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DEFINITIONS

All-terrain Vehicles (ATVs) have at least three, but no more than six, low-pressure or non-pneumatic tires (not filled with or containing compressed air) with a total dry weight less than 2,000 pounds and a total width from outside of tire rim to outside of tire rim that is 65 inches or less. ATVs include Class 1 and Class 2. Dry weight is normally the weight of the vehicle without fluids. Vehicles NOT considered ATVs includes golf carts, mini-trucks, dune buggies, go carts, or a vehicle designed and used specifically for lawn maintenance, agriculture, logging, or mining purposes.



Class 1 ATVs width 50 inches or less.



Class 2 ATVs width greater than 50 inches but not more than 65 inches.

Approved Helmet

An approved helmet worn by an operator or passenger must meet federal law, which requires the helmet to display the symbol DOT. DOT is the manufacturer's certification that the helmet conforms to the applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards. Standard bicycle helmets and hockey helmets are not legal helmets.



Off-highway Motorcycles (OHMs) travel on two wheels, have a seat or saddle designed to be straddled by the operator and have handlebars for steering control. Motorcycles may be legal for highway use and still considered to be OHMs if used for off-highway operation on trails or natural terrain.

Off-highway Vehicle

The term Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) includes All-terrain Vehicles (ATVs), Off-highway Motorcycles (OHMs), and Off-road Vehicles (ORVs).

Off-highway Vehicle Use Areas are areas posted or designated for off-highway vehicle use.



Off-road Vehicles (ORVs) are motorized recreational vehicles capable of cross-country travel on natural terrain. Vehicles NOT considered ORVs include snowmobiles, ATVs, OHMs, motorcycles, watercraft, or aircraft. Farm, logging, military, emergency, law enforcement, utility, trail grooming, and construction vehicles are not considered to be ORVs when used for their intended purpose.

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Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Awards 2016 ATV Volunteer Instructor of the Year to Jayd Soderholm

Jayd Soderholm with the Cottonwood County Sheriff's Department teaches ATV safety to youth in the Windom area. "Jayd thinks outside of the box during his classroom and hands-on ATV course to keep kids involved and interested," said Conservation Officer Dustin Miller (Windom station). "The passion he delivers during the teaching of ATV safety is second to none. Parents are extremely supportive of the class and are happy the training is offered." Bruce Lawrence, DNR Enforcement recreational vehicle coordinator, said, "Soderholm has built great relationships with local ATV dealerships and community leaders to have items donated, such as ATVs and helmets for students to use."

Learn how you can become a DNR youth volunteer instructor at:
www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/process

REGISTRATION

OHVs must be registered to operate in Minnesota.

An application for transfer must be executed by the registered owner and the purchaser using a bill of sale that includes the vehicle serial number.

There are exemptions provided by law. If your answer is “YES” to any of the statements below, registration is not required.

If you are operating an:

- ☐ ATV on a state and/or grant-in-aid trail on June 8-10, 2018 “Free Riding Weekend” (ATV registration and nonresident ATV trail passes will not be required to ride on state and grant-in-aid trails those days).
- ☐ ATV, OHM or ORV registered in another state or country and not in Minnesota for more than 30 consecutive days.
- ☐ ATV, OHM or ORV owned by federal, local and tribal governments. OHM or ORV licensed for highway use when operated on forest roads.
- ☐ OHM operated by a person participating in an event for which the Minnesota DNR has issued a special use permit exempting the registration or nonresident trail pass requirements.
- ☐ OHMs not in Minnesota for more than 30 consecutive days and are operated on state and grant-in-aid trails by a nonresident possessing a nonresident state trail pass.
- ☐ ATV or OHM that is used exclusively in organized track racing events.
- ☐ ATV owned by a resident of another state or country that does not require registration of the ATV, not in Minnesota for more than 30 consecutive days, and is operated on state and grant-in-aid trails by a nonresident possessing a nonresident state trail pass.
- ☐ ATV that is registered by an Indian tribal government to a tribal member and has not been outside the tribal reservation boundary for more than 30 consecutive days.
- ☐ ATV that is 25 years or older (see page 11).
- ☐ ORV operated on frozen waters or private property (not a designated ORV trail).

Dealer and Manufacturer Registration

Registration with the DNR is required by OHV dealers and manufacturers to operate machines for testing or demonstration purposes. Dealer and manufacturer registration applications and plates may be purchased at a local deputy registrar and at the DNR License Center in St. Paul.

- A registration certificate and a registration plate will be issued. The plates will be issued from the DNR.
- The registration certificate must be prominently displayed in the place of business.
- The registration plate must be displayed on the vehicle before dealers or manufacturers may operate or permit operation of any off-highway vehicle they own or control.
- Additional plates are available for \$4.00 plus filing fee.

Registration of OHVs—Frequently Asked Questions

Question: How do I register an OHV?

Answer: You must be at least 18 years old to register an off-highway vehicle you own. A card and decal are provided with the registration of the off-highway vehicle. See page 13 for how the registration must be displayed on the ATV, OHM or ORV.

Question: Where do I register an OHV?

Answer: At a deputy registrar of motor vehicles office (where automobile license tabs are purchased) or at the DNR License Center in St. Paul. You may renew your OHV registration online at www.mndnr.gov/licenses/ohv. No additional fee will be charged.

Question: What information must I bring to register my ownership of an OHV?

Answer: Bring information including the make, model, year, serial number, and sales receipt. For OHM registration, the engine size is required. For ATV registration, the dry weight and width from outside rim to outside rim is required. You also will be asked for the engine size.

Question: What do I receive when I register?

Answer: A registration card and an expiration decal are issued when an ATV or OHM is registered. ATVs and OHMs purchased from a retail dealer must be registered at the dealer by the owner. The dealer will issue a temporary 21-day registration.

ATV Registration

All-terrain vehicles are classified and registered as either a Class 1 ATV or a Class 2 ATV (see page 5 for definitions). All ATVs operated in Minnesota must be registered with the DNR, including those used exclusively on private property. See exceptions on page 9. Class 1 or Class 2 will be indicated on the owner's ATV registration card and decal at registration or renewal.

What Kind of Registration Is Needed?

ATV Public Use Registration

- If you will ride this ATV on public ATV trails or land and roadways.
- This registration is valid for three years.

ATV Private/Agricultural Use Registration

- If you will use your ATV (Class 1 or Class 2) exclusively for private or agricultural activities, harvesting wood, or on private property.
- This registration does not expire and is valid until the ownership of the ATV is transferred.

ATV Collector Use Registration

- If your ATV is 25 years or older.
- ATVs 25 years and older are exempt from registration if they were originally produced as a separate, identifiable make by a manufacturer.
- This registration is non-transferable.

Both Public and Private Use Registration

- If you will use your ATV for agricultural purposes on the roadway and on public trails, public land, and/or on frozen water.
- You need both. An ATV private/agricultural registration is needed when using the ATV for agricultural activities and an ATV public use registration is needed when out on public trails, public land and/or on frozen water.

ATV With Tracks

Putting tracks on an ATV changes where operation is permitted and registration requirements to an ORV.

OHM Registration

All OHMs operated in Minnesota must be registered with DNR. See page 9 for exemptions. Even when operated on private property, registration is required. This registration is valid for three years.

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OHM Recreational Registration and Highway Use License

Some OHMs are equipped so that they may be legally licensed for highway use. An OHM licensed for highway use that is also used off-road must have both the regular motorcycle license and the DNR OHM registration. An OHM registered for off-road use may also be licensed for highway use if properly equipped. Equipment requirements include: headlights, taillights, mirrors, horn, and other modifications. Contact the Department of Public Safety for further details and application procedures.

ORV Registration

All ORVs operated on DNR designated or grant-in-aid ORV trails or areas must be registered with the DNR. This registration is valid for three years.

ORV Recreational Registration and Highway Use License

Many ORVs are licensed for highway use. An ORV licensed for highway use that is also operated on designated public ORV use areas or trails must have both the regular vehicle license and DNR ORV registration.

OHV Replacement Registration Cards and Decals

You may obtain a replacement registration card for \$10.00 or a replacement decal for \$6.00 from the DNR License Center or a deputy registrar office (where automobile license tabs are purchased). Replacement decals and numbers must be affixed in the same manner as the original. You are not required to carry the registration card, but when an enforcement officer requests to see it, it must be provided within a reasonable time period.

Question: What if I sell my OHV?

Answer: If you sell your OHV, give the new owner a signed bill of sale that includes the serial number of the vehicle. The serial number is also found on the registration card.

Question: What if I buy an OHV from another owner?

Answer: The new owner must report the transfer of ownership within 15 days of the sale at a deputy registrar office or at the DNR License Center in St. Paul. A new owner can be charged with a misdemeanor for failure to file and transfer ownership within 15 days of the sale. Any transfers and registration renewals are the responsibility of the owner.

Display of Numbers and Decals

Registered ATVs must display the current public use registration number and decal(s) on a plate as indicated below. The plate and decal must be maintained in a clear and legible condition.

Registration plate must be:

- At least 4 inches high and 7½ inches long.
- Clearly visible on the back of the vehicle.
- At least 12 inches from the ground.

Registration letters and numbers must be:

- At least 1½ inches high with a ⅜-inch stroke.
- In English and placed from left to right.
- In a color that contrasts with the background of the plate.

Public use or collector registration. The decal must be displayed in the upper left section of the plate. ATVs 25 years and older do not need to be registered (see page 11).

Private use only registration. The decal must be displayed in the upper right section of the plate. No numbers are needed for this type of registration.

Both public and private use registration. The public use decal and private use decal must be displayed in the appropriate section of the plate.

OHMs licensed in Minnesota for roadway use and registered for off-road use must display the OHM decal in the upper left corner of the rear regular motorcycle license plate. The DNR registration number should not be displayed.

OHMs registered only for off-road use must display the current registration decal on the side of the OHM so it is visible while the rider is on the OHM. It may be attached to the fork tube.

ORV registered only for off-road use must display the current decal on a plate at least 4 inches high and 7½ inches long. No registration number should be displayed. The plate must be clearly visible on the back of the vehicle and at least 12 inches from the ground. The decal must be displayed in the upper left corner of the plate. The plate and decal must be maintained in a clear and legible condition.

ORVs licensed in Minnesota for roadway use and registered for off-road use must display the ORV decal in the upper left corner of the regular rear motor vehicle license plate. The DNR registration number should not be displayed.

Registration Fees

All-terrain Vehicle Registration Fees—Effective 07/01/2017

TYPE OF TRANSACTION	FEE	ISSUING FEE	DURATION
New (unregistered)	60.00	8.50	3 calendar years
Renewal only	60.00	6.00	3 calendar years
Transfer only	4.00	8.50	
Renewal and transfer	64.00	8.50	
Duplicate registration card	4.00	6.00	
Duplicate registration decal only	0.00	6.00	
Dealer's registration	50.00	8.50	1 year
Dealer's registration renewal	50.00	6.00	1 year
Manufacturer's registration	150.00	8.50	1 year
Manufacturer's registration renewal	150.00	6.00	1 year
Nonresident trail pass	30.00	1.00	1 year
Duplicate nonresident trail pass	2.00	.50	
New collector ATV	6.00	8.50	Non-expiring
Duplicate collector ATV	4.00	6.00	
Transfer only	4.00	8.50	
Renewal and transfer	34.00	8.50	
Duplicate registration card	4.00	6.00	
Duplicate registration decal only	0.00	6.00	
Dealer's registration	50.00	8.50	1 year
Dealer's registration renewal	50.00	6.00	1 year
Manufacturer's registration	150.00	8.50	1 year
Manufacturer's registration renewal	150.00	6.00	1 year

Agricultural Registration Fees—Effective 7/1/2017

TYPE OF TRANSACTION	FEE	ISSUING FEE	DURATION
New (unregistered)	6.00	8.50	
Duplicate registration card	4.00	6.00	
Duplicate registration decal only	0.00	6.00	

Off-road Vehicle Registration Fees—Effective 7/1/2017

TYPE OF TRANSACTION	FEE	ISSUING FEE	DURATION
New (unregistered)	30.00	8.50	3 calendar years
Renewal only	30.00	6.00	3 calendar years
30-day resident trail pass	20.00	1.00	30 consecutive days
One-year nonresident trail pass	20.00	1.00	1 year
Three-year nonresident trail pass	30.00	1.00	3 years
Duplicate	4.00	.50	

Off-highway Motorcycle Registration Fees—Effective 7/1/2017

TYPE OF TRANSACTION	FEE	ISSUING FEE	DURATION
New (unregistered)	30.00	8.50	3 calendar years
Renewal only	30.00	6.00	3 calendar years
Transfer only	4.00	8.50	
Renewal and transfer	34.00	8.50	
Duplicate registration card	4.00	6.00	
Duplicate registration decal only	0.00	6.00	
Dealer's registration	50.00	8.50	1 year
Dealer's registration renewal	50.00	6.00	1 year
Manufacturer's registration	150.00	8.50	1 year
Manufacturer's registration renewal	150.00	6.00	1 year
One-year nonresident trail pass	20.00	1.00	1 year

NONRESIDENT TRAIL PASSES REQUIRED FOR ATV, OHM AND ORV

- A trail pass is required for nonresidents operating an ATV, OHM or ORV that is not registered in Minnesota on state or grant-in-aid trails.
- The ATV or OHM trail pass must be available for inspection when requested by a law enforcement officer.
- The ORV trail pass must be displayed on the vehicle where it is readily visible.
- Nonresidents do NOT need a pass if operating on a portion of an ATV, OHM or ORV trail that is owned by the person or the person's spouse, child, or parent, or if the ATV, OHM or ORV is registered in Minnesota.
- Duplicate nonresident ATV, OHM and ORV trail passes are available.
- Nonresident trail passes can be purchased online (an additional 3% plus \$1.65 service fee will be added), or at game and fish license agents, and deputy registrar offices.

GENERAL OPERATIONS OF ATVS, OHMS AND ORVS

The following regulations apply to all off-highway vehicles: all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, and off-road vehicles. Additional information and regulations specific to each of these vehicle types can be found in the ATV, OHM and ORV sections of this booklet.

It is illegal to operate on the inside slope, shoulder, and roadway of state and county roads. Class 2 ATVs may be operated on the shoulder or extreme right side of county or township roads and city streets if not prohibited by the road authority or other local laws. Class 2 ATVs may NOT be operated on the shoulder of a state trunk highway. A Class 1 side-by-side ATV must have a steering wheel, seat belts, and roll-over protective structure to be operated like a Class 2 on roadways.

Required Equipment

The following are required for all off-highway vehicles operated on public lands, waters, trails, and public streets and roads open to vehicle use:

Brakes

Brakes must control movement and stop and hold the vehicle.

Throttle

Throttle must return the engine to idle when pressure to advance the throttle is removed.

Mufflers

- Mufflers must have a federally approved spark arrestor.
- Overall noise emission from ATVs and ORVs may not exceed 99 decibels at a distance of 20 inches.
- OHMs that are not competition cycles, and were manufactured in or after 1986, may not exceed noise emissions of 96 decibels at a distance of 20 inches.
- Mufflers may not be altered to increase motor noise, or have a cutout, bypass, or similar device except if used at organized events.

Towing

- A straight-arm bar must be used to tow a trailer or other device containing passengers.
- A disabled vehicle being towed may contain a person to steer.
- At least 16 square inches of reflective material that is unobstructed and visible must be mounted on each side and at the rear of a trailer or other device.

Operating Restrictions

Crossing Public Roads

A valid driver's license is required to operate anywhere it is legal on road rights-of-way, including ditches, inside and outside slopes, and crossing roads. The only exception would be on portions of a designated trail for that vehicle type that specifically includes a road right-of-way. Youth ages 12-16 on an ATV with a valid ATV youth safety certificate and accompanied by a parent or legal guardian on a separate ATV may operate on a roadway.

OHMs, ORVs and Class 2 ATVs cannot be operated on the road ditch bottom or outside ditch slope unless on a trail designated for that specific vehicle type. See Class 2 ATV operating exceptions.

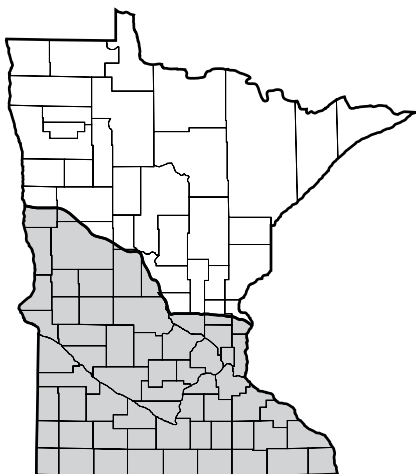
Public Road Right-of-way

OHV riding may be permitted on grant-in-aid trails that include portions of the public road right-of-way when signed for that vehicle type. *Public road right-of-way* means the entire right-of-way of a roadway that is not privately owned, including the traveled portions, banks, ditches, shoulders, and medians.

Agricultural Zone Restriction

You may not drive an ATV within the right-of-way (ditch) of a state or county road from April 1 to August 1 in the agricultural zone. This does not apply to grant-in-aid trails or to Class 1 ATVs registered and used exclusively for agricultural purposes. Class 2 ATVs cannot be operated in ditches. See Class 2 ATV operating exceptions August 1 to April 1 (page 32).

The Minnesota agricultural zone is the area lying south and west of a line formed by the following highway rights-of-way: starting at the North Dakota border, the line goes east along U.S. Highway 10 to State Highway 23, then follows Highway 23 east to State Highway 95 to the Wisconsin border. The agricultural zone does not include the rights-of-way of these boundary highways, and applies only to Class 1 ATV use.



You May NOT ride:

- On the median of a four-lane highway.
- Within the right-of-way of any interstate highway or freeway.
- On the right-of-way between opposing lanes of traffic.
- On grant-in-aid snowmobile trails.
- On designated non-motorized trails.
- At airports.
- Below the ordinary high-water level of unfrozen public waters that are lakes, streams, rivers, and certain wetlands, or in calcareous fens.
- On any frozen public waters where you don't have legal access or where it is prohibited.
- In any area restricted by local ordinances.
- In a tree nursery or planting area.
- On state forest lands that are posted or designated closed to motorized uses.
- On agricultural land without permission.

- In most state parks, state recreation areas, state historic sites, wildlife management areas (WMAs), state scientific and natural areas (SNAs) with the exception of posted trails and areas. OHV use is prohibited on WMAs, except OHVs that are licensed highway motor vehicles may be operated on established roads at speeds up to 20 miles per hour in the following WMAs: Carlos Avery, Hubbel Pond, Mille Lacs, Red Lake, Roseau River, and Thief Lake.

Also see ATV, OHM and ORV general operations restrictions in this booklet.

Other Prohibitions

You may NOT:

- Operate an OHV in a careless, reckless or negligent manner that endangers another person or property.
- Litter.
- Enter or leave lands by cutting wire or tearing down a fence.
- Mutilate, destroy, damage or remove any property within a trail or on state land.
- Post, damage or remove any signs on any lands or waters unless you are the landowner, occupant or lessee of the property.

OHVs and Wetland Disturbance

You may NOT operate an OHV in a manner to:

- Indicate a willful, wanton or reckless disregard for the safety of persons or property.
- Carelessly upset the natural and ecological balance of a wetland or public waters wetland.
- Impact a wetland or public waters wetland in excess of minimum amounts established by law.

There are increased penalties for OHV wetland disturbance. Conviction may be a gross misdemeanor and the OHV (ATV, OHM and ORV) may be forfeited. Wetland restrictions apply to private land as well as public land, and vary by area of the state and other criteria.

Don't Speed

Never operate an off-highway vehicle at a speed greater than is reasonable under all of the surrounding circumstances or greater than the posted speed limit on any public lands, waters, trails, or public road rights-of-way. Watch for and obey speed limit signs posted on trails. Speed limits may be waived in writing by the DNR for an organized race or competitive event.

When Trail Riding...

- Obey all trail signs.
- All designated trails are two-way unless posted otherwise. One-way trails must be traveled in the direction indicated.
- Stay to the right when meeting or being passed by another trail user.
- Pass on the left. When passing another trail user you must pass on the left half of the tread-way and only when the trail is free from oncoming traffic to safely pass the other trail user.
- Yield to non-motorized trail users and shut off your engine when meeting a horse until the horse has passed or until waved on.
- When entering or crossing a trail you must yield to trail traffic. When two trail users are about to enter an unmarked tread-way intersection from different directions, the trail user to the right has the right-of-way.

Where Can You Ride?

In the Seven-County Metro Area

In the following counties—Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott or Washington County (the seven-county metro area)—you MAY ride OHVs on:

- Your own land.
- Land other than your own with written or verbal permission of the landowner, occupant or lessee.
- Land posted with signs specifically permitting the use of OHVs.

You MAY NOT ride OHVs on land you do not own unless given written or verbal permission by the owner, occupant or lessee.

Land uses vary. Be sure to check federal, state and local regulations for specific restrictions.

Outside of the Seven-County Metro Area

You MAY ride OHVs on:

- Private land with the landowner's permission.
- Frozen public waters where you have legal access, if not restricted by law or local ordinance.
- Public lands and trails that are open to OHVs.

You MAY NOT ride on land where you have been told verbally, in writing, or by posted signs, not to ride.

Check for Other Government Regulations or Ordinances

Cities, towns, counties, and road authorities may further regulate the operation of off-highway vehicles under their jurisdiction. A county, city or town may by ordinance allow operation of an all-terrain vehicle on a public road or street under its jurisdiction to access businesses and residences and to make trail connections. Check with the appropriate unit of government for additional regulations or restrictions.

The U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regulate motor vehicle use on federal lands. Check with the managing agency before riding on these lands.

STATE FOREST LANDS

Minnesota state forests have been classified into three groupings for off-highway and motor vehicle use: Managed, Limited and Closed. For a complete listing of state forest classifications see page 24. You can ride your OHV on state forest roads and trails in accordance with state forest motor vehicle use classifications and regulations.

- In managed state forests north of U.S. Highway. 2, OHVs may operate on mapped trails and other existing routes that are not gated or posted “Closed.”
- In both managed and limited state forests, forest roads are open to OHV use unless posted “Closed.”
- In limited state forests, OHV operation is allowed only on signed and mapped routes that are open for that type of OHV use. For example, trails can be designated for ATV, OHM, and/or ORV use.

Seasonal or Temporary Road and Trail Closures

Closures may be imposed at any time due to trail repairs, wet soil conditions, logging operations, or other natural resource protection or public safety concerns. Most often, closures happen during spring thaw or following a heavy summer rainfall. Closures are unpredictable, so always check www.mndnr.gov/ohv before you ride (updated Thursdays after 2 p.m.). State forest trails close during hunting season; see page 23.

Events on State Forest Lands

The DNR may provide temporary exceptions to the general rules for a specific state park, forest campground, forest day-use area, or state forest lands for emergencies or authorized special events. Notice of the exception

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will be plainly posted at the site. To hold a special event on state forest lands, a permit is required. Contact the Minnesota DNR Information Center.

Where You May Ride

In a managed forest: On all state forest roads, trails and non-designated routes unless posted “Closed.”

In a limited forest: On forest roads and on trails designated and signed to permit specific motor vehicle use and on trails specifically designated and signed for a vehicle type. For example, trails can be designated for ATV, OHM, and/or ORV use.

In a closed forest: On frozen public waters.

In the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest: On trails designated and signed “Open.”

Where You May NOT Ride

- In a state forest classified as “Closed.”
- Within the boundaries of an area that is posted and designated as “Closed.”
- On designated non-motorized trails unless also posted “Open” for a specific motorized use.
- Off of routes, roads and designated trails except when hunter/trapper exception applies. (See the *Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations Booklet* at www.mndnr.gov/regulations for more information).
- On forest lands in a manner that causes erosion or rutting or that damages or destroys trees or growing crops (the rutting provision does not apply on designated motorized trails).
- On or over lakes, rivers or streams except:
 - › When the water body is ice-covered.
 - › At a bridge, culvert or designated low-water crossing.
- During deer hunting season, you may NOT ride on state forest trails in areas of the state where deer may be taken by rifle, unless you possess a deer hunting license. State forest roads remain open.

Off-road or Off-trail Travel

Traveling off roads and trails is PROHIBITED on state lands. See Big Game Hunting/Trapping Exceptions, page 23.

Big Game Hunting/Trapping Exceptions

Persons with a valid hunting, trapping, or commercial license in possession may:

Travel off road and off trail in **Class 1 ATVs** to:

1. Retrieve big game (Sept. - Dec.).
2. Hunt for big game and construct stands (Oct. - Dec.).
3. Trap during the open season for protected furbearers.
4. Trap for minnows under certain conditions.

Persons with a valid hunting, trapping or commercial license in possession may use **Class 2 ATVs, ORVs** and **highway-licensed vehicles (HLVs)** to travel on:

1. Forest trails designated for ORV use.
2. A route not designated for other uses or posted “Closed” in managed forests. See *Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations Handbook* at www.mndnr.gov/regulations for more information.

Firearms Deer Hunting

On public lands a person possessing a valid deer license may operate an off-highway vehicle during the firearms deer season only:

- Before legal shooting hours (½ hour before sunrise).
- From 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- After legal shooting hours (½ hour after sunset).

Areas With Limitations

The big game hunter/trapper exceptions do not apply in areas signed and mapped as “No Motorized Travel.” It also does not apply within the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest.

Other Restrictions and Prohibitions

- Unauthorized trail construction is NOT allowed on state forest lands.
- Motor vehicles must be operated in a manner that does not cause damage to the road, land or other natural resources. Motor vehicle use causing erosion, rutting or damage to trees is prohibited.
- In Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest, motor vehicles may operate ONLY on forest roads that are not posted “Closed” and on forest trails that are designated for motorized use.

State Forest Classifications

Some state forests have more than one motor vehicle use classification and are listed below more than once.

State Forests Classified as “Closed”

Battleground	Lake Isabella
Birch Lakes	Lake Jeanette (portions)
Buena Vista (portions)	Pillsbury
Burntside (portions)	Sand Dunes
Cloquet Valley (portions)	Snake River (portions)
Finland (portions)	Welsh Lake
George Washington (portions)	Whiteface River
Insula Lake	

State Forests Classified as “Limited”

Badoura	Lake Jeanette (portions)
Bear Island	Lyons
Bowstring	Mississippi Headwaters
Buena Vista (portions)	Nemadji
Burntside (portions)	Pat Bayle
Chengwatana	Paul Bunyan
Cloquet Valley (portions)	R.J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood
Crow Wing	Remer
Daughters of the American Revolution	Rum River
Emily	St. Croix
Finland (portions)	Smoky Hills
Fond Du Lac	Snake River (portions)
Foothills	Solana
General C.C. Andrews	Sturgeon River (portions)
George Washington (portions)	Two Inlets
Golden Anniversary	Wealthwood
Hill River	White Earth
Huntersville	Waukenabo

State Forests Classified as “Managed”

Beltrami	Lake of the Woods
Big Fork	Land O’ Lakes
Blackduck	Lost River
Cloquet Valley (portions)	Northwest Angle
Finland (portions)	Pine Island
George Washington (portions)	Red Lake
Grand Portage	Savanna
Kabetogama	Smokey Bear
Koochiching	Sturgeon River (portions)

NATIONAL FOREST LANDS

National forest lands in Minnesota are open to many public uses including camping, hunting, fishing, trapping, snowmobiling, and OHV riding. State of Minnesota regulations regarding boating, fishing, hunting, ATV or snowmobile operation apply on national forest lands. The Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) is the legal guide for motor vehicle use on the national forests. The MVUM is updated annually and available at no charge at the forest supervisor or ranger district offices.

You may ride an OHV and highway-licensed vehicles (HLV) on national forest roads or trails designated open to these uses on the MVUM map. You may NOT ride on national forest roads that are signed, gated, bermed with dirt, rocks, trees, etc., or not designated “Open” on the MVUM map.

For Information About National Forests, Contact:

Chippewa National Forest

218-335-8600
www.fs.usda.gov/chippewa

Superior National Forest

218-626-4300
www.fs.usda.gov/superior

COUNTY FOREST LANDS

Counties may have adopted different regulations on county administered land within state forest boundaries. For information on regulations, roads and trails on county land, please contact that county directly.

ENFORCEMENT

Conservation officers, deputy sheriffs, police officers, and state troopers all enforce off-highway vehicle rules. You must stop when signaled by a law enforcement officer.

Odometer Tampering

It is unlawful to knowingly tamper with an OHV odometer with the intent to defraud by reflecting a lower mileage than the true mileage, the same as other motor vehicles.

Penalties

- Fleeing a law enforcement officer on an OHV is a felony and the OHV used may be forfeited.
- A violation of an ATV, OHM or ORV law is a misdemeanor.
- Most operation, registration and trespass violations also can be enforced by issuing a civil citation and can include restitution. Fines for second or subsequent violations in wetlands, including the use of snorkel devices or for careless or reckless operation, can be more than double.
- Carelessly and recklessly upsetting the natural and ecological balance of a wetland is a gross misdemeanor, and the vehicle may be forfeited upon a second gross misdemeanor of this type.

Violator Suspension and Training

OHV operators who receive a ticket and are convicted of violating any law related to OHV operation are required to complete the Minnesota DNR ATV online course. An ATV operator, who is convicted of a careless or reckless offense, or for a second or subsequent offense, must complete the Minnesota DNR ATV online course in addition to the ATV safety operator course component.

In addition to the training requirements listed here, operating privileges are automatically suspended for one year for:

- Conviction for carelessly and recklessly upsetting the natural and ecological balance of a wetland (gross misdemeanor violation).
- Operation on unfrozen public water, or in a state park, SNA, or WMA.
- Willful, wanton or reckless disregard for the safety of persons or property.
- Carelessly upsetting the natural and ecological balance of a wetland or public waters wetland.

Reporting Stolen, Abandoned or Destroyed Vehicles

A registered off-highway vehicle that is abandoned, stolen or destroyed must be reported to the DNR License Center within 15 days. No fee is charged for reporting the vehicle.

Accident Reports

To report an OHV violation or an accident, call 911. The OHV operator and the officer investigating an OHV accident must file a written report to the DNR within 10 days if the accident resulted in a human injury requiring medical attention, hospitalization or death; or total damage of \$300 or more for ORVs, or \$500 or more for ATVs and OHMs. Accident reports are available by calling the DNR or online at: www.mndnr.gov/enforcement.

Operating While Intoxicated

Operating an off-highway vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or other hazardous substance is unlawful.

Operators who are impaired may be required to submit to tests by a law enforcement officer. Refusal to submit to the test is a crime and the person's operating privileges will be suspended for one year.

Off-highway vehicle DWI convictions and refusals are recorded on the violator's driver's license record and may affect their driver's license privileges. An operator, who is found to be impaired or has an alcohol concentration of .08 or more, can be charged with a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, or felony level DWI.

Persons convicted of a DWI may be subject to one or more of the following:

- Fines; jail time; loss of OHV operating privileges.
- Forfeiture of the OHV.
- Loss of motor vehicle driver's license privileges and motor vehicle plate impoundment.

Open Bottle Law

It is unlawful for a person to drink or consume alcoholic beverages when an OHV is operated on a roadway or shoulder of a roadway that is not a part of a designated trail for that vehicle type.

Trespass

ASK FIRST. You must have permission to enter legally posted land or agricultural land. Trespass laws apply to all outdoor recreation, including off-highway vehicle riding. Further information on trespass laws can be found in the *Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations Handbook* at www.mndnr.gov/regulations.

You may NOT:

- Wound or kill another person's domestic animal.
- Destroy private property.
- Pass through a closed gate without returning it to the original position.
- Stray off marked state trails.

Agricultural land is broadly defined. All planted grassland, hay land and short-rotation woody cropland also meet the definition of agricultural land. These lands do not need to be posted. Entering without permission is trespassing.

OHV Riding Restrictions During Deer Hunting Season

OHV trails and routes on state forest lands are closed to ALL recreational off-highway vehicle riding (ATV, OHM and ORV) during firearms deer season where deer may be taken by rifle in Hunting Zone A, Series 100 and portions of Series 200. See the *Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations Handbook* at www.mndnr.gov/regulations for dates and zones annually. Persons possessing a valid deer license may use an ATV in these areas ONLY between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and before and after legal shooting time. Forest roads remain OPEN to OHV use. See page 23.

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

Youth operation of a Class 1 or Class 2 ATV

The owner or adult in control of an ATV is legally responsible to ensure it is operated according to the following requirements:

- Anyone born after July 1, 1987, who is **age 12 or older**, must have a valid ATV Safety Certificate to operate on public lands, trails, and frozen waters and when crossing road rights-of-way. Proof of completing an ATV safety course that includes a riding class component offered by the ATV Safety Institute (ASI) or another state is adequate to meet the safety certificate requirements of Minnesota.
- Youth **under age 16** must have permission from their parent or guardian to operate an ATV.
- Youth **under age 16** may not operate an ATV on public lands or water, or on state or grant-in-aid trails, if the person cannot properly reach and control the handlebars and reach the foot pegs while sitting upright on the seat.
- Anyone **under age 18** must wear an approved helmet while operating or riding on public lands, trails, and frozen waters and when crossing road rights-of-way. See definition of “Approved Helmet” (page 5).

ATV Operators and Passengers

As an operator **age 12 to 17**, you may carry one passenger on a Class 1 ATV only if the passenger is your parent or legal guardian.

As an operator **age 18 or older**, you may carry:

- One passenger on a Class 1 ATV.
- A passenger, or up to the number of passengers for which a Class 2 ATV was designed.

As a passenger **under age 18**, you must:

- Wear an approved helmet when riding on public lands or waters, or a public road right-of-way (see page 5 for definition of “Approved Helmet”).
- Wear a seat belt if provided by the manufacturer when riding on public lands or waters, or a public road right-of-way.

Youth Class 1 ATV Operation

In addition to the above, youth:

- **Under age 10** may operate only on private property with permission of the owner.

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- **Ages 10 and 11** may operate only on private property with permission of the owner, except an ATV with a straddle seat up to 110cc or up to 170cc with side-by-side seating on public lands and frozen waters if accompanied by parent or legal guardian.
- **Ages 12 through 15** may operate:
 - › On public lands and frozen waters and make direct crossing of roadways with a valid safety certificate if accompanied on another ATV by a person age 18 or older who has a valid driver's license.
 - › On the bank, slope, ditch of a public road right-of-way or roadway open by local ordinance with a valid ATV Safety Certificate when accompanied by a parent or legal guardian on a separate ATV.
- **Ages 16 and 17** must have a valid driver's license and ATV Safety Certificate to make a direct crossing of a roadway or operate on road rights-of-way or roadway open by local ordinance unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian on a separate ATV.

Youth Class 2 ATV Operation

Anyone **under age 15** may NOT operate a Class 2 ATV anywhere.

In addition to the information at the top of page 29, youth **age 15** with a valid ATV Safety Certificate may operate a Class 2:

- On the right shoulder or the extreme right-hand side of public road when accompanied by a parent or legal guardian on a separate ATV.
- On public lands and frozen waters and make direct crossing of roadways if accompanied on another ATV by a person age 18 or older who has a valid driver's license.
- In road right-of-way of a trunk, county state-aid, or county highway but only to access businesses or make trail connections. A left turn may be made if it is safe to do so.

Youth **ages 16 to 17** must have a valid driver's license to make a direct crossing of a roadway or operate on road rights-of-way.

Nonresident ATV Operators

A nonresident trail pass must be in possession to operate an ATV on state or grant-in-aid trails. The trail pass does not need to be displayed, but must be available for inspection when requested by an officer. The pass is NOT required if the nonresident operator is driving an ATV that is registered in Minnesota. Proof of completion of the ATV Rider Course offered by the ATV Safety Institute (ASI) is adequate to meet the safety certificate requirements of Minnesota.

ATV Safety Training Requirements—Residents and Nonresidents

ATV safety training is recommended for everyone who operates an ATV. An ATV Safety Certificate is required by law for certain youth to operate an ATV on public lands. Exception: An ATV safety certificate is not required for youth **under age 12** in organized contests on public lands or public waters. Youth **under age 16**, must be able to properly reach and control the handlebars and reach the foot pegs while sitting upright on a straddle machine up to 110cc or the steering wheel and foot controls of a machine up to 170cc with side-by-side seating while sitting upright with the seatbelt fully engaged to operate an ATV on public lands or water, or on state or grant-in-aid trails and are supervised by a person 18 or older.

ATV Safety Training Requirement

Anyone born after July 1, 1987, who is **age 12 or older**, must have a valid ATV Safety Certificate to operate on public lands, trails, and frozen waters and when crossing road rights-of-way. There is an exception for youth **age 10 or 11** to operate an ATV straddle machine up to 110cc or the steering wheel and foot controls of a machine up to 170cc , on public lands or frozen waters if accompanied by parent or legal guardian.

The Minnesota DNR ATV Safety class includes information on: basic operation, common parts and controls, operating safely and responsibly, trail riding, rules and laws, riding skills, and protecting the environment.

Youth **ages 6 to 15** will complete the two-step process to ATV Safety Certification:

- Step 1: Complete an ATV online course.
- Step 2: Attend a hands-on ATV course.

ATV Safety Course Website

Find the online course and a schedule of hands-on courses at www.mndnr.gov/atv. Click on Education and Safety, and then under recreational vehicle safety classes, find and click ATV Safety to find the Hands-on ATV Course calendar.

www.atvcourse.com	Course fee \$29.95	Family/group rates available
www.offroad-ed.com	Course fee \$29.50	Family/group rates not available

Hands-on ATV course details:

- Additional fees may apply when attending the hands-on ATV course. Contact the lead ATV instructor.
- Youth **ages 6 to 11** must have a parent or guardian present at the hands-on ATV course.

Online ATV Training Requirement for Age 16 and Older

Anyone born after July 1, 1987, and who is **16 years or older** must successfully complete the online ATV Safety Training before operating an ATV on public lands, frozen waters, public road rights-of-way, or state or grant-in-aid trails. Not required to attend the hands-on ATV course.

Alternate ATV Safety Training Certification

Proof of completing an ATV safety course that includes a riding component offered by the ATV Safety Institute (ASI) or another state is adequate to meet the ATV safety certification requirements of Minnesota.

For information about safety training classes, call the DNR Safety Training Program at 800-366-8917 or go to www.mndnr.gov/safety/vehicle/atv.

ATV General Operations

A valid driver's license is required to operate an ATV on a road right-of-way, except when on a designated trail that includes a road right-of-way.

A person with a valid driver's license may operate a **Class 1 ATV**:

- Registered for private use and being used for agricultural purposes on a public right-of-way of a trunk, county, state aid, or county highway, if the ATV is on the extreme right side of the road. A left turn may be made if it is safe to do so.
- On the far right side of a township road, unless prohibited by local regulations. If traveling at a slower speed than other traffic on the township road, the ATV should be driven as close as practical to the right edge of the road.
- 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 environmentally sensitive areas. You must remain in the farthest right lane, enter the roadway within 100 feet of the bridge, obstacle, or area, and make the crossing without delay.

A person with a valid drivers license may operate a **Class 2 ATV**:

- On private land.
- On frozen lake surfaces.
- On state forest roads.
- On the shoulder or extreme right side of county roads and on the right side of township roads and city streets—if not prohibited by the road authority or other local laws.

- On designated Class 2 trails and use areas.
- In road right-of-way of a trunk, county state-aid, or county highway but only to access businesses or make trail connections. A left turn may be made if it is safe to do so.

Lights

Turn your lights on for safety and to obey the law. If your ATV is equipped with a headlight and taillight, they must be on at all times when operating the ATV.

ATV Operation Don'ts

You may NOT:

- Cross a bridge that is part of the traveled lanes of an interstate highway.
- Operate an ATV on controlled access/freeway portions of state highways.
- Exceed 10 mph on the frozen surface of public waters within 100 feet of another person who is not on an ATV (including people that are fishing) or within 100 feet of a fish house or other shelter.
- Operate an ATV on grant-in-aid snowmobile and non-motorized trails closed to ATVs unless specifically allowed.
- Operate an ATV with a snorkel device that has a raised air intake 6 inches or more above the manufacturer's original air intake. Exception: ATVs with snorkel devices may be operated within the Iron Range OHV State Recreation Area and other designated public OHV recreation areas.
- Operate a Class 1 ATV within the right-of-way, including the ditch, of a state or county road from April 1 to August 1 in the Minnesota agricultural zone (see page 18). This does not apply to Class 1 ATVs registered and used for agricultural purposes.
- Operate a Class 2 ATV in a ditch.

ATV Fit Law—One Size Does Not Fit All!

To operate an ATV on public lands or water, or on state or grant-in-aid trails, operators under age 16 must:

- Be able to properly reach and control the handlebars and reach the foot pegs while sitting upright on a straddle machine.
- Be able to properly reach the steering wheel and foot controls of a machine with side-by-side seating while sitting upright with the seatbelt fully engaged.

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Guidelines for Straddle Machines

Seat clearance: There should be a minimum of 3 inches between operator and the ATV seat. Proper clearance enables the operator to maintain balance on the foot rests when riding over rough terrain. Maintaining balance prevents the operator from falling off or being thrown from the machine.

Upper legs: While seated, the operator's upper legs should be horizontal (parallel to the ground).

Arm length: While seated on the machine and gripping the handle bar, there should be a distinct bend in the arm at the elbow. Without it, there will not be sufficient reach to properly grip the handlebars when turning and riding.

Hand size: With the hand gripping the handle bar, extend the fingers to the brake lever. The first joint of the index finger should extend beyond the brake lever. If it doesn't, then the hand is too small to safely operate the brake. Also, check to see that the arm length is sufficient to properly operate the brake lever and throttle while the handlebars are turned to the far left and right.

No ATV Registration or Nonresident ATV Trail Pass Weekend

Free Riding Weekend—ATV registration and nonresident ATV trail passes will not be required to ride on state and grant-in-aid trails on June 8-10, 2018.

OFF-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLES

OHM Youth Operators

Helmets

Operators under age 18 are required to wear a helmet when operating on public lands, frozen waters, and road rights-of-way. See page 5 for the definition of an “Approved Helmet.”

Under Age 12

- Must wear eye protection and an approved helmet.
- Must have in possession a valid OHM safety certificate when operating on public lands and frozen waters.
- May NOT make a direct crossing of a public road right-of-way.
- May NOT operate OHM on a public road or public road right-of-way.
- May NOT operate OHM on public lands or frozen public waters unless accompanied by a person age 18 or older. Exception: an operator participating in a DNR permitted event is not required to be accompanied by an adult.

Under Age 16

- Must wear eye protection and an approved helmet.
- Must have in possession a valid OHM safety certificate when operating on public lands, frozen waters, and public road rights-of-way.
- May make a direct crossing of a public road (except an interstate highway) if accompanied by a person age 18 or older with a valid driver’s license.

Ages 16 and 17

- Must wear eye protection and an approved helmet when operating on public lands, frozen waters, and public road rights-of-way.
- Must have a valid driver’s license to operate an OHM on a public roadway, and the motorcycle must be licensed for highway use. (A driver’s license is not required on designated trails when the trail specifically includes the road right-of-way.)

OHM Nonresident Youth Operators

Nonresidents under age 16 may operate an OHM on public lands or frozen waters if they have in possession proof of completing an OHM safety course offered by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Dirtbike School, or another state and are accompanied by a person age 18 or older who has a valid driver’s license.

OHM Safety Training Requirement

OHM operators under age 16 are required to have in possession an OHM safety certificate to operate on public lands, frozen waters, and state or grant-in-aid trails in Minnesota. The Minnesota DNR OHM Safety course includes information on: basic operation, common parts and controls, operating safely and responsibly, trail riding, rules and laws, riding skills and protecting the environment.

For more information, call the DNR Safety Training Program at 800-366-8917 or go to www.mndnr.gov/safety/vehicle/ohm.

OHM General Operations

- You may NOT operate an OHM in ditches, unless it is a trail designated for OHM use. OHMs registered for highway use may operate on roadways.
- A valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement is required to operate anywhere on road rights-of-way, including crossing roads. The only exception would be on portions of a designated trail that specifically include a road right-of-way.
- Your OHM must have a headlight, taillight and brakes to be operated on a public road. The lights must be on while operating on a trunk, county, state aid, or county highway; or when crossing a public road right-of-way, ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise; or in conditions of reduced visibility.
- You must wear eye protection when operating an OHM.
- You may NOT exceed 10 mph on the frozen surface of public waters within 100 feet of a person fishing or a fish house or other shelter.
- Sound levels for OHMs manufactured after 1986 may not exceed 96 decibels when operated on public lands.

OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

ORV Education and Safety Training

An ORV environmental and safety training flash drive course is available for persons age 16 or older. The course covers ORV familiarization, operating procedures, law, towing procedures, ethics, safety hazards, and environmental considerations. It is not required by law to take the course, but it is highly recommended. The cost is \$15.00. For more information, call the DNR Safety Training Program at 800-366-8917 or go to www.mndnr.gov/safety/vehicle/orv.

ORV Youth Operators

A person under 16 years of age may not operate an ORV. The owner of an ORV may not allow it to be operated by a person under age 16.

ORV General Operations

- All ORV passengers and operators must wear seat belts.
- A valid driver's license is required to cross roads. The only exception would be for those portions of a designated trail that specifically include a road right-of-way.
- ORVs are required to have lights on while crossing public roads ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise, and during periods of reduced visibility.
- You may operate on state forest roads, trails and lands as described on pages 21-25.
- You may not operate an ORV within the right-of-way of an interstate highway, or within a public road right-of-way, except on a designated trail.

ORV Registration Free Day at the Iron Range OHV Recreation Area

On May 19, 2018, the Iron Range Off-highway Vehicle Recreation Area will not require registration from any ORV riders that visit the site. The ORV registration free day falls on the third Saturday in May each year.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question: I'm a Minnesota resident and my ATV is registered in Wisconsin. Do I need the nonresident trail pass?

Answer: No, residents do not need this trail pass even if their vehicle is registered in a different state.

Question: Can I drive my ATV on the side of a road?

Answer: It depends on the type of ATV you are driving, the type of road you are on, and the age of the operator.

Question: Can I operate an OHM in the ditches?

Answer: No, OHMs cannot be operated in ditches unless on a trail designated for that specific vehicle type.

Question: Can I ride my ATV or OHM on a snowmobile trail?

Answer: No, most snowmobile trails cross lands because of a special permit that only allows public use during the winter season by snowmobiles. Any other use may be considered trespassing.

Question: Can I operate my ATV on snowmobile trails in the winter if there's no snow?

Answer: No, in most cases snowmobile trails cross private lands by permit and are not open to ATVs or other uses. Any other use except snowmobile riding would be trespassing. Exception: Trails and roads on state forest lands remain open to public use until groomed unless signed "Closed."

Question: Where can I ride my Class 1 ATV?

Answer: Several trails or parts of trails are for Class 1 ATVs only. For a list of trails for Class 1 ATVs, Class 2 ATVs, OHMs and ORVs, see the riding opportunities at www.mndnr.gov/ohv.

Question: Where can I ride my ATV if I put tracks on it?

Answer: Once you put tracks on an ATV it is considered an ORV. You can dual register it as an ORV and an ATV. See ORV General Operations on page 37.

A MESSAGE FROM DNR CONSERVATION OFFICERS

ATV Operators and Passengers

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- One passenger on a Class 1 ATV.
- A passenger, or up to the number of passengers for which a Class 2 ATV was designed.

As a passenger **under age 18**, you must:

- Wear an approved helmet when riding on public lands or waters, or a public road right-of-way. (See page 5 for definition of “Approved Helmet.”)
- Wear a seat belt if provided by the manufacturer when riding on public lands or waters, or a public road right-of-way.

Ride Safe—Ride Smart, Always!



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888-MINNDNR or 651-296-6157

For more information on OHV trails, maps, trip planning, safety training, rules and regulations, trail closures and more, visit www.mndnr.gov/ohv.



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