

# Backcountry & Wilderness Access Map



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## Vehicle Definitions

### Low Clearance Two-Wheel-Drive (2WD) Vehicles

A low clearance 2WD vehicle is defined as a passenger car, sedan, or recreational vehicle with less than 8 inches of clearance from the lowest point of the frame, body, suspension, or differential, to the ground. These vehicles are only suitable for paved and low clearance dirt roads.

### High Clearance Two-Wheel-Drive (2WD) Vehicles (Including All-Wheel-Drive (AWD) & Crossovers)

A high-clearance 2WD, AWD, and/or crossover vehicle is defined as a vehicle built on a passenger car, light pickup, or SUV frame and suspension platform, but is intended for light to moderate off road use. These vehicles have at least 15 inch tire rims and 8 inches of clearance from the lowest point of the undercarriage to the ground, but do not have low-range 4 wheel drive.

### High Clearance Four-Wheel-Drive (4WD) Vehicles

A high clearance 4WD vehicle is defined as a SUV or truck type vehicle that is designed for heavy duty use, including moderate to rough off road use. These vehicles have at least 15 inch tire rims and 8 inches or more of clearance from the lowest point of the undercarriage to the ground, a means to mechanically power both front and rear wheels at the same time, and a low gear transfer case.

### Modified Four-Wheel-Drive (4WD) Vehicles

Vehicles in this category have been specially modified for navigating difficult and technical roads where stock vehicles risk significant damage or getting stuck. Modifications may include bigger tires and rims, lift kits, improved suspension, special gear ratios, etc.

### Rental Vehicles

Rental vehicles are discouraged from traveling on any backcountry dirt road. Rental agreements frequently prohibit driving off pavement, and may not cover towing, recovery, or other emergency services. Full size spare tires and tools are often not included. Towing services from dirt roads often exceed \$2,000.



Drive only on designated roads.

Be prepared to change a flat.



## Dirt Road Definitions

Caution! Tire damage and flats are common on all backcountry roads. All-season or street tires may not be suitable, and drivers should know the limitations of their vehicle.

### FRONTCOUNTRY

**Low Clearance, Two-Wheel-Drive (2WD) Roads**  
These are maintained dirt roads where drivers can expect light to moderate washboard and packed gravel.

### BACKCOUNTRY

**High Clearance, Two-Wheel-Drive (2WD) & All-Wheel-Drive (AWD) Roads**  
These are maintained dirt roads where drivers can expect rocky areas, rough washboard, soft gravel, and/or sand that make travel UNSAFE FOR LOW CLEARANCE VEHICLES.

**High Clearance Four-Wheel-Drive (4WD) Roads**  
These are unmaintained roads where drivers can expect technical rocky areas, deep sand or gravel, and steep grades. Careful wheel placement and spotting may be necessary to prevent vehicle damage and/or getting stuck.

**Rough Four-Wheel-Drive (4WD) Roads:**  
These are remote unmaintained roads where drivers should expect tall rock ledges, deeply eroded ruts, tight switchbacks, exposed slopes, off-camber washouts, dry waterfalls, and/or other technical obstacles. For experienced 4x4 drivers proceeding with caution.

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Scale: 0 to 10 Kilometers / 0 to 10 Miles

	Paved road		Camping in restricted areas (designated campgrounds only)
	Low clearance 2WD road		Salt flat
	High clearance 2WD or AWD road		Ranger station
	High clearance 4WD road		Drinking water
	Rough 4WD road		Campground
	Hiking trail or cross-country route		Gas station
	Spring		Backcountry Roads (see other side)

Vehicles, including bicycles, must stay on roads.

