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Watch Out!

Falling trees are a hazard when traveling in the forest.

Following these guidelines will help forest visitors avoid risks

- Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid dense patches of dead trees. Trees can fall without warning.
- Stay out of the forest when there are strong winds that could blow trees down. If you are already in the forest when the winds pick up, head to a clearing out of reach of potential falling trees.
- Pitch tents and park vehicles in areas where they will not be hit if trees fall.
- When driving in remote areas of the forest, park close to a main road rather than on a spur or one-way section; if trees fall across the road you could become trapped.
- Bring an ax or a chainsaw to remove fallen trees from roads if you do become trapped.
- Do not rely solely on cell phones for safety as many areas of the National Forest have no cell phone coverage.

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