

ATV Riding in Emily /Outing /Fifty Lakes Area

Top Tips for Riding Safe & Riding Smart

Definitions:

A Class I All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) width is 50 inches or less and typically a seated straddle type riding machine.

A Class II All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) is width greater than 50 inches but no more than 65 inches, and typically a side-by-side seating riding machine.

MN State Law Requirements for ATV Operation

- 1. Class I or Class II ATV operation on a state highway is prohibited.**
No ATV operation on MN State Highway 6, 200, 18, & 210
2. Class II ATV's, are not allowed to ride in a state highway or county road ditch, unless it is part of a designated ATV Grant-In-Aid Trail.
3. ATV is registered, with current year decal and registration number displayed properly on a registration plate.
4. A DOT approved helmet is required for an Operator or Passenger under 18 years of age.
5. Ride with your lights on if your machine is equipped with headlights and taillights.
6. Anyone born after July 1st, 1987, who is age 12 or older, must have a valid ATV Safety Certificate to ride public trails.
7. You may not ride on a grant-in-aid snowmobile and non-motorized trails closed to ATV's unless specifically allowed.
8. Operating an ATV while under the influence of alcohol, a controlled or a hazardous substance is unlawful. An operator testing over .08 is subject to a DWI violation.
9. Our local state forests (Land O Lakes, Emily, Centennial, Crow Wing, Hill River are classified as "Limited" state forests. ATV riding only on "OPEN" forest roads or signed and mapped trails.
10. Class I and II ATV's are allowed on local ATV trails If you are driving an off-highway vehicle that is over 65" in width, you are an ORV (Off-Road Vehicle) and not allowed on local ATV trails.

ATV GENERAL OPERATION COUNTY ROADS IN CROW WING COUNTY

- Crow Wing County allows for Class I and Class II ATV operation on all County roads which includes adherence to all Minnesota Off-Highway Regulations
- A valid driver's license is required to operate an ATV on a road right-of-way.
- Persons operating ATVs on all County roadways may operate the ATV on the right shoulder or the extreme right-hand side of the road and make left turns across the road only if it is safe to do so under prevailing conditions.
- No person shall operate an ATV on County roads at speeds greater than 30 miles per hour, except CSAH 66, which is 20 mph maximum.
- No person shall operate an ATV at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour on County State Aid Highway 66 from the Junction of County State Aid Highway 3 in the City of Crosslake to the Junction of County State Aid Highway 1 in the City of Manhattan Beach.

ATV GENERAL OPERATION ON COUNTY ROADS IN CASS COUNTY

- Cass County does not allow for Class I operation on county roads, except for sections of road that are part of a designated grant-in-aid trail.
- A valid driver's license is required to operate an ATV on a road right-of-way.
- Class 2 ATV operation must be operated on the extreme right-hand side of the road of a County or Township road, unless prohibited by local regulations.
- Class 1 ATV operation must be operated off the roadway in the ditch area of a public roadway. For operation on a bridge, a roadway shoulder, or the inside bank of a public road right of way, if necessary, to avoid obstructions to travel or in environmentally sensitive areas, you must remain in the farthest right-hand lane, enter the roadway within 100 feet of the bridge, obstacle, or area, and make the crossing without delay.



ATV Trail Etiquette

Ride 20 MPH or less on all township roads. The local road authority can close these roads to ATV travel as a trail connection if speed is a danger to overall safety. This reduces dust, noise, and safer for riders, property owners along the road, pedestrians, other vehicles using the road.

Stay on Trail!

Do not ride off-trail or create your own technical feature on the trails. These trails are maintained by volunteers and follow Grant-In-Aid trail requirements to keep open.

Slow down when approaching blind curves -Most trails are two-way trails and operator should expect another machine coming around the curve.

Do not damage county or township roads. Doing donuts on the road does increase road maintenance costs.

Do not jump drive approaches -Yield when crossing a drive approach.

Slow Down – Speed and reckless driving is a leading cause of accidents and roll-overs and fatalities.

**“Ride as if everyone is watching-Speak as if everyone is listening-Post as if everyone is reading.”
Safe Riding-Join a Club-Join ATV Association of Minnesota (www.atvam.org)**

**Pick-up, Download, Read, and Understand current Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations
www.dnr.state.mn.us/regulations/ohv**

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