



or area that is open to ORV use. Do not park along a County’s Road ([See 4](#)) or in the ROW ([See 4.4.1](#)) and be sure to park in a way that will not block any other vehicular travel.

3.4.1 State Forest Roads Closed To ORV’s

This graphic shows how our maps identify State Forest Roads that are **closed** to all ORV’s. We use a single color gray line without borders.



3.4.2 Other Forest Roads 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](#)) within State Forest Lands that are also **closed** to ORV use. It is a light gray dashed line.



3.4.3 State Forest Roads Open To ORV’s

This graphic shows how our maps identify State Forest Roads that are **open** to all ORV’s. We use a single color brownish red line without borders.



3.5 Designated ORV Recreation

Michigan has identified a system of areas, routes and trails that are maintained for and intended for use by ORV’s.

Michigan offers five different types of designated off road recreation opportunities. These areas have been specifically selected for use by ORV’s and include Scramble Areas, ORV Routes, ATV Trails, Motorcycle Trails and the Michigan Cross Country Cycle Trail.

These designated areas and trails are located mostly on State Forest Lands ([See 3.1](#)) and in some cases are on National Forest Lands, ([See 2.1](#)) who uses slightly different confidence markers. ([See 2.5](#)) From time to time some sections of trails will also use County Roads ([See 4](#)) and Private Roads. ([See 5.2](#))

Confidence markers are placed at 1/10 of a mile increments, by volunteers, ([See 1.5.2](#)) to help you know you are on the trail, to identify the intended vehicle type and the maintenance standard for the trail.

If the maintenance standard for a trail provides clearance for your vehicle type it is legal to operate there. For example, an ATV ([See 1.1.3.1](#)) or Dirt Bike ([See 1.1.1](#)) can be driven on an ORV route however; an ATV cannot be driven on a trail maintained for Motorcycles.

3.5.1 Designated Scramble Areas

Michigan’s designated ORV use areas are also called Scramble Areas. These designated areas are places where enthusiasts are allowed to drive in wet areas, ([See 3.7.3](#)) engage in cross country travel, ([See 3.7.4](#)) and many other types of high impact driving. ([See 3.7.2](#))

Michigan has one designated area in its Upper Peninsula, ([See 6.1](#)) located on National Forest Land ([See 2.1](#)) and five in its Lower Peninsula ([See 6.2](#)) located on State Forest Land ([See 3.1](#)) with the most famous of these areas being the Silver Lake Sand Dunes. ([See 6.5](#))

These areas may or may not have existing trails or open sections yet provide some of the most exciting ORV operation opportunities for the adventurous enthusiast. The sizes of these areas range from 15 acres to over 1,200 acres.

- This graphic shows how we identify designated Scramble Areas in our maps. We use an orange-ish yellow color that shows the boundary of the area as well as having hashes through it.

