

Trucks on state forest roads

Heavy vehicles will occupy the centre of the road because of the nature of the road and the size of the vehicle. Cars should expect to move off the road surface, as trucks cannot do this because the road edges will not support heavy vehicles.

Cars should always keep to the left side of the road, especially around bends and on crests.

Please give way to trucks by moving to the side of the road and waiting for the vehicles to pass.



Truck drivers are professional drivers, skilled and courteous behind the wheel. But they are just like you – they don't want potential accidents arising when driving on forest roads.

Tips

If the road is wet or freshly gravelled it is difficult for any vehicle to stop quickly, so drive slowly.

If the road ahead is dusty – let the dust clear before progressing.

Always drive a reasonable distance behind other vehicles to avoid flying stones.

Do not stop on bridges or in the middle of the road to sight see, as another vehicle may be just around the corner.

Always pull off the road with at least three metres clearance.

Avoid driving in state forests on days of extreme fire danger.

Watch out for wildlife on roads from dusk to dawn – refer www.roadkilltas.com.

Communication

A CB radio is useful to advise truck traffic you are travelling on forest roads. The UHF channel relevant to an area is usually displayed at the start of a forest road, but do not rely solely on CBs.

Mobile phones are useful but be aware that some forest areas do not have mobile coverage.

Help us maintain our roads

Watch for road damage and trees fallen across roads. If you see a problem on state forest roads please report it to Forestry Tasmania as quickly as possible.

If there are signs of illegal activity please contact:

Police on phone 131 444

Bush Watch on phone 1800 333 000

For further information contact us



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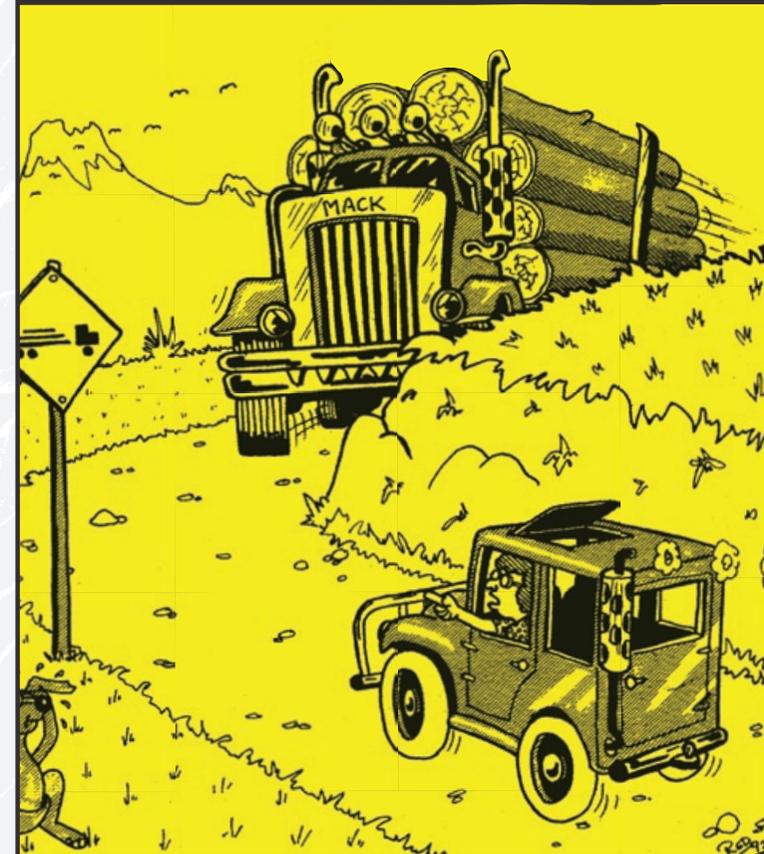
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SHARING OUR ROADS KEEP LEFT SLOW DOWN



You're **welcome** to visit state forests but remember you **share** the roads with **larger vehicles**.



Safe driving on state forest roads

The road network through Tasmania's state forests is extensive, covering around 6,000 kilometres of gravel roads.

These roads are owned, built and maintained by forestry companies primarily for forestry purposes. However, forest workers are happy to share these roads with you, because they want you to see some of the beautiful spots along these routes.

In return, they would like you to take extra care.



It is quite normal for visitors using these roads to encounter large vehicles including log trucks, prime movers and other industrial vehicles. Roads where forest operations are occurring or where there are safety issues may be closed to the public.

What are state forest roads like?

Typically, forest roads are wide enough to accommodate a truck with some road space available either side.

They are nearly always gravel with surfaces that vary. Most sections of forest roads are very suitable for all vehicles but it is not uncommon to find areas of potholes, mud, dust and water bars on steeper tracks.



Main roads are seldom steep, built for heavy vehicle traffic and suitable for most types of cars.

Be aware that trees may fall across roads without warning, especially on windy days.

Advice for travellers

Plan ahead:

- obtain maps if unsure of the roads you wish to use
- contact FT to ensure access on forest roads is open (*road closures are also advertised on our website: www.forestrytas.com.au*)
- travelling on forest roads may be slow – allow more time to get there
- also, let someone know before you go.

Take the following:

- first-aid kit
- tool kit and tyre jack
- maps
- fully-inflated spare tyre
- CB radio if available
- if using a hire car, ensure the hire car company insurance policy allows the vehicle to be driven on gravel roads.

On the road:

- always drive with caution when travelling on forest roads
- follow all safety/advisory signs where provided
- watch for constantly changing road conditions and adjust your driving accordingly
- it is recommended that you drive with your lights on.

All normal road rules apply on state forest roads:

- you must be licensed and drive a registered vehicle
- speed limits are usually not advertised – it's the responsibility of the driver to travel at speeds that reflect the road conditions
- where there are posted signs you must obey them
- make sure everyone in the vehicle is wearing a seatbelt.

