

Off-Road Driving & ATV Trails

Brown Mountain Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) area, a place cloaked in mystery, is the subject of much folklore and songs about the stories of the Brown Mountain lights. While spending your days riding the trails, you can explore 1 mysterious lights that some say on a dark, moonless midsummer night, appear to dance and whirl along the crest of Brown Mountain. The lights' origin is still the center of much controversy.

Brown Mountain OHV area is the only trail system within [Pisgah National Forest](#) that allows all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and 4x4 off-road driving. All 34 miles of trails are open to dirt bikes, and over 14 miles are open to ATVs, jeeps, and other 4-wheel-drive vehicles. Most trails are not wide enough for two-way traffic, thus a one-way system is used. Trail numbers can only be seen in one direction, but riders should be cautious of others who get turned around and head the wrong direction.

Primitive camping is permitted on the trail system. Designated sites are located along the entrance road coming up to the trailhead. Each site has a picnic shelter, water hydrant, and vault toilets. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the OHV area, in campsites or on trails. There is a daily usage fee of \$5 at the self-service fee station located at the entrance to the trail system. Season passes are \$30. Season passes as well as trail maps can be purchased from Grandfather Ranger District.