

4. ATVS and Hunting

ATVs are becoming popular vehicles for hunting. Hunters using ATVs must follow the same rules observed by other ATV operators. This includes displaying an ATV Operating permit, carrying an ATV Safety Education Card, observing the same training and equipment requirements, adhering to sound level regulations and riding only on designated routes.

Scouting and retrieving game must be done on designated trails and roads. Harvested game can be carried by hand to a road or trail and then taken by vehicle. Game shouldn't be shot if it can't be packed out. Leaving a new set of cross-country tracks invites others to follow and creates a dead end trail for future riders.

Rules to follow while hunting and using an ATV:

- No hunting or harassing animals from a snowmobile, ATV or passenger vehicle.
- Do not shoot from an ATV.
- Do not shoot from or across a public right of way or railroad right of way.
- Do not carry loaded firearms on an ATV.

Note: A loaded firearm is one having live ammunition in the firearm via a magazine/chamber or arrows out of a quiver (ORS 821.240).

- Do not cast artificial light from a motor vehicle while in possession of a weapon; or cast an artificial light upon a game mammal, predatory animal or livestock from within 500 feet of a motor vehicle while in possession of a weapon.
- Always carry your ATV Safety Education Card.

Tips to follow while hunting and using an OHV:

- Stay on designated trails and roads. Respect closed roads and trails.
- Know and understand the meaning of trail signs and markings.
- Remember that other hunters may be in the area on foot. Respect other hunter's rights. You don't want to ruin someone else's hunt.
- Do not drink while riding ATVs and hunting. Laws concerning driving under the influence of intoxicants also apply to ATVs.
- Limit ATV use in and around campgrounds. Be respectful of other campers' desires for quiet and minimal disruption.
- Avoid driving an ATV in wet conditions, wetlands, streams and shorelines.