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## ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST GATED ROADS OPEN FOR HUNTING SEASONS

Warren, Pa. – The Allegheny National Forest (NF) will open a number of seasonally gated forest roads beginning the week of September 24 to provide additional public access during the upcoming hunting seasons. These roads will remain open through approximately mid-January 2008. Questions pertaining to specific roads may be addressed to the Marienville Ranger District at 814/927-6628 or to the Bradford Ranger District at 814/362-4613.

“Each fall we open roads that are normally gated offering hunters greater preseason scouting and hunting opportunities,” said Bradford District Ranger Tony Scardina. “Opening some of the roads that are typically closed through the remainder of the year also points hunters to areas that have a larger abundance of deer,” added Marienville District Ranger Rob Fallon.

The Ranger District Offices have hunting maps available for sale, at a minimal cost. The maps show areas of moderate and high deer populations as determined by studies conducted by Allegheny NF personnel and the Northeastern Research Station. A successful deer harvest in these areas could lessen the impact deer browsing has on the diversity of tree seedlings in the area.

Please remember that:

- **Hunters are permitted to drive on open, numbered Forest Roads only.**
- **Observe all signing.**
- **It is unlawful to drive other unauthorized roads, trails, pipelines, and powerlines; violators will be prosecuted.**
- **Adverse weather conditions may force some road closures due to tree windfall, surface rutting, or other road damage.**
- **All-Terrain Vehicle use is not permitted on any forest roads during the closed season.**
- **Forest Roads #241, 247 and 472 on the Bradford Ranger District will be open only for Bear and General Deer Season from November 19 to December 8, 2007.**

Eight roads are designated and open only for hunters with disabilities. To use these roads, hunters must possess a Pa. hunting license and a Disabled Persons Hunting Permit from the Pa. Game Commission allowing them to hunt from their licensed vehicle. These Forest Roads are **101, 101B, 101BB, 113\*, 226, 332A, 458 and 458A.**

Current road policy is found in the Forest’s 2007 Land and Resource Management Plan. Roads can be designated open year-round or open seasonally for motorized public traffic, or closed to motorized public traffic. Roads traditionally open year-around will be open for the hunting seasons.

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**Note to Reporters: A complete list of forest roads being opened for hunting season is attached.**

# Allegheny National Forest Roads Open for Hunting Seasons

Marienville District Roads, 814/927-6628			Bradford District Roads, 814/362-4613		
Forest Road #	County	Road Name	Forest Road #	County	Road Name
125A ‡	Elk	Corduroy	418	Forest	Bush Creek
134	Elk	Pigeon	558	Forest	Schwab Ridge (open to sign)
161 ‡	Elk	Davidson Run	120A	McKean	County Line "A"
185E ‡ 185F Ω	Elk	Little Mill Creek	142	McKean	Root Run
196	Elk	Martin Ridge	153	McKean	Tracy (both gates)
198	Elk	Crane-Martin	174	McKean	Prue Hollow
228B ‡	Elk	Zimmerman Tower	187	McKean	Four Corners
232 *	Elk	Highland	202	McKean	Boatroad Run
300 ‡, 300A, 300B	Elk	Tin Shanty	268	McKean	Bump Run
326	Elk	Wolf Run	272	McKean	Willow Creek Branch
327.1*	Elk	Coon Run	273 ‡	McKean	Fuller Brook
340 ‡	Elk	Silver Creek	306	McKean	Timbuck
340A, 340B, 340C, 340D	Elk	Silver Creek	309	McKean	Kennedy Springs
341	Elk	Turkey Roost	312	McKean	Miam Run
385	Elk	Millcreek	317 ‡	McKean	Pennzoil
393	Elk	Pole Road Run	318	McKean	Duck Pond
442 ‡	Elk	Big Run	451	McKean	Switch Hollow
580 *	Elk	Spring Creek	464	McKean	Lafayette/Marshburg
581	Elk	Propagation	478	McKean	North Westline
584 * Ω	Elk	Elk Forest	479	McKean	North Thundershower
592	Elk	Lick Run	500 ‡	McKean	Dutchman
591	Elk	Log Run	500A	McKean	Dutchman
757 Ω	Elk	Turkey Flock	504	McKean	Camp Run
443 ‡, 443A	Elk/Forest	Crane Run	587	McKean	Lower Meade
128F, 128FA	Forest	Seldom Seen	628	McKean	Plateau
166, 166B	Forest	Laurel Run	117 ‡	Warren	Rock Run
145A	Forest	Salmon Creek	140	Warren	Coal Flat
180	Forest	The Branch	163	Warren	Cherry Knob
208	Forest	Prather Run	204	Warren	Robs Knob
214	Forest	Wildcat Run	252	Warren	West off FR 154
218A	Forest	Hastings	254	Warren	Bull Hill
219	Forest	Rocky Run	365	Warren	Four Mile
223	Forest	Bald Hill	410A	Warren	Messenger Run
225 ‡	Forest	Rest Area (ATV Parking Area Only)	438	Warren	Clarendon Run
395 *	Forest	Pipeline	441	Warren	Mix
399	Forest	Three Mile	534	Warren	Muddy Branch
396*, 396A*	Forest	Horse Trail	535	Warren	Cherry Grove Center
404*, 404B*	Forest	Kemp Run	552	Warren	East Hickory
488	Forest	Reck Branch	648 ‡	Warren	Dunham Run
526	Forest	Coal Bed Run	<p>(*) Indicates road closure on December 20, 2007 for winter motorized recreation.</p> <p>(‡) Indicates road open to back gate only.</p> <p>(Ω) Indicates road closure at an unspecified date for Timber Sale Contract activities.</p> <p>Forest Roads #241, 247 and 472 on the Bradford Ranger District will be open only for Bear and General Deer Season from November 19 to December 8, 2007.</p>		
559	Forest	West Bird Dog			
683	Forest	Bald Hill			
279	McKean	Headwaters			
295, 295A	McKean	South Branch			
432, 432A	McKean	Trail West			
448	McKean	Hubert Run			
463	McKean	Greendale			
475	McKean	Breezy Heights			
480	McKean	Wildcat			
587	McKean	Lower Meade			