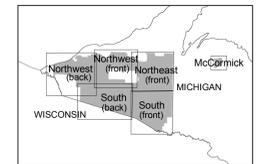


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**LEGEND**

- Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only
- Roads Open to All Vehicles
- Trails Open to Vehicles 50" or Less in Width
- Special Vehicle Designation (See Table)
- Seasonal Designation (See Table)  
(Use along with road and trail symbols listed above)
- Other Public Roads
- Other Public Trails
- Motorized Trail Access
- Forest or Unit Boundary
- Non-National Forest System Lands within this National Forest
- Wilderness
- Lakes




**PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP**

This map dated 4/22/2008 shows the National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and the areas on National Forest System lands in the Ottawa National Forest that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. The map also contains a list of those designated roads, trails, and areas that enumerates the types of vehicles that are allowed on each route and in each area and any seasonal restrictions that apply on those routes and in those areas.

**OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and in areas on National Forest System lands carries a greater responsibility than operating that vehicle in a city or other developed setting. Not only must the motor vehicle operators know and follow all applicable traffic laws, but they need to show concern for the environment as well as other forest users. The misuse of motor vehicles can lead to the temporary or permanent closure of any designated road, trail, or area. Operators of motor vehicles are subject to State traffic law, including State requirements for licensing, registration, and operation of the vehicle in question.

Motor vehicle use, especially off-highway vehicle use, involves inherent risks that may cause property damage, serious injury, and possibly death to participants. Riders should drive cautiously and anticipate rough surfaces and features, such as snow, mud, vegetation, and water crossings common to remote driving conditions. Participants voluntarily assume full responsibility for these damages, risks, and dangers. Motor vehicle operators should take care at all times to protect themselves and those under their responsibility.

Much of the Ottawa National Forest is remote, and medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the Ottawa National Forest. Operators should take adequate food, water, first aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate for the conditions and expected weather.

Designation of a road, trail, or area for motor vehicle use by a particular class of vehicle under 36 CFR 212.51 should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use, or to imply that the road, trail or area is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Motor vehicle designations include parking along designated routes and at facilities associated with designated routes when it is safe to do so and when not causing damage to National Forest System resources. Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render designated routes and trails impassable for extended periods. Designated areas may contain dangerous or impassable terrain. Many designated roads and trails may be passable only by high-clearance vehicles or four-wheel drive vehicles. Maintenance of designated roads and trails will depend on available resources, and many may receive little maintenance.

This motor vehicle use map identifies those roads, trails, and areas designated for the motor vehicle use under 36 CFR 212.51 for the purpose of enforcing the prohibition at 36 CFR 261.13. This is a limited purpose map. The other public roads are shown for information and navigation purposes only and are not subject to designation under the Forest Service travel management regulation.

**These designations apply only to National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and areas on National Forest System lands.**

**EXPLANATION OF LEGEND ITEMS**

**PROHIBITIONS**

**It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Ottawa National Forest other than in accordance with these designations 36 CFR 261.13.**

Violations of 36 CFR 261.13 are subject to a fine of up to \$500 or 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.

This map does not display nonmotorized uses, over-snow uses, or other facilities and attractions on the Ottawa National Forest. Obtain a forest visitor map for more complete information.

Designated roads, trails and areas may also be subject to temporary, emergency closures, and visitors must comply with signs notifying them 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 8).

The designation "road or trail open to all motor vehicles" does not supersede vehicle size or weight limits imposed through State traffic law.

**VICINITY MAP**

All roads and trails with a Seasonal Designation are open from May 16th through March 14th annually.

All roads and trails with a Special Vehicle Designation are open to motorized vehicles 50" or less in width, unless otherwise listed on a Special Vehicle Designation Table.

Motorized vehicle use off designated roads and trails for the purpose of game retrieval is not permitted.

Motorized dispersed camping is prohibited off designated routes. Obtain a recreation map from your USDA-FS office for more information.

Motor vehicle designations include parking along designated routes and at facilities associated with designated routes when it is safe to do so and when not causing damage to National Forest System Resources.

