

RESPECT LAND

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everyone *has a stewardship role*

No matter how you enjoy Alberta's public lands, your presence has an impact on the natural landscape, vegetation, wildlife, and waterways.

For many Albertans, Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs) are an exciting and efficient method to travel outdoors. However, these vehicles are louder, faster and more powerful than most other means of recreational travel.

You can minimize your impact by being aware of the effect you have on the environment and other users. By staying on the trail, and being courteous and respectful you can "take the lead" for your sport and Alberta's public lands. Consider the unique opportunity to give something back to trails by volunteering with your local OHV club.

Please ride responsibly so that we can continue to enjoy our public lands, now and in the future.



Visit our website or call for a brochure.

Activity-specific tips

- non-motorized activities
- camping on public land



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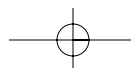
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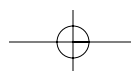
Recreational Access In Alberta

www.srd.gov.ab.ca/land/u_rec_heading.html

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OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE GUIDE





TAKE THE LEAD



ride responsibly

Minimize your impact.

- ▶▶ Stay on the trail.
- ▶▶ Choose routes with the hardest and most durable surface.
- ▶▶ Ride when trails are dry. Avoid riding after heavy rainfall or snowmelt.
- ▶▶ Never litter. Pack out what you pack in using sealed bags. Dispose of human waste responsibly.
- ▶▶ Don't cut or mark live trees.
- ▶▶ Avoid alpine, steep or sensitive terrain. Park and walk if necessary.
- ▶▶ Prevent wildfire. Ensure you have a functional muffler and spark arrestor. Keep your engine and exhaust system free of mud, vegetation and debris.
- ▶▶ Wash your vehicle between uses to prevent weed transfer between areas.
- ▶▶ Avoid spinning your tires or skidding.

Use respect. Be courteous.

- ▶▶ Share the trail.
- ▶▶ Travel slowly and yield to non-motorized users.
- ▶▶ Watch out for wildlife.
- ▶▶ Don't disturb livestock, property, fossils or artifacts.
- ▶▶ Leave all gates and fences as you find them.
- ▶▶ Respect reforestation, reclamation and restoration efforts.

Keep out of streams and wetlands.

- ▶▶ Use designated bridges and water crossings.
- ▶▶ Keep machines out of permanently wet areas.
- ▶▶ Never wash your vehicle in a creek, river or lake.

Plan ahead and be prepared.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER

all OHVs on public land require:

- ▶▶ Headlights and tail lights.
- ▶▶ Valid insurance, registration and a visible licence plate.
- ▶▶ Functional muffler and spark arrestor.



Off-Highway Vehicles can seriously impact riparian areas, fish habitat and downstream water quality.

Report a Poacher
1-800-642-3800

Report a Wildfire
310-FIRE

Fire Ban Information
1-866-FYI-FIRE

Service Alberta
310-0000

