

# Houghton County DNR Forest Roads Map

**Houghton County**  
 State Forest Roads: 157.3 Miles  
 State Forest Roads Open to ORVs: 153.4 Miles

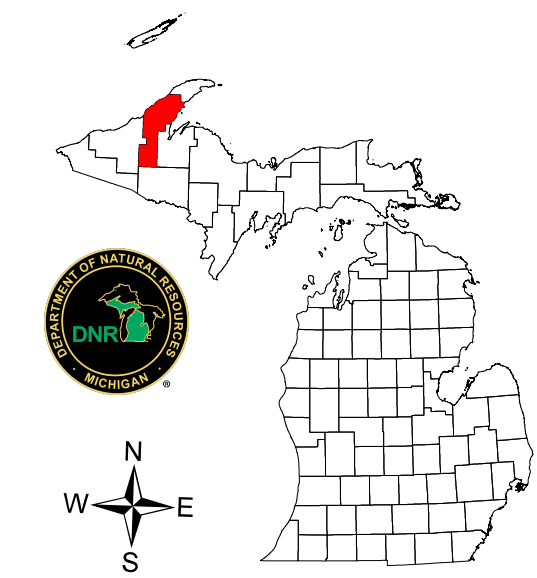
Per Public Act 288 of 2016; Forest Road Inventory in the Northern Lower Peninsula Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 5 of 2017; and the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 1994 PA 451, as amended, which authorizes the Director to issue orders to implement land use rules, an individual shall not operate a motorized vehicle, other than a snowmobile, in this county unless the motorized vehicle is operated on a forest road, designated route, designated trail, or designated area illustrated as open on this map.

The DNR Forest Roads Maps are only published once per year on April 1. Please be aware that the State of Michigan routinely buys, sells, and exchanges state-owned land throughout the year. As a result, please reference the "Interactive Map Current Road Status" at [Michigan.gov/forestroads](http://Michigan.gov/forestroads) to see the most up-to-date and accurate DNR ownership. Referencing the interactive map will help to prevent unintended trespass onto privately-owned land.

The normal and continuing use of state forest roads is to provide the general public with access to state forest lands for a variety of recreational purposes and to provide the DNR with road access for management and land protection purposes. These state forest roads may also provide on an incidental, nonexclusive, permissive-use basis, access to private lands. The public may use state forest roads as long as the DNR allows the road to remain open to general public use. As members of the public, adjacent landowners may also utilize state forest roads. However, unless an easement has been granted by the DNR, state forest roads do not provide legal access to private property from a public road, nor is there any guarantee that state forest roads will remain open to the public or be passable at all times of the year.

## Legend

- 2024 Proposed Road Changes
- ▲▲▲▲ 2024 Proposed Closed to Conventional Vehicles
- DNR Roads Closed to ORVs
- DNR Roads Open to ORVs
- Non-DNR Roads
- Highways
- Snowmobile Trails
- Non-Motorized Trails
- Designated RailTrail
- Non-Designated RailTrail
- ORV Route – ORVs of all sizes including off-road motorcycles. ORV license and trail permit required unless licensed by the Secretary of State.
- Ottawa East Connector Restricted ORV Route
- Restricted ORV Route - ATVs and side-by-side ORVs only between the dates of May 1st and November 1st. Off-road motorcycles are prohibited. ORV license and trail permit required.
- Streams
- Lake/Pond
- County
- State Forests
- State Parks/Recreation Areas
- Federal Lands
- Township/City/Village
- Boating Access Site
- Campground
- City



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