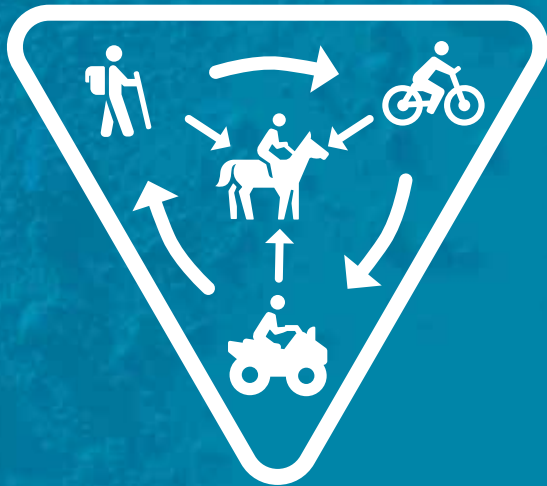

IT IS NOT JUST
ABOUT OUR SPORT.
IT IS ABOUT THE
TRAIL AND THOSE
THAT USE IT.

Be part of the trails community.
Let everyone enjoy the trail using
the method of their choice.



A first rate trail system can only
be created by people who care
for each other.



**Let us work
with you.**

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RESPECT THE COMMUNITY

- Respect others' property. Ride quietly when around houses, campgrounds, and other non-riders. Keep the rpms and speed low and steady. ATVs must have approved spark arrestors.
- Get landowner permission before building or maintaining trails. This applies to Crown land too.
- Keep speed below 20 K.P.H. when traveling within 30 m (100') of a non motorized user or a home and in particular watch for Kids and animals.
- Avoid creating excessive dust and noise when riding in a community or Camping area.
- Do not operate vehicle in a careless way that may endanger people or property.
- Always be courteous to other people.
- Stay on the trail. Respect private property.
- Be a "steward" of the sport, the way you portray yourself is the way you portray the sport.

REPORT VIOLATIONS

OHV violations can be reported by calling 1-800-565-2224 (24 hour line)

RESPECT THE TRAIL

- Be part of the Trails Community; respect the experience of other users if you want them to respect yours.
- Yield the right of way to hikers, bikers, and horses. When approaching horses, stop your vehicle, take off your helmet and calmly say hello. Avoid any sudden movements. Let the horse pass. Or if passing a horseback rider, alert the rider to your presence by calmly calling out you wish to pass.
- Keep your speed down to avoid making dust when passing other trails users.
- When in a group, make sure you are not blocking the trail for other users.
- People traveling downhill should yield to those traveling uphill.
- Let others know you are approaching them, especially if from behind.
- If people announce themselves from behind you, move over to the right to make sure they have enough room to get by.
- Keep to the right side of the trail to avoid oncoming trail users.
- If you take your dog, make sure you can control them, and remember that when not on the OHV, that you follow all rules regarding dogs on leash and clean-up.
- Keep to marked trails and tracks and resist the urge to establish new ones without proper planning and authority.
- Park ATV and walk to sensitive, historic, scenic, and cultural areas.
- Participate in trail maintenance. Give back to your trails.

RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT

- Respect all wildlife; after all, it is their home.
- Avoid sensitive habitats, especially in provincial parks and wilderness areas. This includes wetlands, watercourses, sand dunes, coastal or highland barrens, and beaches.
- Respect the Environment as a whole. We want the next generation to be able to enjoy it as we do.
- As should everyone, clean up after yourself. Don't litter.
- Clean-up the mess left by others who have no respect for the environment.
- Get out of sight of the trail and use proper sanitary procedures when needed.
- Avoid damage to the environment. Protect both the land and the water.
- Stay on the established trail, no shortcuts and avoid trail braiding and widening.
- Be aware, our wetlands are important and sensitive areas benefit both wildlife and people.
- Care for waterways by always using bridges and structures to cross streams.
- Do not spin your tires as it dislocates the soil and can cause drainage issues.
- Follow the Environmental Stewardship Guidelines.
- Reduce your impact by avoiding trails that cause erosion.

**IT'S ALL ABOUT RESPECT
RESPECT OUR SPORT**

Promote our sport. Take time to talk to the people you meet about your outdoors experiences. Know your limits. Ride within your abilities, in a controlled manner using common sense. Treat others the way you would like to be treated if the situation were reversed. But most of all, have fun!