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# Motor Vehicle Use Map

## National Forests & Grasslands in Texas

### Sam Houston National Forest

## OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and in areas on National Forest System lands carries a greater responsibility than operating that vehicle in a city or other developed setting. Not only must you know and follow all applicable traffic laws, you need to show concern for the environment as well as other forest users. The misuse of motor vehicles can lead to the temporary or permanent closure of any designated road, trail, or area. As a motor vehicle operator, you are also subject to State traffic law, including State requirements for licensing, registration, and operation of the vehicle in question.

Motor vehicle use, especially off-highway vehicle use, involves inherent risks that may cause property damage, serious injury, and possibly death to participants. Drive cautiously and anticipate rough surfaces and features, such as snow, mud, vegetation, and water crossings common to remote driving conditions. By your participation, you voluntarily assume full responsibility for these damages, risks, and dangers. Take care at all times to protect yourself and those under your responsibility.

Much of the Sam Houston National Forest is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the Sam Houston National Forest. Take adequate food, water, first-aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate for the conditions and expected weather.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO RESPECT PRIVATE LAND! PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEGE. STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS AND IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

Read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions, please contact the Sam Houston National Forest for clarification.

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



## 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to 36 CFR 212.51; are effective as of the date on the front cover of this MVUM; and will remain in effect until superseded by next year's MVUM.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 Sam Houston National Forest 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 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.**

## PROHIBITIONS

**It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Sam Houston National Forest other than in accordance with these designations (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. 3571(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 Sam Houston National Forest. 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 are 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.

## INFORMATION SOURCES

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## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY,

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or

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San Jacinto County Sheriff  
(936) 653-4367

Montgomery County Sheriff

Route Number	Dispersed Camping	
	Distance/ Side of Road	Vehicle Type Dates Allowed
208H, 271	150' either side of road	Same as permitted on road 01/01 - 12/31

## Seasonal and Special Vehicle Designations

Route Number	Legend	Special Vehicle Designation	Dates Allowed	Beginning Mile Post	Ending Mile Post
203	4 Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	09/01-02/15	0.000	4.000
203A	4 Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	09/01-02/15	0.000	1.250
206A	4 Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	09/01-02/15	0.000	3.410
209B	4 Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	09/01-02/15	0.000	0.600
209B2	4 Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	09/01-02/15	0.000	0.110
211A	4 Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	09/01-02/15	0.000	1.200
213	4 Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	09/01-02/15	0.970	2.200
219B	4 Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	09/01-02/15	0.000	0.800
228	4 Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	09/01-02/15	0.000	3.300
233A	4 Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	09/01-02/15	0.000	1.370
233C	4 Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	09/01-02/15	0.000	1.400
238	4 Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	09/01-02/15	0.000	3.500
241	4 Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	09/01-02/15	0.000	2.200
248	4 Roads open to highway legal vehicles only, with Seasonal Designation	Seasonal Designation	03/15-09/15	1.900	2.700

Legend

Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles

Special Vehicle Designation (See Table)

Seasonal Designation (See Table)

Dispersed Camping, Both Sides

Interstate

Highways, U.S. State

Other Public Roads

FS Campground

Motorized Trailhead

Information Site

Forest or Unit Boundary

National Forest System Lands

Non-National Forest System Lands within the National Forest

Wilderness Areas

Political Boundary

Lakes and Rivers

0 0.5 1 2 3 4 Miles

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## 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.

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.

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:

This symbol is used along with a designated road or trail to indicate limited cross-country motor vehicle use within a specific distance of that route, solely for the purpose of dispersed camping. The dots indicate where this activity is permitted. They may be on the left, right, or both sides of the route. Refer to the Dispersed Camping Table for specifics.

Other Public Roads and Trails:

Interstate

Highways, U.S. State

Other Public Roads

These symbols are used to show routes the Forest Service does not have jurisdiction over and has not designated for motorized use. These symbols are part of the reference layers showing connections to towns and cities outside the forest boundary.

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.

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