management Rule is implemented, the following new rules will be in effect:



1. Motor vehicle use other than on designated roads and trails and outside designated areas is prohibited.
2. ATV travel is allowed between one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset. Nighttime ATV travel is prohibited.
3. Motorized Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) and maps showing the designated trail system are available at the Kisatchie Forest Supervisor's Office, all District offices, by mail, and online at no cost.
4. Camping is allowed in designated campgrounds and in the general forest area. However, vehicles may not be driven to all campsites. Please consult the MVUM map.
5. Large game retrieval using ATV's is not generally allowed. However, there are game retrieval corridors within the National Preserves open during the deer/gun season.
6. Leaving a designated ATV route while riding an ATV is a violation of law except in the camping corridors and the restrictive game retrieval corridors.

MVUM Map Usage:

The intended use of MVUM maps is with an appropriate area road map. The MVUM map specifically shows open routes for motorized travel through the forest but it may not be the best map for planning a trip.

