

Quick Facts

Off-Highway Vehicles

Minimize your impact

- Stay on the trail.
- Ride when trails are dry. Avoid riding after heavy rainfall or snowmelt.
- Choose routes with the hardest and most durable surface.
- Avoid spinning your tires or skidding.

Keep out of streams and wetlands

- Off-highway vehicles can seriously impact riparian areas, fish habitat and downstream water quality.
- Keep machines out of wet areas.
- Use designated bridges and water crossings.
- Wash your vehicle between uses to prevent weed transfer between areas.
- Never wash your vehicle in a creek, river or lake.

Use respect. Be courteous

- Share the trail.
- Travel slowly and yield to non-motorized users.
- Leave all gates and fences as you find them.

Plan ahead and be prepared

- Travel only where permitted. Access may be restricted in some areas.
- Know your route, terrain, trail conditions, fire hazard and applicable regulations.
- Contact the owner/leaseholder prior to travelling on private or leased land.



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Know the law

- Off-highway vehicle operators should check municipal bylaws/laws where they plan to operate.
- An off-highway vehicle driver cannot ride on any portion of a highway, which includes the roadway and the ditches along the roadway. Exceptions are when crossing a road and with permission for highway right-of-way (including ditches). In these cases, an operator's licence is required.
- Vehicle registration and insurance are mandatory when operating on public lands or municipal roadways, bylaws permitting.
- Under the *Traffic Safety Act*, children younger than 14 years of age must be supervised by an adult when operating an off-highway vehicle on public land.
- Off-highway vehicle drivers can be charged under the Criminal Code of Canada with impaired driving or for having a breath or blood sample over 0.08 mg or refusing a demand.
- A driver of an off-highway vehicle must comply with Alberta's traffic laws.



Stay safe

- Off-highway vehicles are powerful machines and should not be operated without the appropriate training and skill. Training courses are available.
- Always wear a helmet with face and/or eye protection and protective boots and clothing.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendation regarding the minimum age for operating the vehicle. Children should not operate an off-highway vehicle designed for an adult.
- Never carry a passenger on an off-highway vehicle designed for a driver only – it can affect the vehicle's balance, causing the driver to lose control.
- Drive sober - alcohol, drugs and off-highway vehicles don't mix.

Visit our website for more information about off-highway vehicle safety,