



What You Need to Know Operating Vehicles in LBL & MVUM (Motor Vehicle Use Map)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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What is MVUM ?

A. MVUM is a legal document required under the Travel Management Rule that shows trails and roads designated for motor vehicle use. LBL's MVUM became available October 2008 and is enforced.

Where can I get an MVUM?

A. The LBL MVUM is available online at www.lbl.org, then click on the MVUM logo. (Paper copies of these maps are also available, free of charge, at the Golden Pond Visitor Center and North & South Welcome Stations.

How many MVUM's are there for LBL?

A. LBL has one MVUM Map Book for both Kentucky and Tennessee.

How do I print the LBL MVUM?

A. The MVUM **will print** on 8 1/2" x 11" paper using home printers. With Adobe Acrobat, use the "Print Current View" function to print the view on your screen. (It is recommended that the legend box be printed to aid in interpretation of the MVUM.)

What does LBL's MVUM show me?

- All LBL roads, trails, and designated areas where public motor vehicle use is authorized.
- Designation details, including vehicle class, time of year, and any motorized access for the purpose of dispersed camping (camping in locations other than campgrounds).
- The MVUM also shows roads where only highway-legal vehicles are allowed because of user safety considerations.

What does motorized use include?

- Motorized use includes, but is not limited to: motorcycles, ATVs, 4-wheel drives, and passenger vehicles.
- Motor vehicle access may occur on routes not shown on the MVUM for the purpose of limited administrative access by:
 - ◊ Forest Service personnel
 - ◊ Fire and Law Enforcement personnel for emergency purposes
 - ◊ Persons authorized by a Forest Service written special use permit or contract

Does the MVUM also show me non-motorized trails?

A. No, the MVUM will show only designated motorized routes.. The LBL Recreation Map and the LBL General Information Brochure & Map will provide information on non-motorized recreation opportunities including biking, hiking, and horseback riding trails. For motorized recreation opportunities refer to the MVUM.

What do you mean by vehicle class?

A. By vehicle class we are referring to certain categories of motorized vehicles. The following are typical vehicle class route designations:

- Roads open to highway-legal vehicles only
- Trails open to vehicles 50 inches or less in width (ATV, motorcycle, etc.)
- Trails open to all (full size) vehicles (trails may be rugged and narrow-intended for jeeps)

It is important to understand that routes and areas shown open to certain vehicle classes does not mean they are maintained for suitable travel using those vehicles. It simply means it is legal to use them. For example, many low standard roads may be open to all motor vehicles. This designation includes passenger cars, although it may not be prudent to drive this type of vehicle on a route due to the condition of the surface or during inclement weather.

Are there road and trail route marker signs on the ground?

A. Routes designated for motorized use may not always be signed. In some cases, a route marker may exist at the entrance of the road/trail with symbols indicating which classes of vehicles are allowed. Routes designated for motorized uses will be identified on the MVUM. It is the responsibility of the user to determine if they are on a route designated for the motor vehicle being used. MVUM's will be developed for each forest nationwide. It is not only a tool for motorized users, but also a consistent and standardized law enforcement tool.