



Know Before You Go

Preparing to Visit a National Forest

High Winds

A microburst is a localized column of sinking air that produces damaging winds near the ground. The high winds of a microburst can knock over fully grown trees. The wind burst will typically last a few seconds.

There are two types of microbursts: wet microbursts and dry microbursts. Pay attention to high wind advisories and high wind warnings issued by the National Weather Service.



Safety Checklist

- If there are high winds in the area you are visiting, take shelter immediately.
- Watch out for falling trees and limbs, and flying debris.
- Be careful when driving. Strong winds can making driving difficult, especially high profile vehicles (RVs, campers and trucks).
- Be careful on bridges and overpasses.
- Tune in to local weather forecasts and bulletins issued by the National Weather Service.
- Visit www.noaa.gov for weather updates.
- Visit <http://preview.weather.com/ready/checklists/drivingChecklist.html> for safe driving tips.

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