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FYI –

[More info about the \(free\) annual permit that will be required to drive in the forest.](#)







Wharton State Forest



Motorized Vehicle Permit Information

BACKGROUND

Wharton State Forest maintains a *Motorized Access Plan, or M.A.P.*, that designates routes within the Forest that are open for motorized vehicle access. These designations have been identified on a *M.A.P.* It is prohibited to operate a motorized vehicle within the boundaries of Wharton State Forest other than in accordance with these designations. It is the responsibility of the operator to remain on approved, designated routes.

REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICLES IN THE FOREST

Vehicles must be properly registered, insured and operated by a licensed driver. No all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are allowed. Four wheel drive vehicles are recommended, and may be necessary on some routes.

A *Motorized Vehicle Permit, or M.V.P.*, decal must be properly displayed on the permitted vehicle as it travels within the Forest. Free annual permits may be obtained at either the Batsto or Atsion Offices.

Affix the annual decals to the drivers' side of the front and rear bumpers PRIOR to entering the Forest.

Permitted vehicles must remain on approved routes within the Forest. The *M.A.P.* indicates where visitors are allowed to drive. There is no physical identification of routes throughout the Forest. In other words, it is the driver's responsibility to drive on the routes depicted on the *M.A.P.* Operators who deviate from the approved routes are subject to summonses and fines.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT FOR A MOTORIZED VEHICLE PERMIT

Carrying the equipment listed is recommended whenever the permitted vehicle is in the Forest.

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| 1) Tire gauge | 6) Flashlight |
| 2) A functional spare tire | 7) Fire extinguisher |
| 3) Workable jack & board/support for jack in sand (minimum size: 3/4 in. x 12 x 12 in. plywood square) | 8) Auto first aid kit |
| 4) Tow chain, tow strap or snatch line | 9) Litter/trash bag |
| 5) Shovel | 10) Minimum of 1/4 tank of fuel |
| | 11) A current <i>Motorized Access Plan (M.A.P.)</i> |



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Motorized Vehicle Permit Application



Please Print

Calendar Year _____

Vehicle License Plate No. _____ State _____ Telephone No. _____

Vehicle Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Color _____

Name of Applicant _____

Driver License (State and Number) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

1. Only one application for each licensed vehicle shall be accepted.
2. The applicant shall sign the application. Permits are not transferable. Applicant shall be responsible for the actions of any driver operating the permitted vehicle in the Forest.
3. Permit decals shall be securely applied on the driver's side of the front and rear bumpers so as to be clearly visible.
4. Requests for replacement decals shall be accompanied by a paid receipt and both of the "old" decals, regardless of condition.
5. Permit is valid from January 1st to December 31st, inclusive.
6. Vehicles must remain on approved, designated routes at all times.
7. Applicant shall be liable for any damage to persons or property resulting from the use of his/her vehicle within the Forest.
8. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Violations of Forest rules and regulations shall be cause for permit privileges to be suspended or revoked.
9. Access to the Forest is permitted dawn until dusk.
10. The maximum speed limit on designated routes is 20 miles per hour.
11. The applicant, by use of this permit, agrees to comply with all park rules and regulations and shall be responsible for full compliance with these rules and regulations for himself/herself and for the conduct of all vehicle occupants.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Pass No. Issued _____ Date _____

Replacement No. _____ Date _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Issued By _____ Date _____