## PROTECT YOUR RIDING OPPORTUNITIES

Improper use of roads and trails by off-highway vehicles can jeopardize everyone's opportunity to use the forest. Protect your riding opportunities by riding and driving responsibly no matter where you are using your motorcycle, ATV, or Side by Side.

Riding responsibly is the best way to protect your access to riding areas in Oregon. Many other users enjoy the same areas as well. Here are a few tips to ensure OHV's continue to have access:

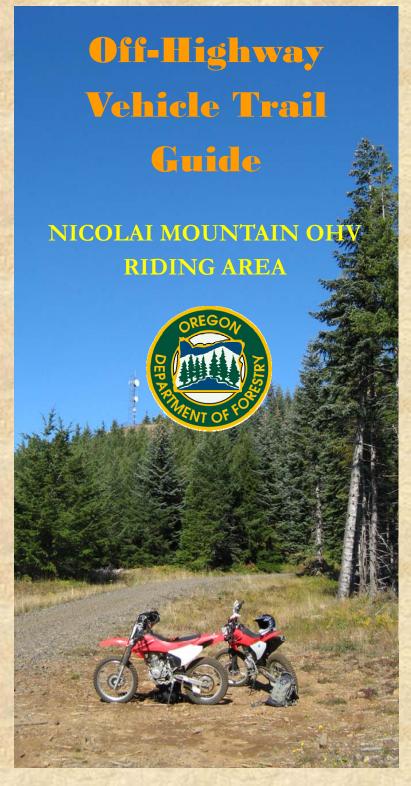
- Riders should never operate their off-road vehicle on private lands unless they have permission from the land owner or the land is posted open for ATV use. Oftentimes, private property or private timberlands are located adjacent or within OHV riding areas. Impacts from OHV use can not be effectively managed and maintained on private lands, and reflect negatively on the perception of OHV users and the sport in general.
- Know where you're permitted to ride and where you're not.
- Avoid wet areas and waterways. They are a vital resource for many plants and animals.
- If you must cross water, ride carefully and only at designated spots.
- Cutting switchbacks and taking shortcuts damages trails and causes erosion
- Share the trails and make friends with other trail users. Respect their rights to the trail too.
- Respect seasonal closures. They are needed to minimize damage to the trails and allow time for animals to reproduce undisturbed.
- View animals from a distance. When they flee, they use valuable energy reserves.
- Be part of the solution. Volunteer to help maintain trails and protect our natural resources. Join an organized club in your
- Know and respect the sound limits where you ride.
- Keep your RPMs and speed down and steady when you are around non-riders.
- Always use a spark arrester. It doesn't sacrifice power, but can save the forest from fires.
- Maintain your exhaust system. Remember, noise doesn't equal horsepower. Too little exhaust back-pressure can actually cause less power and engine damage.
- If you "pack it in, pack it out." Trash is an eyesore and it attracts scavengers that endanger other wildlife. Remember, even biodegradable materials such as food scraps take time to break down.











**CLATSOP STATE FOREST** 

### **WELCOME**

Off-Highway motorcycle and quad riding is an exciting and fun sport that comes with a certain level of risk. The Oregon Department of Forestry requires that all OHV users follow state regulations and strongly encourages all riders to wear the proper protective equipment appropriate for their sport such as a helmet, goggles, gloves, chest protector, elbow pads, boots, and shin guards. Riders should operate responsibly using properly maintained and equipped vehicles. All OHV trails open for use in the Clatsop State Forest are marked with trail signs. Each sign has the trail ID, difficulty level, and what type of vehicle it is open to. Operate only on the trails open to your use type and appropriate for your skill level.

Please refer to the Oregon State Parks, *Oregon OHV Guide* for information on Oregon ATV laws, safety, and other information.

#### TRAIL TIPS

- Stay on designated trails. Don't create side routes around obstacles.
- Stay out of creeks, streams, and other waterways.
- Respect trail designations and closures.
- To prevent trail damage don't ride on trails during periods of heavy rainfall.
- Don't ride on road side cutbanks.
- Share the trails. Be courteous when encountering others.
- Ride and drive within your ability. Know your limits.
- Pull over and turn off motor when you meet horseback riders.

### YAMAHA OHV ACCESS INITIATIVE

The OHV Access Initiative through Yamaha provides financial support to deserving organizations by way of its G.R.A.N.T. (Guaranteeing Responsible Access to our Nations Trails) program.

The Clatsop State Forest has received funding for bridge and

sign material to be used in the development of the Nicolai Mt. OHV Area.



### TRAIL RATINGS

**EASY** Suitable for Beginners

MODERATE Challenging to Some Riders

**DIFFICULT** Intended for Experts

### FIRE SEASON RESTRICTIONS

During the summer and fall, high fire danger may limit OHV use to forest roads only. Other fire season restrictions, such as limits on campfire use, may also be in place. For information about current fire season restrictions, check our website or call:

Astoria District Office (503) 325-5451

http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/FIELD/ASTORIA/aboutastoria.shtml

# To report a fire, a crime, or an emergency CALL 911

## NEARBY SERVICES

Columbia Memorial Hospital

### Nearest Hospitals:

2111 Exchange Street Astoria, Oregon 97103 (503) 325-4321

Nearest Gas/Food

Knappa Westport St. John Medical Center 1615 Delaware Street Longview, WA 98632 (360) 414-2000

Purchase OHV Permit L&D Race Tech, (503)861-2636

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#### ATV & MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSES

ATV and motorcycle safety courses are available to help develop rider skills. For information about motorcycle and ATV safety training courses check the Oregon State Parks website, www.oregonohv.org. More information can also be found by contacting the ATV Safety Institute at (800) 887-2887 or the Motorcycle Safety Foundation at (877) 288 -7093.

### YOUR ATV FUNDS AT WORK

The Oregon ATV Grant Program, administered through Oregon State Parks, allocates money obtained from the sale of ATV permits and from a designated portion of state gas taxes for ATV projects across Oregon.

In northwest Oregon ATV funds are used to maintain and develop OHV staging areas, trails, and trail bridges and to print trail maps, purchase trail signs and purchase trail maintenance equipment. The ATV Grant Program also provides funding for law enforcement officers that patrol the forest. For more information visit www.oregonohv.org.

### TREAD LIGHTLY!

The Oregon Department of Forestry supports the Tread Lightly! program and encourages OHV enthusiasts to follow the Tread Lightly! principles when using OHV areas.

T ravel and Recreate with Minimum Impact!

R espect the Environment and the Rights of Others!

E ducate Yourself, Plan and Prepare Before You Go!

A llow for Future Use of the Outdoors, Leave it Better
Than You Found It!

D iscover the Rewards of Responsible Recreation!









