Directions to Black Rock Forest

The official address for BRF is:

129 Continental Road.
Cornwall, New York 12518

BUT..... this is an administration building a couple of miles past the Mountain Rd. turnoff for the actual Forest.

1. Go over upper level of GW Bridge

2. First exit at end of bridge to the Palisades Pkway Northbound (there is no southbound).

2. Palisades Parkway north all the way to the end (about 34 miles).

3. At end of Parkway, you hit a traffic circle. Take the exit from circle to 9W North (do not go over the Bear Mountain Bridge). Once you enter the traffic circle the first right turnout is Rt 9W/202 South the second turnout is the Bear Mt. Bridge, the third is Rt 9W North (the one you want).

4. BRF is about 10 miles north from the circle. During this 10 miles, you go through a small town, then you go higher in elevation, you see some great views to the east (your right side). When the road starts going downhill after the great view, start looking and keep your speed down (40mph max).

5. After you see signs for Storm King Academy, stay in right hand lane, slow down and look for the next right hand turn onto Mountain Road. It is a very small road. IF YOU MISS THIS TURN DO NOT PANIC, GO TO STEP 6b. NOTE: Google Maps does not show this little road and the aerial photo version has the road blurred out! It is there!

6a. Turn right onto Mountain Road, and go very slowly. After about 10 to 20 feet you will make a sharp right hand turn down a little hill. You will then see THE SMALLEST TUNNEL YOU HAVE EVER SEEN. YOU WILL THINK THAT YOUR CAR CAN NOT MAKE IT THROUGH. EVERYONE IN THE CAR SHOULD HOLD THEIR BREATH, KEEP LIMBS OUT OF THE WINDOWS, AND DRIVE THROUGH THE TUNNEL TO THE OTHER SIDE.

6b. If you miss the turnoff, don't worry, you can continue on 9W for a bit and find a place to turn around. How do you know you passed Mountain Road? If you pass Continental Road or Angola Rd (County Road 9) you passed Mountain Road. You can turn around at Angola Rd (County Road 9) or the next big turnoff is Quaker Ave (County Road 107).

7. Once you turn around and are traveling south on Rt. 9W keep your speed at 45mph max. You'll pass Pecks Rd. on your right and about 3/4 of a mile later you’ll see a small sign for BRF and a sign for Reservoir Rd on the right.

8. Follow it up the mountain. Go slowly, because it is a one-lane, 2 way, gravel road. Park in the upper parking lot that has the solar panels next to it.