



Young Riders

- Kids under 18 are required to wear US DOT certified helmets while operating motorcycles.
- Always supervise your children when they are riding.
- Camping areas are not riding areas. Riding near or around campgrounds can impact soils and plants and is disrespectful of other campers.
- Riding OHVs in or around campgrounds and dispersed campsites is prohibited. Ride on designated routes only!
- Kids are allowed to ride on all Forest Service Trails.

Scan the code below to find out more rules governing youth riding & safety at the Montana State Parks OHV Program.

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Know the Law:

Visit the Montana OHV Program Website BEFORE you go on the trail!

Montana Resident OHV Trail Pass is Required on all Vehicles Using Public Trails by Montana State Law starting in 2020. Do you have yours?

The \$20 passes are available at all Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks offices and permit vendors. For more information, please visit the Montana State Parks website at <http://stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/ohvProgram.html>

Travel Plan Legend

Routes are open to the use designated by the symbol below, and open during the dates shown on the table, as per their Travel Symbol shown on the map. Not all shorter routes shown on this map, but they can be identified on the Motor Vehicle Use Map, available on the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest website at: <https://go.usa.gov/XNDQ>

Trails

- Trails Closed to All Motorized
- Trails Open to MOTORCYCLE
- Trails Open to WHEELED VEHICLES LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 50 INCHES IN WIDTH
- Trails Open to ALL VEHICLES (4x4 trails)

Roads

- Closed Roads (Shown for navigational purposes)
- Roads Open to HIGHWAY LEGAL VEHICLES
- Roads Open to All Vehicles under State Motorized Mixed-Use Laws (see "Young Riders" section on back)

Trail Open Dates

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M	OPEN Jul. 1 - Oct. 14
N	OPEN Jul. 1 - Nov. 30
P	OPEN Jul. 15 - Aug. 31
T	OPEN Aug. 15 - Oct. 14
S	OPEN Dec. 1 - Aug. 31
T	OPEN Dec. 1 - Oct. 14

Road Open Dates

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B	OPEN Jan. 1 - Dec. 31
D	OPEN May 16 - Oct. 14
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F	OPEN when not signed as "closed to wheeled vehicles." Call 406-236-5511 for route status.
F	OPEN Jun. 1 - Nov. 30
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Reasons for Seasonal Closures

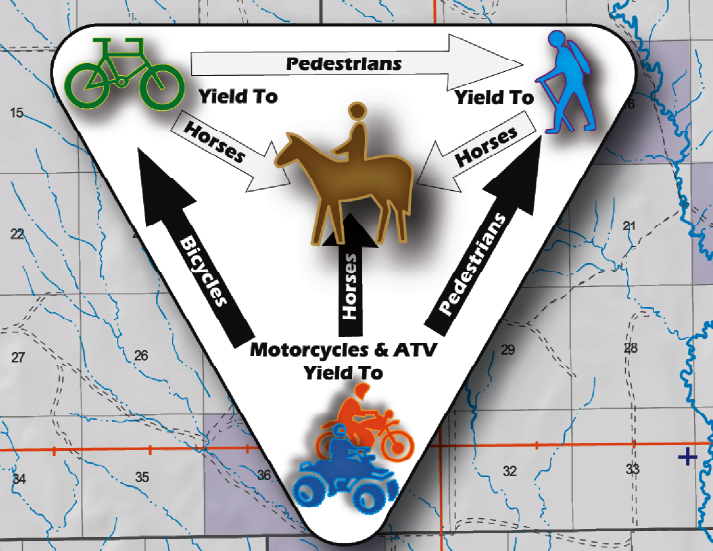
Seasonal closures of roads and trails are implemented for various reasons, including to reduce user conflict, provide security for wildlife species, and to prevent resource damage. The reasons shown below are a generalization of each set of closure dates. The reason for individual route's closure dates may differ. "Big game security" involves preventing displacement of animals (including elk and deer) from Forest land, winter range, or calving grounds.

Open date	Dates closed	Reason for closure date / opening date
D	Oct 15 - May 15	Big game security / Resource (erosion) protection
E	Dec 1 - May 15	Big game security / Resource (erosion) protection
F1	When signed "Closed to Wheeled Vehicles"	Winter trails (snowmobile, ski, snowshoe) closure managed to prevent user conflict
F	Dec 1 - Jun 1	Big game security / Elk calving
H	May 1 - Jun 15	Elk calving
K	Sep 1 - Jun 30	Big game security / Elk calving
M	Oct 15 - Jun 30	Big game security / Elk calving
N	Dec 1 - Jun 30	Big game security / Elk calving
P	Sep 1 - Jul 14	Big game security / User conflict (Smith River floating season)
Q	Dec 1 - Jul 14	Big game security
S	Sep 1 - Dec 1	Big game security
T	Oct 15 - Dec 1	Big game security

Campfires

- Know and observe all fire restrictions.
- Use only dead timber for firewood. Do not cut green trees.
- Use existing fire pits when they are available and use only the metal fire rings provided when in campgrounds that provide them.
- Clear a 10-foot diameter area around your fire by removing flammable materials. Make sure no overhanging vegetation can be burnt by your fire.
- Avoid having a campfire when it is very dry or windy.
- Always have a shovel, bucket, and water directly on hand.
- Let the fire burn down to a fine ash, then add water and stir until it is cold to the touch and well saturated. If you don't have water available, use dirt that has no organic material in it.

Do not leave any campfire unattended until it is completely cold to the touch!



Camping Rules

Camping is limited to 16 consecutive days in a location. Read Order R1-2015-01 at <https://go.usa.gov/wAqJ>.

Keep your pets on a leash in campgrounds, and under control wherever you are.

Roadside Camping

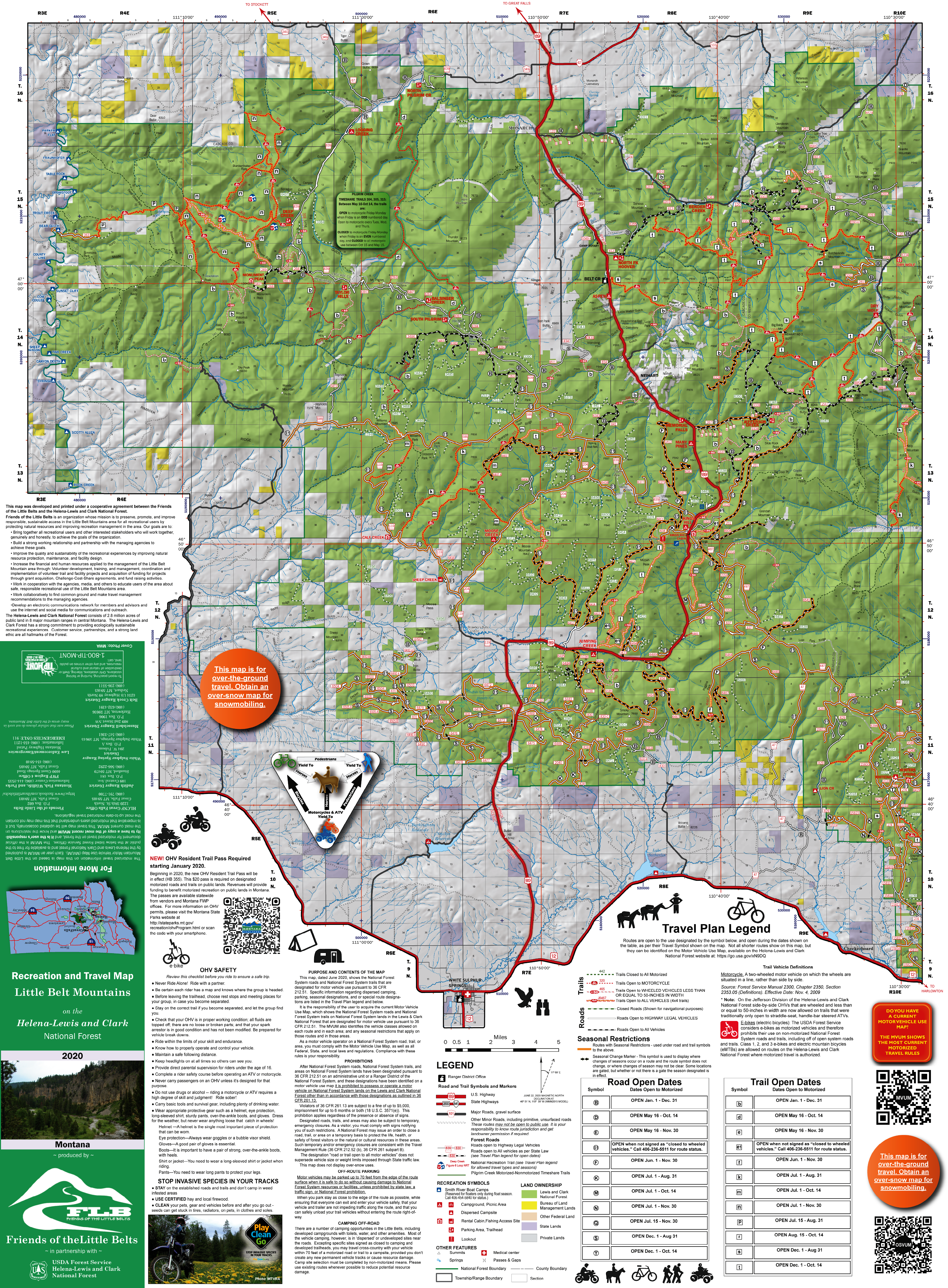
Roadside (also called dispersed camping) is allowed in the Little Belt Mountains, except near developed campgrounds and at trailheads signed as closed to camping. You may drive up to 70 feet from the road to reach your camp, but please try to use existing routes. Be sure you are on National Forest land before you camp. Do not build new fire rings - use existing ones. Do not cause resource damage - to trees, soils, streams, or vegetation. Camp at least 200 feet from streams. Hobbles or highline stock rather than tying them to trees. Clean up your campsite when you leave.

Store your food in a bear-resistant manner

Food, Refuse, and Attractant Storage In the Little Belt Mountains

Between March 1-December 1 annually, all human, pet and livestock food (except baled or cubed hay without additives), and garbage shall be attended or stored in an approved bear resistant manner when unattended. Attractants such as garbage, food leftovers, or grease may not be buried, discarded or burned in an open fire. Wildlife carcasses within 1/2-mile of any camp or sleeping area must be stored in a bear-resistant manner during nighttime hours.

Visit <https://go.usa.gov/wswx> or scan the code to the left to read the order and find out more about safely recreating in bear country.



This map was developed and printed under a cooperative agreement between the Friends of the Little Belts and the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest. Friends of the Little Belts is an organization whose mission is to preserve, promote, and improve responsible, sustainable access in the Little Belt Mountains area for all recreational users by protecting natural resources and improving recreation management in the area. Our goals are to:

- Bring together all recreational users and other interested stakeholders who will work together, genuinely and honestly, to achieve the goals of the organization.
- Build a strong working relationship and partnership with the managing agencies to achieve these goals.
- Improve the quality and sustainability of the recreational experiences by improving natural resource protection, maintenance, and facility design.
- Increase the financial and human resources applied to the management of the Little Belt Mountain area through volunteer development, training, and management, coordination and implementation of volunteer trail and facility projects and acquisition of funding for projects through grant acquisition, Challenge-Cost-Share agreements, and fund raising activities.
- Work in cooperation with the agencies, media, and others to educate users of the area about safe, responsible recreational use of the Little Belt Mountains area.
- Work collaboratively to find common ground and make travel management recommendations to the managing agencies.
- Develop an electronic communications network for members and advisors and use the internet and social media for communications and outreach.

The Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest consists of 2.8 million acres of public land in 8 major mountain ranges in central Montana. The Helena-Lewis and Clark Forest has a strong commitment to providing ecologically sustainable recreational experiences. Cooperative management, partnerships, and a strong land ethic are all hallmarks of the Forest.

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- 1-800-TIP-MONT**
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For More Information

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NEW! OHV Resident Trail Pass Required starting January 2020.

Beginning in 2020, the new OHV Resident Trail Pass will be in effect (HB 355). This \$20 pass is required on designated motorized roads and trails on public lands. Revenues will be used to fund trail maintenance and other recreation programs on public lands in Montana. The passes are available statewide from vendors and Montana FWP offices. For more information on OHV permits, please visit the Montana State Parks website at <http://stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/ohv/> or scan the code with your smartphone.

OHV SAFETY

Review this checklist before you ride to ensure a safe trip.

- Never Ride Alone! Ride with a partner.
- Be certain each rider has a map and knows where the group is headed.
- Before leaving the trailhead, choose rest stops and meeting places for your group, in case you become separated.
- Stay on the correct trail if you become separated, and let the group find you.
- Check that your OHV is in proper working condition. All fluids are topped off; there are no loose or broken parts; and that your spark arrestor is in good condition and has not been modified. Be prepared for vehicle break downs.
- Ride within the limits of your skill and endurance.
- Know how to properly operate and control your vehicle.
- Maintain a safe following distance.
- Keep headlights on at all times so others can see you.
- Provide direct parental supervision for riders under the age of 16.
- Complete a rider safety course before operating an ATV or motorcycle.
- Never carry passengers on an OHV unless it's designed for that purpose.
- Do not use drugs or alcohol – riding a motorcycle or ATV requires a high degree of skill and judgment! Ride sober!
- Carry basic tools and survival gear, including plenty of drinking water.
- Wear appropriate protective gear such as a helmet, eye protection, long-sleeved shirt, sturdy pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves. Dress for the weather, but never wear anything loose that catch in wheels!
- Helmet – A helmet is the single most important piece of protection that can be worn.
- Eye protection – Always wear goggles or a bubble visor shield.
- Gloves – Good pair of gloves is essential.
- Boots – It is important to have a pair of strong, over-the-ankle boots, with heels.
- Shirt or jacket – You need to wear a long-sleeved shirt or jacket when riding.
- Pants – You need to wear long pants to protect your legs.

STOP INVASIVE SPECIES IN YOUR TRACKS

- STAY on the established roads and trails and don't camp in weed infested areas.
- USE CERTIFIED hay and local firewood.
- CLEAN your gear, pets, and vehicles before and after you go out – seeds can get stuck in tires, radiators, on pets, in clothes and soles.

Play Clean Go

STOP INVASIVE SPECIES IN YOUR TRACKS

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PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THE MAP

This map, dated June 2020, shows the National Forest System roads and National Forest System trails that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. Specific information regarding dispersed camping, parking, seasonal designations, and of special route designations are listed in the Travel Plan legend below.

It is the responsibility of the user to acquire the current Motor Vehicle Use Map, which shows the National Forest System roads and National Forest trails on National Forest System lands in the Lewis & Clark National Forest that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. The MVM also illustrates the vehicle classes allowed on each route and in each area, and any seasonal restrictions that apply to those routes and in those areas.

As a motor vehicle operator on a National Forest System road, trail, or area, you must comply with the Motor Vehicle Use Map, as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is your responsibility.

PROHIBITIONS

After National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and areas on National Forest System lands have been designated pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51 on an administrative unit or a Ranger District of the National Forest System, and these designations have been identified on a motor vehicle use map it is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Lewis and Clark National Forest other than in accordance with those designations as outlined in 36 CFR 281.13.

Violators of 36 CFR 281.13 are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000, imprisonment for not more than 6 months or both (18 U.S.C. 3671(g)). This prohibition applies regardless of the presence or absence of signs.

Designated roads, trails, and areas may also be subject to temporary, emergency closures. As a visitor, you must comply with signs notifying you 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 281 subpart B.

The designation "road or trail open to all motor vehicles" does not supersede vehicle size or weight limits imposed through State traffic law. This map does not display over-snow uses.

OFF-ROUTE PARKING

Motor vehicles may be parked up to 70 feet from the edge of the route surface when it is safe to do so without causing damage to National Forest System resources or facilities, unless prohibited by state law, a traffic sign, or National Forest prohibition.

When you park stay as close to the edge of the route as possible, while ensuring that everyone can exit or enter your vehicle safely, that your vehicle and trailer are not impeding traffic along the route, and that you can safely unload your trail vehicles without entering the route right-of-way.

CAMPING OFF-ROAD

There are a number of camping opportunities in the Little Belts, including developed campgrounds with toilets, water, and other amenities. Most of the off-road camping is dispersed, meaning it is not developed sites near the roads. Excepting specific sites signed as closed to camping and developed trailheads, you may travel cross-country with your vehicle when 70 feet of a motorized road or trail is closed, provided you do not create any new permanent vehicle tracks or cause resource damage. Camp site selection must be completed by non-motorized means. Please use existing routes whenever possible to reduce potential resource damage.

LEGEND

Ranger District Office

Road and Trail Symbols and Markers

- U.S. Highway
- State Highways
- Major Roads, gravel surface
- Other Minor Roads, including primitive, unsurfaced roads
- Forest Roads
- Roads open to Highway Legal Vehicles
- Roads open to All Vehicles (as per State Law)
- National Recreation Trail (see Travel Plan legend for allowed travel types and seasons)
- Pilgrim Creek Motorized-Nonmotorized Timeshare Trails

RECREATION SYMBOLS

- Smith River Boat Camps
- Dispersed Campsites
- Rental Cabin/Fishing Access Site
- Parking Area, Trailhead
- Lookout

LAND OWNERSHIP

- Lewis and Clark National Forest
- National Forest Management Lands
- Other Federal Land
- State Lands
- Private Lands

OTHER FEATURES

- Summits
- Medical center
- Springs
- Passes & Gaps
- National Forest Boundary
- County Boundary
- Township/Range Boundary
- Section

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J	OPEN Jul. 1 - Nov. 30
K	OPEN Jul. 15 - Nov. 30
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M	OPEN Dec. 1 - Oct. 14

Trail Open Dates

Symbol	Dates Open to Motorized
N	OPEN Jan. 1 - Dec. 31
O	OPEN May 16 - Oct. 14
P	OPEN May 16 - Nov. 30
Q	OPEN when not signed as "closed to wheeled vehicles." Call 406-236-5511 for route status.
R	OPEN Jun. 1 - Nov. 30
S	OPEN Jul. 1 - Aug. 31
T	OPEN Jul. 1 - Oct. 14
U	OPEN Jul. 1 - Nov. 30
V	OPEN Jul. 15 - Aug. 31
W	OPEN Aug. 15 - Oct. 14
X	OPEN Dec. 1 - Aug. 31
Y	OPEN Dec. 1 - Oct. 14

Trail Vehicle Definitions

Motorcycle, A two-wheeled motor vehicle on which the wheels are situated in a line, rather than side by side.

E-bikes (electric bicycles): The USDA Forest Service considers e-bikes as motorized vehicles and therefore prohibits their use on non-motorized National Forest System roads and trails, including off of open system roads and trails. Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes and electric mountain bicycles (eMTBs) are allowed on motorized trails that are authorized.

Seasonal Restrictions

Routes with Seasonal Restrictions – used under road and trail symbols to the above.

Seasonal Change Marker – This symbol is used to display where changes of seasons occur on a route and the route symbol does not change, or where changes of season may not be clear. Some locations are galed, but whether or not there is a gate the season designated is in effect.

DO YOU HAVE A CURRENT MOTORVEHICLE USE MAP?

THE MVM SHOWS THE MOST CURRENT MOTORIZED TRAVEL RULES

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