

IDAHO OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE PROGRAM



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YOUR OHV DOLLARS AT WORK

Idaho Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) registration sticker fees fund education programs, trail clearing and maintenance projects throughout the state.

With your support each year, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) funds trail crews. These crews include Trail Rangers and Trail Cat operators that maintain thousands of miles of trail, remove downed trees, clear and install water drainage systems, and re-establish tread.

In addition to maintaining your favorite places to play, your OHV dollars fund valuable ATV/UTV and motorbike safety courses for all ages. Idaho Department of



Parks and Recreation OHV registration sticker money is dedicated money that is returned to the sport. The twelve dollar (\$12.00) fee collected for off-highway vehicle registration stickers is allocated as follows:

- Vendors receive one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) for a handling fee.
- \$1 goes to Idaho Department of Lands to provide OHV opportunities.
- \$1 goes to county sheriffs for dedicated OHV law enforcement.
- 15% is utilized by the department for administration and for the production of registration stickers.
- The remaining 85% is utilized for the aforementioned trail maintenance and education programs.

IDAHO'S TRAILS & RIDING AREAS

DPR has launched an on-line mapping program at: www.trails.idaho.gov.

In addition, most agencies provide maps to assist riders, indicating where OHV use is allowed. Telephone numbers of various land managing agencies are included in this booklet on page 4. Always contact the local land managing authority for current trail maps and riding information.



Where can I get a map of the OHV trails in Idaho? That's the question our customers ask most often, and now we have an answer. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation is excited to announce its new online, trail mapping application for OHVs. Our new site will provide a one-stop shop for OHV trail maps. It covers all riding areas across the State and is readily available to you. Visit www.trails.idaho.gov to access the new site.

Trail enthusiasts can now go online and browse the entire State of Idaho for motorbike, ATV, UTV and jeep trails. Once you've selected your riding area, you can print a map at home or download the file and take it to a third party to be printed at a larger scale. Another really exciting feature is being able to export your newly created trail map into Google Earth. From there, all of the popular Google Earth tools are available such as viewing in 3D and changing the orientation of the map. This project was completed using OHV registration fees.

ROUTE PLANNING

The following is a list of land management agencies in Idaho. These agencies designate OHV opportunities throughout the state and are responsible for mapping and management. Excellent OHV trail riding opportunities exist throughout the state, although route changes do occur. It is always best to check with local management offices to find out about current trail conditions/closures and travel requirements. The Forest Service and BLM conduct a detailed planning process to determine which routes are available for motorized travel. Because this planning process takes time to complete, different areas of public lands have different types of information and maps available about motorized recreation opportunities. The amount and quality of OHV route information and trail maps will improve as travel planning is completed and updated.

FOREST SERVICE MAPS

Forest Service Motor Vehicle Use Maps are available for finding OHV opportunities on National Forest lands. Maps show detailed information about the routes available for motorized access and recreation. They are available for every National Forest in Idaho and can be obtained at Forest Service Offices or by mail. Some National Forests have made their maps available online. The Forest Service is in the process of revising all of their maps and more will be available online in the near future.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT MAPS

Idaho BLM publishes two series of maps that show travel routes on public lands. These maps can be obtained at BLM offices or by mail. Like the Forest Service, the BLM is in the process of revising this information and publishing new maps. The maps will be more accurate, have up-to-date route management information, and will be available online.

OHV RIDING AREAS AND TRAILS

Land use designations change. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation urges all riders to contact the appropriate agency for current travel opportunity guides and maps.





U.S. FOREST SERVICE

1. Idaho Panhandle National Forest
(208) 765-7223
2. Clearwater National Forest
(208) 476-4541
3. Nez Perce National Forest
(208) 983-1950
4. Payette National Forest
(208) 634-0700
5. Boise National Forest
(208) 373-4100
6. Sawtooth National Forest
(208) 737-3200
7. Salmon/Challis National Forest
(208) 756-5100
8. Caribou/Targhee National Forest
(208) 524-7500

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

- A. Coeur d'Alene District Office
(208) 769-5000
- B. Boise District Office
(208) 384-3300
- C. Idaho Falls District Office
(208) 524-7500
- D. Twin Falls District Office
(208) 735-2060

OHV LAWS, RULES & REQUIREMENTS

The following information highlights Idaho's OHV laws and rules. It answers frequently asked questions about OHV activities on public lands, roads, and trails, and provides important contact information. Riders are cautioned that additional laws and rules may apply to the operation of off-highway vehicles. For more information contact:

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation,
Motorized Trails Office**

Boise - South Idaho

5657 Warm Springs Avenue
Boise, ID 83716
(208) 334-4199

Idaho Falls - East Idaho

4279 Commerce Circle, Ste. B
Idaho Falls, ID 83401
(208) 525-7121

Coeur d'Alene - North Idaho

2885 Kathleen Ave. Ste. 1
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815
(208) 769-1511



DEFINITIONS

IDAHO CODE 67-7101

- **ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV)** means any recreation vehicle with three (3) or more tires, and fifty (50) inches or less in width, having a wheelbase of sixty-one (61) inches or less, has handlebar steering and a seat designed to be straddled by the operator.
- **DEPARTMENT** means the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR).
- **MOTORBIKE** means any self-propelled two (2) wheeled motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, excluding tractors, designed for or capable of traveling off developed roadways and highways and also referred to as trailbikes, enduro bikes, trials bikes, motocross bikes or dual purpose motorcycles.
- **SPECIALTY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (SOHV)** means any vehicle manufactured, designed or constructed exclusively for off-highway operation that does not fit the definition of an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or motorbike as defined in this section.



- **UTILITY TYPE VEHICLE (UTV)** means any recreational motor vehicle other than an ATV, motorbike or snowmobile as defined in this section, designed for and capable of travel over designated roads, traveling on four (4) or more tires, maximum width less than seventy-four (74) inches, maximum weight less than two thousand (2,000) pounds, and having a wheelbase of one hundred ten (110) inches or less. A Utility type vehicle (UTV) must have a minimum width of fifty (50) inches, a minimum weight of at least nine hundred (900) pounds or a wheelbase of over sixty-one (61) inches. Utility type vehicle (UTV), does not include golf carts, vehicles specially designed to carry a disabled person, implements of husbandry as defined in section 49-110(2), Idaho Code, or vehicles otherwise registered under title 49, Idaho Code. A Utility type vehicle (UTV) also means a recreational off-highway vehicle or ROV.

REQUIREMENTS FOR OHV OPERATION

TRAILS

These are the requirements for motorbikes, ATVs, UTVs and Specialty Off-highway vehicles operating off-highway on a designated trail, open riding area or motocross track.

- A valid IDPR OHV registration sticker (IC 67-7122)
- A helmet under age 18 (IC 49-666)
- A muffler and Forest Service approved spark arrestor. Your muffler must be at or below 96dB at the half-meter test. SAE J1287.(IC 67-7125)

STATE & FEDERAL ROADS

This includes Idaho Department of Lands, Bureau of Land Management, U. S. Forest Service, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and privately owned roads open to OHV use. Contact the land owner or manager for information on roads open to OHV use.

- OHV Education Certificate for unlicensed operators (IC 49-302 (11)a) U.S. Forest Service Roads only.
- Valid driver's license (except under the age of 16 when supervised by a licensed adult operator) (IC 49-301 or IC 49-302)
- Liability insurance or alternative insurance (IC 49-1223 or IC 49-1232)
- Valid IDPR OHV registration sticker (IC 67-7122)
- A helmet under age 18 (IC 49-666)
- Muffler and U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrestor. Your muffler must be at or below 96dB at the half-meter test. SAE J1287. (IC 67-7125)



CITY & COUNTY ROADS

The following requirements must be met on city, county, and highway district roads. Certain roads may be closed by local jurisdiction. Check with local jurisdiction for information on roads open to OHV use.

- Valid restricted vehicle license plate [IC 49-402(4)]
- Valid IDPR OHV registration sticker affixed to restricted vehicle license plate (IC 67-7122)
- Valid driver's license (IC 49-301)
- Liability insurance or alternative insurance. (IC 49-1223 or IC 49-1232)
- A helmet under age 18 (IC 49-666)
- Muffler and U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrestor. Your muffler must be at or below 96dB at the half-meter test. SAE J1287. (IC 67-7125)

For safe operation on roads the following equipment is recommended:

- Brake light.
- Headlight and taillight after dark/poor visibility.
- Horn audible at 200 feet.
- Mirror showing roadway 200 feet behind the OHV.

OHV WEIGHTS & MEASURES

MOTORBIKE

Wheels/Tires: 2

ATV (ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE)

Wheels/Tires: 3 or more

Steering: Handlebars

Seat Type: Straddle

Width: 50" maximum

Wheelbase: 61" maximum

UTV (UTILITY TYPE VEHICLE)

Wheels/Tires: 4

Steering: Steering Wheel

Width: 50" minimum, 74" maximum

Wheelbase: 110" maximum

Weight: 900 pounds minimum to 2,000 pounds maximum

SOHV (SPECIALTY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE)

Any vehicle designed or constructed exclusively for off highway operation that does **not** fit the definition of an ATV, UTV or Motorbike. SOHVs include a buggy, modified golf cart, modified rock crawler, jeep or sand rail.



LICENSE & REGISTRATION

Any OHV being operated or transported on public lands, roads or trails of the state of Idaho must display a current IDPR OHV Registration Sticker, or a current OHV registration from the owner's state of residence.

IDAHO CODE 67-7122

REGISTRATION EXPIRATION

All IDPR OHV registration stickers are valid through December 31st of the issued year.

IDAHO CODE 67-7124

NON-RESIDENT REQUIREMENTS

Non-residents are required to have either a valid OHV registration from their home state of residence or a valid IDPR OHV registration sticker. Non-residents must purchase an Idaho restricted vehicle license plate with a valid IDPR OHV registration sticker if they don't have a plate and wish to operate on Idaho's local jurisdiction roads (i.e. county roads).



IDAHO CODE 67-7122

IDPR OHV REGISTRATION STICKER PLACEMENT

The IDPR OHV Registration sticker must be visible and kept legible at all times. Placement for specific OHVs is noted on following page.

REGISTRATION STICKER PLACEMENT

MOTORBIKE – Riders right fork.



ATV, UTV, SOHV – Rear fender.



RESTRICTED VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE

– Lower right corner



IDAHO CODE 49-114(10)
MOTORBIKES CONVERTED FOR ON-HIGHWAY USE

For motorbikes that have been converted to motorcycles (meet all equipment requirements to display the red, white and blue motor vehicle license plate) and are operated off-highway, the IDPR OHV Registration sticker must be displayed on the rider's right fork.

IDAHO CODE 49-304
MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT

Operators of OHVs displaying a restricted vehicle license plate are not required to have a motorcycle "M" endorsement on their driver's license. The motorcycle "M" endorsement applies only to motorcycles displaying a red, white and blue motor vehicle license plate.



FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS

Any vehicle that does not meet federal motor vehicle safety standards shall not be permitted to operate on state highways, interstates, or controlled access roadways.

IDAHO CODE 49-501
TITLING

If you acquired your motorbike or ATV after 1991, or your UTV after July 1, 2006 you are required to title it in your name. Proof of ownership (a title) is required to obtain a restricted vehicle license plate.

IDAHO CODE 49-426
AGRICULTURAL/SNOW REMOVAL USE EXEMPTION

OHVs used exclusively on farms and ranches, or for other

agricultural or snowplowing purposes, do not require an OHV registration sticker or restricted vehicle license plate. For any uses other than agricultural or snowplowing the OHV must be registered for that purpose.

IDAHO CODE 67-7112

ATV OPERATION ON GROOMED SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

If allowed by the county and land manager, any ATV operating on a groomed snowmobile trail must purchase and display a snowmobile registration sticker. Check with the local county sheriff and land manager for information on groomed snowmobile trails open to ATV use.

IDAHO CODE 67-7125

OHV SOUND REQUIREMENTS

OHVs operating in Idaho must be equipped with a USFS approved muffler and spark arrestor. The OHV cannot exceed 96dB when tested in accordance with the SAE J1287 sound testing procedure.



IDAHO CODE 49-302 (11a)

MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSES

Any unlicensed operators under the age of sixteen (16) years, on national forest roads, must have completed a motorbike or ATV safety course approved by the Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation, and a certificate or other proof of completion of such safety course shall be in the possession of the unlicensed operator of any ATV, UTV, specialty off-highway vehicle or motorbike, or shall be present in the vehicle at all times when the vehicle is operated on national forest roads.

EDUCATION, SAFETY & ETHICS

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE EDUCATION

Be prepared and educate yourself before you take to the trail. Your safety, and the safety of those you choose to recreate with is paramount. For that reason, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation offers a variety of education opportunities statewide for motorbikes, UTVs and ATVs. Funded by Idaho OHV registration program dollars, courses are free and include ATV, UTV and motorbike rider safety, rules of the road, rider opportunity awareness and ethical use.

YOUTH EDUCATION

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation encourages anyone, especially Idaho's youth, who will be operating off-highway vehicles to complete the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Responsible Riders OHV education course before operating on public lands, roads or trails. Idaho Code 49-302 (11a) requires all unlicensed operators under the age of 16 to attend an OHV education course approved by IDPR. IDPR's OHV Education Certificate is recognized by all of our neighboring states that require education: Utah, Oregon, Montana and California. The course includes a home study course manual, and a 4-hour class with a written test and hands-on riding course. Courses are fun, free and offered at convenient locations throughout the state.





EDUCATION CLASSES TEACH:

- Rules of the Road
- Safe riding
- Proper machine sizing
- Weight distribution
- Responsible and ethical riding
- Proper handling and shifting
- Riding within your ability

WHAT TO BRING TO CLASS:

- Parent (each student must bring one parent or legal guardian)
- Properly sized and registered off-highway vehicle
- Pencil
- DOT approved helmet, goggles or face shield, gloves, long-sleeved shirt, long pants & boots
- Snacks and water (optional)

To look at the IDPR Responsible Riders Course Schedule and to register for classes, visit:

<http://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/recreation/motorized/ohv-classes.aspx>

For additional information or to register, please contact Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation's OHV Education Program at:

(208) 514-2414 | ohveducation@idpr.idaho.gov

ATV Sizing Chart for Recommended Rider Fit

An ATV operator should meet all these minimum physical size requirements in relationship to the ATV:

Brake Reach (Figure 1):

With hands placed in the normal operating position and fingers straight out, the first joint (from the tip) of the middle finger will extend beyond the brake lever and clutch.

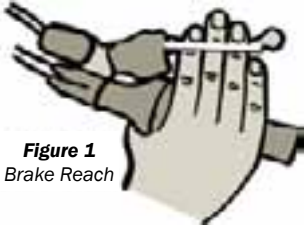


Figure 1
Brake Reach

Leg Length (Figure 2):

While sitting, with feet on the footrests, the knee must be bent at least 45 degrees.

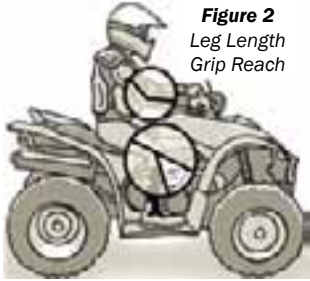


Figure 2
Leg Length
Grip Reach

Grip Reach (Figure 2):

While sitting upright on the ATV with hands on the handle bars and not leaning forward, there must be a distinct angle between the upper arm and the forearm.

Handlebar Control (Figure 3):

The operator must also be able to turn the handle bars from lock to lock while maintaining throttle and brake control.



Figure 3
Handlebar Control

Disabled operators are allowed to use prosthetic devices or modified or adaptive equipment to achieve rider fit.

RESPONSIBLE RIDERS

Since 2004, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation has offered OHV education courses through its “Responsible Riders” OHV Education program. Courses in safe and responsible motorbike, UTV and ATV operation are offered to adults and to young riders ages 6 and up. Students completing the various courses earn their education certificates, and are on their way to becoming responsible motorized recreationists. Typically, motorbike, UTV and ATV courses are offered from March through October, weather dependent.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

INSTRUCTOR/TRAIL AMBASSADOR

Experienced riders who would like to volunteer their time to teach motorbike, UTV or ATV skills and safety to children in the Responsible Riders OHV Education program are encouraged to contact the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation OHV Education office for information on becoming certified as an OHV Education Instructor.

THE CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER

INSTRUCTOR MUST:

- Be at least 16 years of age.
- Provide their own off-highway vehicle and transportation for classes.
- Complete a basic training session.
- Complete specific training for each certification desired.
- Demonstrate a willingness to devote the necessary time and effort to carry out program responsibilities.
- Demonstrate the abilities necessary to perform the duties and responsibilities of a Certified Volunteer Instructor.
- Demonstrate an interest in facilitating course ethics based upon responsibility and respect.



SAFE RIDING GUIDELINES

By following a few simple rules, OHV riders can ensure that every trip is a safe and enjoyable experience.

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation recommends the following safe riding guidelines:

- Take a safety course.

- Always ride in control.
- Ride within your abilities and your machine's capabilities. Never attempt anything that is beyond your skill level.
- Always wear the appropriate safety gear. At a minimum, this should include a helmet, shatter resistant eye protection, long sleeves, long pants, gloves, and boots that cover the ankle.
- Only carry passengers if your OHV is specifically designed to do so. Motorbikes and most ATVs are designed to be ridden by only one rider. Carrying passengers can alter the balance of the machine, causing a loss of control.
- A responsible adult should supervise riders under the age of 16 at all times.
- Riders should be able to straddle the machine with a slight bend to the knees while both feet are on the footrests. Riding a machine that is too big is a major cause of injuries to young riders.



- Always tell someone where you are going and when you will return. Provide them with a map of your intended riding area.
- Be prepared for any emergency. Always carry a tool kit and spare parts, a first aid kit, and survival equipment when you ride. Carry plenty of extra food, water and fuel.
- Check the weather forecast before leaving home. For winter riders, always check the avalanche forecast before venturing into the backcountry. Avalanche information is available from the Avalanche Forecast Center at www.avalanche.org.
- Never drink and ride. Alcohol and OHVs don't mix. Instead, they create a deadly and illegal combination.
- Respect private property by obtaining permission from the landowner before entering.

TREAD LIGHTLY!

All riders must be good ambassadors for the sport. Generally, that means learning to share the trails with other users, as well as learning to take proper care of the environment where they ride. The following tips will help make you a more responsible rider.

- Protect your riding privilege by staying on the trail!
- Avoid riding in wet meadows or on stream banks.
- Avoid riding on steep and erodible slopes.
- Avoid riding over small trees and shrubs. Trampled vegetation not only looks bad, but also damages critical wildlife habitat and contributes to soil erosion.
- Always yield the right of way to non-motorized trail users. When encountering hikers or horses on the trail, pull over and shut off your engine. Remove your helmet and let them pass out of sight before restarting.
- Ride in the middle of the trail to avoid widening it. Trail widening is unsightly and expensive to repair.
- Do not alter the manufacturer's muffler system. Loud exhaust systems are annoying to other users.
- Honor seasonal and permanent trail closures.
- When overtaking others, follow at a safe distance until they signal you to pass. Be courteous while passing. A little bump of the throttle can leave a shower of gravel or a cloud of dust and an enemy behind you.
- Never harass wildlife or domestic animals that you may encounter while riding. Always view wildlife from a respectful distance.
- Never litter. Always carry out what you carry in. Carry a trash bag with you to pack out trash that you may come upon.
- Always choose to Tread Lightly® and protect the fragile environments where you recreate.

For more information on the Tread Lightly® program, please contact:

Tread Lightly
298 24th St., Ste. 325, Ogden, UT 84401
1(800) 966-9900
www.treadlightly.org



PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEGE – GET INVOLVED!

Riding on public lands is a privilege, not a right.

Because it is a privilege, it can be taken away if riders don't do everything they possibly can to protect it.

Responsible riders know that one way to protect their riding privilege is to stay on the designated trails. They know these routes have been developed to provide them with great riding adventures. They also know that whole riding areas and trail systems can be closed because of the careless acts of irresponsible riders.

The Idaho OHV Public Outreach Project, a partnership involving your federal and state public land managing agencies, encourages all riders to:

- Protect Your Privilege—Stay on the Trail
- Educate yourself on riding opportunities through the US Forest Service and BLM designation process.



Protect your Privilege – Get Involved!

IDPR OHV TRAIL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Idaho OHV Trail Ambassador program is a volunteer program that provides a means for private citizens to work with a variety of federal, state, and local land managers and public safety officials in Idaho to promote responsible off-highway vehicle recreation on public, state, and private lands.

These volunteers contribute their time, experience, and local knowledge of OHV areas in Idaho by monitoring public lands in groups of two or more on motorbikes, all-terrain vehicles, utility vehicles, specialty off-highway vehicles or 4x4 vehicles. Through these monitoring efforts volunteers provide a positive image of their recreation activity, identify and record road, trail, and other resource issues, report misuse of lands, and participate in special projects to enhance OHV areas in Idaho.

OHV Trail Ambassadors receive extensive training from professional training representatives and serve as a point of contact for other OHV users to obtain helpful and informative information about the trails they ride.

For more information of the OHV Trail Ambassador Program contact the OHV Education Program.

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Boise 83716 – (208) 514-2484

East Idaho – 4279 Commerce Circle, Suite B.
Idaho Falls 83401 – (208) 525-7121

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Coeur d’Alene 83815 – (208) 769-1511

IDPR Education Program Coordinator –
(208) 514-2414





GET INVOLVED

Join an OHV club or organization in your area and participate in their activities. Group rides provide a great way to meet new people and learn new places to ride.

IDAHO OHV ORGANIZATIONS

- Idaho Trail Machine Association
www.tvtma.com
- Idaho State ATV Association
www.idahostateatv.org

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council
www.nohvcc.org
- Blue Ribbon Coalition
www.sharetrails.org
- Tread Lightly
www.treadlightly.org
- American Trails
www.americantrails.org/resources/motors/

Another great way to make friends is to participate in trail maintenance days where groups clean and repair designated trails. Working on a trail can be both fun and satisfying. Groups are also working to increase the number of designated trails available to OHVs. All of these worthwhile activities happen because of volunteers like you.

Being a member of an organized and recognized club is the best way to voice your concerns and interests in the future of off-highway recreation opportunities in Idaho.



If misused, OHVs can damage wildlife habitat and access to public land could be affected. Use your power responsibly. Stay on trails. Wear your helmet and ride safely. The future of OHV recreation is in your hands and your actions will make a difference.

THE IDAHO OHV PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

STAY ON TRAILS is an ongoing education campaign sponsored by a consortium of public lands agencies in Idaho, to help inform off-highway vehicle (OHV) users about the rules of conduct for off-highway vehicles on public lands.

The sponsoring agencies are the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Idaho Department of Lands, U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

The multi-pronged campaign typically involves a mix of paid advertising including radio and outdoor ads, public relations activities and events.



TRIP PLANNING CHECKLIST

Like anything else, a safe and enjoyable OHV ride starts with proper planning. Always tell someone where you are going and when you will return. Leave a map of the area you will be riding. That way, if you need help, they will know where to look!

Always inspect your machine before every trip to make certain your OHV is in top mechanical condition. Take care of your body, ensure you are in good enough physical condition to withstand the rigors of OHV recreation.

Carrying a few basic items will also help in the event of an emergency. This checklist will help you remember the items you need to make every trip fun and safe.

- Plenty of extra water and food
- Extra fuel and oil
- Set of basic tools that fit your machine
- A basic first aid kit
- Extra spark plugs
- A flashlight
- A tow strap or rope
- Waterproof matches
- Duct tape and electrical tape
- A tire repair kit
- A map, compass, and GPS receiver
- Your cell phone or two-way radios
- Camera to record your adventures!

For extended trips, you might also want to consider adding the following:

- Spare throttle and brake cables
- Brake fluid
- Master links for chain repair
- A quality survival kit
- A spare tire or tube

HUNTING & OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

The use of OHVs during hunting season is increasing dramatically. While OHVs make some areas more accessible, it is imperative that operators use trail etiquette.

- Know the vehicle use regulations for the area you are hunting. Contact the local BLM Field Office, Forest Service Ranger District or local Idaho Department of Lands office for travel management information before you go.
- Respect road and area closures.
- Stay on existing roads or trails. Do not contribute to resource damage and habitat destruction by creating new trails for others to follow.
- User-created trails are often poorly located within riparian zones or on steep slopes creating vegetation and soil impacts. Don't make the problem worse by continuing to use these routes.
- To cause less disturbance to hunters around you, access your hunting area before shooting hours and then hunt on foot.



- Retrieve harvested big game during the middle of the day (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) to reduce conflicts with other hunters.
- Have respect for other users. Slow down or stop your OHV when you approach others on the trail. When meeting equestrians, approach slowly, pull over and stop, turn off your engine, remove your helmet and ask how best to proceed.

- Avoid the use of OHVs in wet areas or during wet conditions. Even though the lighter weight and low-pressure tires reduce impacts, OHVs can still do serious damage to wet areas.
- Keep your OHV properly tuned and muffled to reduce exhaust sounds and emissions.
- Don't widen single-track trails by forcing your ATV or UTV down the trail.
- When overtaking others, pass in a safe and courteous manner.
- Limit OHV use in and around campgrounds. Be respectful of other campers' desires for quiet and minimal disruption.
- Would you like to receive the DVD based on ethical use of OHV's for hunting?
You can request a copy by email:
ohveducation@idpr.idaho.gov

These are simple things, but they can go a long way toward reducing the impact of OHV use. They will protect the habitat and improve the Idaho hunting experience. Following these guidelines will reduce the need for more regulations and help retain the OHV opportunities that currently exist.

For more information regarding Idaho hunting and fishing rules, regulations, and seasons, contact:



Idaho Fish and Game
www.fishandgame.idaho.gov

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