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Nantahala Ranger District  
Nantahala National Forest  
Motor Vehicle Use Map

### PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP

The designations shown on this motor vehicle use map (MVUM) were made by the responsible official pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51 and are effective as of the date on the front cover of this MVUM, and will remain in effect until superseded by next year's MVUM.

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It is the responsibility of the user to acquire the current MVUM. This MVUM shows the National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and the areas on National Forest System lands in the National Forests in North Carolina that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. This MVUM also identifies the vehicle classes allowed on each route and in each area, and any seasonal restrictions that apply on those routes and in those areas.

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 implying 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 roads 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. 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.

**Legend**

- Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles
- Roads Open to All Vehicles
- Trails Open to All Vehicles
- Trails Open to Vehicles 50" or Less in Width
- Trails Open to Wheeled Vehicles 50" or Less in Width
- Trails Open to Motorcycles Only
- Special Vehicle Designation (See Table)
- Seasonal Designation (See Table)
- Dispersed Camping/Game Retrieval, Both Sides
- Dispersed Camping/Game Retrieval, Left Side
- Dispersed Camping/Game Retrieval, Right Side
- Interstate
- Highways, U.S. State
- Other Public Roads
- Other Public Trails
- Short Route Identifier
- Milepost Marker
- Areas Open to Cross-Country Travel
- FS Campground
- Picnic Area
- Motorized Trailhead
- Information Site
- Peaks
- Forest or Unit Boundary
- National Forest System Lands
- Non-National Forest System Lands within the National Forest
- Wilderness Areas
- Political Boundary
- Township and Range Lines
- Section Lines
- Lakes and Rivers

Scale: 1:100,000

### PROHIBITIONS

It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands, on the National Forests in North Carolina other than in accordance with these designations (36 CFR 261.13).

Violators of 36 CFR 261.13 are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000, imprisonment for up to 6 months, or both (18 U.S.C. 3671(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 National Forests in North Carolina. Obtain forest visitor information from the local national forest office.

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 a temporary and/or emergency closure is consistent with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.52 (b)), 36 CFR 261 subpart B).

The designation "road or trail open to all motor vehicles" does not supersede State traffic law.

### EXPLANATION OF LEGEND ITEMS

**Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only:**  
These roads are open only to motor vehicles licensed under State law for general operation on all public roads within the state.

**Roads Open to All Vehicles:**  
These roads are open to all motor vehicles, including smaller off-highway vehicles that may not be licensed for highway use (but not to oversize or overweight vehicles under State traffic law).

**Trails Open to All Vehicles:**  
These trails are open to all motor vehicles, including both highway legal and nonhighway legal vehicles.

**Trails Open to Vehicles 50 inches or Less in Width:**  
Trails open only to motor vehicles less than 50 inches in width at the widest point on the vehicle.

**Trails Open to Wheeled Vehicles 50" or less in Width:**  
These trails are open only to wheeled, motor vehicles less than 50 inches in width at the widest point on the vehicle.

**Trails Open to Motorcycles Only:**  
These trails are open only to motorcycles. Sidecars are not permitted.

**Special Vehicle Designation:**  
This symbol indicates the road or trail is open to classes of vehicles other than those listed above. Refer to the Seasonal and Special Designation Table for further instructions.

**Seasonal Designation:**  
This symbol, used in conjunction with one of the other road or trail symbols, indicates that the road or trail is open only during certain portions of the year. Refer to Seasonal and Special Designation Table for further instructions.

**Dispersed Camping/Game Retrieval:**  
Dispersed Camping/Game Retrieval, Both Sides  
Dispersed Camping/Game Retrieval, Left Side  
Dispersed Camping/Game Retrieval, Right Side

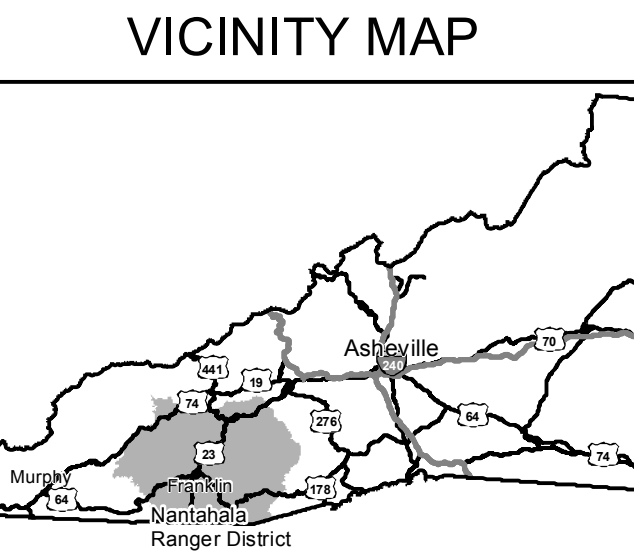
**Other Public Roads and Trails:**  
Interstate  
Highways, U.S., State  
Other Public Roads  
Other Public Trails

**Short Route Identifier:**  
This symbol is used for roads that are too short to show a symbol type on the map. The symbol contains the number of the road or trail. Users should refer to the corresponding number in the Short Route Table for designation information.

**Milepost Marker:**  
This symbol is used to display the beginning and ending mileposts of a road that has a change in the designation but not the symbology.

**Motorized Trail Access:**  
This symbol indicates a trailhead for access to a motorized route. Not all motorized routes have trailheads and those that do may range from primitive to developed.

**Areas Open to Cross-Country Travel:**  
These are areas on National Forest System land that allow cross-country travel by motorized vehicles. Specific vehicle classes and seasonal designations may be indicated in the Seasonal and Special Designation Table.



**INFORMATION SOURCES**

National Forests in North Carolina  
160A Zillicoa Street  
Asheville, NC 28801  
828-257-4200

Nantahala Ranger District  
Nantahala National Forest  
90 Sloan Rd.  
Franklin, NC 28734  
828-524-6441  
www.fs.usda.gov/infsc

County Sheriff's Departments:  
Macon: 828-349-2152  
Swain: 828-438-4844  
Jackson: 828-586-8901  
Transylvania: 828-884-3168

Or DIAL 911



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| Route Number  | Legend  | Special Vehicle Designation                 | Dates Allowed | Beginning Mile Post | Ending Mile Post |
|---|---|---|---------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 322, 426C1, 424E  | Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation            | Seasonal Designation                        | 04/01-10/31   |                     |                  |
| 387, 388, 421, 421A, 4587, 4651, 4652, 4653, 4663, 4665, 4668, 67, 686, 713, 7279, 751, 83, 86, 88    | Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation            | Seasonal Designation                        | 03/15-12/31   |                     |                  |
| 424, 424A, 740L   | Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation            | Seasonal Designation                        | 04/01-12/15   |                     |                  |
| 424C, 424D, 424E, 67B   | Roads open to all vehicles, with Seasonal Designation                           | Seasonal Designation                        | 04/01-12/15   | 0.000               | 0.860            |
| 4650  | Roads open to all vehicles, with Seasonal Designation                           | Seasonal Designation                        | 04/01-12/15   | 0.000               | 0.300            |
| 4650A   | Special Vehicle Designation, with Seasonal Designation                          | All Wheeled Vehicles 50 inches Wide or Less | 04/01-12/15   | 0.000               | 0.300            |
| 4662, 71  | Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation            | Seasonal Designation                        | 04/01-12/31   |                     |                  |
| TRW1, TRW11, TRW1A, TRW2, TRW2A, TRW3, TRW4, TRW5, TRW6, TRW6A, TRW7, TRW8, TRW9, TRW9A, TRW10, TRW9B | Trails open to Wheeled Vehicles 50" or less in width, with Seasonal Designation | Seasonal Designation                        | 04/01-12/15   |                     |                  |

