

There are various use times, dates, fees and regulations for the many National Forest Designated Campgrounds. Specific information on camping on any of Michigan’s National Forest Lands should be obtained from that forests website prior to camping there. [\(See 2.2\)](#) Keep in mind there are private properties [\(See 5.1\)](#) throughout these Forests and it is illegal to camp on any private land without the land owner’s permission. [\(See 3.8.3\)](#)

2.4 National Forest Roads

County Roads that pass through the National Forests may not be open to ORV use, even if the county they are in has passed an ORV road use ordinance. [\(See 4\)](#)



NF Road, Paved Highway



NF Road, Semi-Improved



NF Road, Two-Track

These are roads within National Forest Land boundaries, operated and in many cases maintained by the US Forest Service. Their roads can vary from a multiple lane paved highway to a barely passable two track path through the woods. These roads can look just like a State Forest Road, [\(See 3.4\)](#) a seasonal County Road, [\(See 4.4.6.2\)](#) or a Private Road, [\(See 5.2\)](#) making it difficult to know who the road belongs to.

Remember, a road can also change ownership without notice. For example, we typically think of roads that intersect the one we are on, as possibly leading to or being on private property. However, it is also possible for a road’s ownership to change as you are traveling along it, like at a State line or County or Township border. In this way, a road’s ownership can also change at private property boundaries, especially when it comes to CFR Lands. [\(See 5.1\)](#)

As a general rule, the more maintained a road is, like with a paved road, the less likely it is to be broken up by a private property boundary. However, the less maintained a road is, the more likely it is, to be broken up by unidentified private property boundaries. It is up to the user to be sure that the road they are on is open to their use.

2.4.1 National Forest Roads Closed To ORV’s

This graphic shows how our maps identify National Forest Roads that are **closed** to all ORV’s. It is a two color gray line where one side of the line is a darker gray than the other.



2.4.2 Other Roads In The National Forest Closed To ORV’s

This graphic shows how our maps identify ‘Other Roads’, which can be Seasonal County Roads [\(See 4.4.6.2\)](#) or Private Roads, [\(See 5.2\)](#) that are also **closed** to ORV use. It is a light gray dashed line.



2.4.3 National Forest Roads Open To All ORV’s

This graphic shows how our maps identify National Forest Roads that are **open** to all ORV’s. It is a two color line where one side is a dark brownish red and the other is a light brownish red.

