OFF-ROAD ADVENTURES
BLACK HILLS ATV/UTV RECREATION GUIDE

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The Black Hills National Forest boasts one of the largest motorized trail systems in a National Forest that is open to vehicles 62 inches or less in width. It currently consists of more than 3,600 miles of open roads—over 650 miles are designated trails for all types of Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV)—and has 21 designated motorized trailheads. Included are 90 miles of single-track trails for motorcycles, 347 miles of trails for vehicles 62 inches or less in width in South Dakota, and 72 miles of trails for vehicles 50 inches or less in width in Wyoming. There are also 148 miles of trails open to all. The system incorporates a large number of looped trails and has parking access from 20 trailheads.

A Black Hills Motorized Trail Permit is required to access the SD portion of the trail system. Permits are available as a seven-day consecutive pass or an annual pass. Permits may be purchased online at fs.usda.gov/blackhills, or at any of the Forest Offices (Page 8). They may also be purchased at the Black Hills Visitor Information Center, conveniently located off Interstate 90 at Exit 61 in Rapid City. The visitor center is open seven days a week, year-round, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and offers extended summer hours. Please note that the State of Wyoming requires a separate permit when operating an OHV in Wyoming. There is no reciprocity for out-of-state registrations.

The forest is closed to cross-country travel, except for the open roads and motorized trails as shown on the free Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) provided with trail permits and available online or at forest service offices. Visitors are responsible for using the information on these maps, and knowing which roads and trails are open for various types of motorized use.
**KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:**

1. **In South Dakota, state motorcycle law governs ATVs and UTVs.**
2. **There is no minimum age or license requirement for off-road drivers on trails. However, please follow the manufacturer’s guidelines on age and size requirements.**
3. **On-the-road drivers need a licensed OHV, must be 14 years of age or older, and possess a valid driver’s license.**
4. **ATV/UTV use is strictly prohibited on the interstate highway system at all times.**
5. **Eye protection is required for ATV/UTV operators on all public roads unless a windshield is in place.**
6. **Helmets are advised for all ATV/UTV operators and riders on all roads, and are required by law for anyone under the age of 18.**
7. **Operators on roads must be able to provide registration and proof of insurance.**
8. **There are two types of permits available. The seven-day permit costs $20, while an annual pass is $25 (2019). Prices are subject to change.**
9. **All Forest Service trails on the northern and southern Black Hills maps are well maintained.**
10. **Download and view the MVUM on your mobile device using GPS apps, such as Avenza Maps. Cellular service is not required for GPS navigation once the map is downloaded to your device.**
11. **Please note, cell service is limited in many areas.**

**OPEN / CLOSE TRAIL DATES:**

Black Hills National Forest Trails are designated as being open year-round or seasonally. Seasonal trails are generally open May 15 to Dec. 15, or Aug. 15 to Dec. 15. For the status of each route, reference the MVUM.

Trails may be closed due to activity during timber harvest. Closures are posted at trail entrances. Please obey closed signs and always be cautious of logging trucks on trails with shared use.

Before riding, check with the local Ranger District on closures (Page 8).
SAFETY GEAR
Always wear the appropriate safety gear, including a helmet, shatter-resistant eye protection, long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and over-the-ankle boots.

TRAIL CONDITIONS
Be aware of trail conditions and act appropriately. For specific trail concerns, call the Ranger District office before you ride (Page 8).

PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT
Do your part. Leave the area better than you found it.

TREAD LIGHTLY!
Minimize your impact on the environment when you ride by traveling responsibly, respecting the rights of others, educating yourself and avoiding sensitive areas.

AVOID WET, MUDDY AREAS
They are more susceptible to erosion. Meadows, lakeshores and vegetation are easily damaged.

KNOW YOUR LIMITATIONS
Never attempt anything that is beyond your skill level.

PREVENT INVASIVE SPECIES
Help prevent new infestations and avoid spreading invasive species. Clean and wash dirt and seeds from motorized vehicles before riding the roads and trails.

ONE RIDER PER SEAT
Do not exceed passenger capacity for OHVs designed for only one rider, unless equipment is added.

ALWAYS USE CAUTION
Ride over obstacles, not around them. Going around obstacles widens trails, impacts vegetation and causes erosion.
SHARE THE TRAIL

SAFETY FIRST

YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL USERS
When encountering hikers, bikers or horses on the trail, pull over and shut off your engine. Let them pass out of sight before restarting.

SLOW DOWN
When riding near a parking lot or camping area, slow down to reduce noise and dust.

ALWAYS YIELD
To any users who are traveling uphill, including motorized users.

SMILE
Give everyone you meet a wave. It’s worth a million bucks in goodwill and it happens to feel great!

HIT THE TRAIL:
BEFORE HEADING OUT, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THESE ATV/UTV ESSENTIALS.

- MAP OR GPS
- PERMIT
- HELMET
- PROTECTIVE CLOTHING + EYEWEAR
- TOOL KIT
- CELLPHONE + CHARGER
- AIR PUMP + TIRE PLUGS
- WATER
- TRAIL SNACKS
- FIRST-AID KIT
- TOW STRAP
- WINCH
- EXTRA GAS
- COMMON SENSE

ONLINE RESOURCES
For more information on OVH riding, maps, trail conditions, and events, visit:
- fs.usda.gov/blackhills
- TreadLightly.org
- OffRoadRiders.org
Motorized Trail Permits are available for purchase at any of the Forest Service Ranger Stations, and at the Pactola Visitor Center and the Black Hills Visitor Information Center.

**BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST HEADQUARTERS/HELL CANYON RANGER DISTRICT**
1019 N 5TH ST, CUSTER, SD
605-673-9200 • Supervisor’s Office
HOURS: 8 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday
Located north of Custer, west side of HWY 16

**BEARLODGE RANGER DISTRICT**
101 S 21ST ST, SUNDANCE, WY
307-283-1361
HOURS: 8 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday

**NORTHERN HILLS RANGER DISTRICT**
2014 N MAIN ST, SPEARFISH, SD
605-642-4622
HOURS: 8 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday

**MYSTIC RANGER DISTRICT**
8221 S HWY 16, RAPID CITY, SD
605-343-1567
HOURS: 8 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday

**HELL CANYON RANGER DISTRICT**
1225 WASHINGTON ST, NEWCASTLE, WY
307-746-2782
HOURS: 8 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday

**PACTOLA VISITOR CENTER**
605-343-8755
HOURS: Memorial Day to Labor Day, 9 am – 5 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Sunday
West of Rapid City, on Hwy 385, at Pactola Reservoir.
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MAD MOUNTAIN SUMMER ADVENTURES
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