
Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs)

Displaying designated routes by vehicle class and time of year are available free to the public.

MVUMs can be obtained at HMNFs offices or downloaded from the HMNFs website:

www.fs.usda.gov/main/hmnf/maps-pubs

MVUMs are updated annually. Please reference the most current map. The Huron-Manistee Forests are covered by three maps: Cadillac/Manistee, Baldwin/White Cloud, and the Mio/Huron Shores.

What is an OHV/ORV?

An OHV is an Off-Highway Vehicle

36 Code of Federal Regulations 212.1 defines an OHV as any motor vehicle designed for or capable of cross-country travel on or immediately over land... or other natural terrain.

Examples of OHVs/ORVs:



All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)

An off-highway vehicle that is 50 inches or less in width. Michigan does not recognize ATVs as street legal.



Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV)

An off-highway vehicle where passengers ride side-by-side. UTVs including Jeeps® greater than 50 inches in width are allowed on certain trails, but are not allowed on Forest Service ATV trails.



Single-Track Motorized

A two-wheeled motor vehicle on which the wheels are in-line (e.g. motorcycles). Licensed motorcycles need to be registered as OHVs when used on OHV trails.



Huron-Manistee National Forests Offices

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Cadillac/Manistee Ranger District

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Huron Shores Ranger District

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Mio Ranger District

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For more Forest Service information visit:



Know Before You Go

County and Township regulations may vary regarding OHV/ORV use on their roads. Please always check with the local law enforcement for specific information.



Huron-Manistee National Forests

OHV/ORV

Motor Vehicle Use

Designation Change

Frequently Asked Questions & Information

Effective October 1, 2021



OHVs/ORVs on Forest Roads

National Forest roads open to passenger vehicles are generally open to OHVs. Some roads are closed to OHVs due to safety hazards caused by mixed use and traffic volume.

Temporary/Seasonal Road Closures

National Forest roads or trails may be closed temporarily for safety, to minimize impacts to wildlife, or to prevent road damage. Current conditions are available by calling the local Forest Service District Office or checking the Huron-Manistee National Forests website under "Road Conditions."

Access Through Gates

When passing through unlocked gates, leave the gate as you found it. Parking a vehicle in front of a closed gate is not allowed. Blocked gates interfere with emergency access.

Camping: Dispersed/Campgrounds

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. Camp away from streams, avoiding wetlands and practice "leave no trace" etiquette.

Cross Country Travel Prohibited

The use of OHV/ORV is allowed only on designated roads and trails. Cross Country travel is NOT allowed.

Hunting Game/ Retrieval

It is illegal to hunt, chase, pursue, harass or shoot at wildlife from a motorized vehicle and/or from road and trails. Firearms (except handguns) and bows carried on an OHV must be fully enclosed in a hard or soft case. Firearms (except handguns) must be unloaded.

Wilderness

By law, motorized vehicles are not allowed in designated Wilderness areas.

Michigan OHV/ORV

Rules and Requirements

When an OHV/ORV license and/or trail permit is required

An **ORV license** is required to ride eligible local/county roads, frozen surface of public waters, state forest roads (that are open to ORV use) and eligible national forest roads. A license is not required to operate on private lands. *Both the ORV license and trail permit are valid for one year.*

A MDNR **ORV trail permit** is required when operating on designated **ORV Trail /Routes and special ORV-use areas**. A trail permit is not required to operate on private lands. *Both the ORV license and trail permit are valid for one year, which begins April 1 and ends March 31 of the following year.* ORV trail permits are not valid as a stand-alone license; an ORV license must also be purchased.

Scan this QR code for more **Michigan Department of Natural Resources OHV/ORV** information, maps**, and handbook



Scan this QR code for more **Huron-Manistee National Forests OHV/ORV** information & links to maps**



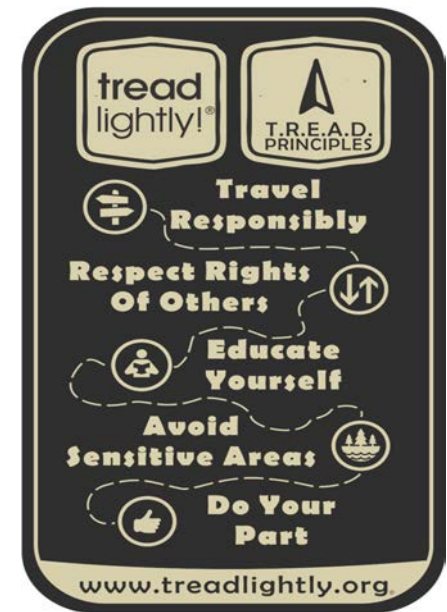
Resource Damage & Speed Limit Fines

Fines related to illegal motorized travel and speeding vary by offense and jurisdiction.

Forest Service fines can be up to \$5000.00 and six (6) months in jail. If resource damage occurs, you may be required to pay for repairs.

OHVs are not allowed to be ridden on campground roads unless posted otherwise

All applicable Michigan DNR rules and regulations apply for licensing, titling, required equipment, age restrictions, land use and such.*



***Michigan DNR Off-Road Vehicle Handbook—** download by scanning circular QR code to the left.

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