

2017 OREGON OHV GUIDE



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1. Introduction

You are taking the first step towards a great riding experience in Oregon! This guide promotes safety and protection for people, property and the environment.

Use this guide to inform you of Oregon requirements for operating an ATV. Check rules for riding your ATV. Find out where you can ride, and learn how to minimize your impact on the trail.

ATVs are popular and becoming more so. Since 1990, sales of quad (Class I) and off-road motorcycle (Class III) ATVs have increased more than 400%.

Oregon's OHV riding areas are destinations for many tourists. The increased number of ATV enthusiasts brings the need for more awareness of how to ensure OHV recreation areas remain open and safe for everyone.

It is your responsibility to know the laws and local land management rules when riding your ATV.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) annually awards more than \$4 million in grants to help maintain trail systems, provide education, emergency medical and law enforcement services, and to develop new ATV riding opportunities. However, this is not enough—we need **YOU!**

Y*our involvement is the single most significant investment we have to ensure the trails stay open.*

O*ur trails are a privilege. Protect your privilege and do everything you can to protect them.*

U*nderstand that you are an ambassador for the sport every time you are on the trail.*

ATV Funds

OPRD was given the responsibility to plan for recreational trails under the 1971 State Trails Act. In 1985, the ATV Fund was created to provide funding for off-road recreation from gas tax revenue attributed to off-road ATV use.

The plan, *Oregon Trails 2015: A Vision for the Future*, is a strategic plan for statewide motorized, non-motorized and water trails. OHV trail planning also is part of the Oregon Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), which is updated every five years.

The mission of the ATV program is to communicate OHV riding opportunities, laws and rules, and coordinate grant funding for OHV projects, including land acquisition, planning, development, maintenance and operations, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and safety training. Our goal is to promote safe, fun and open riding areas that provide outstanding recreation for current and future generations.

OHV riders have a unique opportunity in Oregon. They support the OHV program by purchasing operating permits and paying tax on their OHV fuel. It is a program paid for by the user, for the user.

Funds are distributed to the OHV community through grants. The ATV Grant Committee represents users of all four classes of OHV, law enforcement, and the public at large. The committee then recommends which projects should be approved for funding by the OPRD Commission.

Safety Reminder

All operators of Class I (ATV) and Class III (Motorcycle) vehicles on public lands must have an OPRD Safety Education Card.

Hands-on training is required for all youth under 16 years of age when operating an ATV, motorcycle, or side-by-side on public lands.

Youth under 16 operating a side-by-side must meet manufacturer's age recommendation and have an ATV Safety Education Card endorsed for Class IV vehicles.

Go to www.rideatvoregon.org/training to find a hands-on course. It is your responsibility to know the regulations for the area where you ride.



Proper gear means dressing for the elements, too.