

Wyoming

2003 Off-Road Vehicle Program

To purchase an ORV Permit,
please call the Wyoming Permit
Selling Agency:
1-877-WYO-PARK
(1-877-996-7275)

Wyoming State Trails Program,
State Parks and Historic Sites,
2301 Central Avenue, Barrett
Building, 4th Floor, Cheyenne,
WY 82002, 307-777-7477.



Welcome to the Wyoming ORV Program!

ORV Definition per Wyoming Statute 311-101(k):

Type 1: "A recreational vehicle primarily designed for off-road use which is fifty (50) inches or less in width, has an unladen weight of nine hundred (900) pounds or less and is designed to be ridden astride upon a seat or saddle and to travel on at least three (3) low pressure tires."

Type 2: "Any unlicensed motorcycle which has an unladen weight of six hundred (600) pounds or less and is designed to be ridden off road with the operator astride upon a seat or saddle and travels on two (2) tires."

Type 3: "Any multi-wheeled motorized vehicle not required by law to be licensed and is designed for cross-country travel on or over land, sand, snow, ice or other natural terrain and which has an unladen weight of more than nine hundred (900) pounds."

The Wyoming State ORV Program has worked with the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, the BLM, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, the Office of State Lands and the Wyoming Division of State Parks and Historic Sites to identify roads, trails and open areas in each agency. Enrollment decisions are the responsibility of each land managing agency at the local level, not the State Trails Program.

Please visit the local land manager's office to get the most current ORV designation information and refer to their travel management maps.

As a general guideline, enrollments of roads, trails and open areas in the State ORV Program, as of Summer 2003, for each agency are as follows:

- **Forest Service:** refer to one of the eight State ORV Maps and to local Forest travel maps; always check with local Forest Service offices for the most up-to-date information. Travel within campgrounds for ingress and egress only.
- **BLM:** enrollments are still in progress; check with local BLM offices and refer to BLM maps.
- **Wyoming Game & Fish Habitat Management Areas:** all established roads and trails open for ORV travel are enrolled. No off-road or off-trail travel allowed.
- **State Trust Lands:** all established roads and trails open for ORV travel. No off-road or off-trail travel allowed.
- **State Parks:** In all reservoir parks and at Medicine Lodge State Archeological Site, ORV travel is permitted on all existing roads and all roads are enrolled. Travel within campgrounds for ingress/egress only. Contact park staff regarding any open areas or travel below the high water mark.
- **County Roads:** None have been enrolled in the ORV Permit Program. Check with the local county sheriff for changes or additions.

As you read the following regulations, it is important to note the difference between ROADS and TRAILS. The land managers who administer the roads and trails are also responsible for their distinction. Any TRAIL or OFF-ROAD RIDING AREA that has been enrolled in the ORV program will require the state ORV sticker, regardless if an ATV has been licensed with your state's motorcycle plate. ROADS that have been enrolled in the state ORV Program require either a state motorcycle license plate OR the state ORV sticker – however, you will still need to meet the requirements set forth in the rules and regulations below:

Rules and Regulations

- On ROADS, all ATVs and motorcycles, including those owned by non-residents, are required to either be street legal and display a motorcycle license plate or, if the roadway has been designated as part of the State ORV Program, they may be operated upon the enrolled roadway with only a Wyoming ORV permit. If the vehicle has a motorcycle license plate it may be operated upon any roadway in Wyoming and an ORV permit is NOT required. If the vehicle displays only the Wyoming ORV Permit, then it may be operated only upon those roadways enrolled in the State ORV Program.
- When operated upon MOTORIZED TRAILS or AREAS designated open for cross-country travel by the local land manager and enrolled in the State ORV Program, all ORVs, including those owned by non-residents, are required to display a Wyoming ORV permit. An ORV permit

is required to operate upon these trails and open areas even if the ORV also has a street-legal motorcycle license plate since trails and open areas are not “streets or highways” for which the license plate was issued.

- ORVs are mostly restricted to travel upon only established ROADS and TRAILS. They may be operated upon public lands only when on roads, trails or areas designated “open” for motorized travel by the appropriate local land manager. Contact the local land manager’s office to see what is open for ORV use.
- When on ROADS (USFS, BLM, state park, or other) designated part of the ORV Program, operators must have a valid operator’s license; the ORV must have brake lights, taillights, and headlamps if operated from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise. However, a motorcycle endorsement is not required on the operator’s license provided that he/she has purchased the state’s ORV sticker.
- When on ROADS (state, county, local, or other) not designated part of the state ORV Program, an ORV may be operated only if it is street legal and has a motorcycle plate; the operator must have an “M” endorsement on their operator’s license and carry proof of liability insurance.
- It is unlawful to molest, stir up, rally or drive, in any manner, any game animals or game birds with a motorized vehicle.
- It is unlawful to shoot from or across the traveled portion, shoulders or embankments of any road maintained by a government entity.

Bureau of Land Management Offices

Wyoming State Office 5353 Yellowstone Road Cheyenne, WY 82009-4178 307-775-6256

Buffalo Field Office
1425 Fort Street
Buffalo, WY 82834-2436
307-684-1100

Newcastle Field Office
1101 Washington Blvd.
Newcastle, WY 82701-2968
307-746-6600

Casper Field Office
2987 Prospector Drive
Casper, WY 82604-2968
307-261-7600

Pinedale Field Office
432 E. Mill Street
Pinedale, WY 82941-0768
307-367-5300

Cody Field Office
1002 Blackburn
Cody, WY 82414-8464
307-578-5900

Rawlins Field Office
1300 N. Third
Rawlins, WY 82301-2407
307-328-4200

Kemmerer Field Office
312 Highway 189 N.
Kemmerer, WY 83101-9711
307-828-4500

Rock Springs Field Office
280 Highway 191 N.
Rock Springs, WY 82901-3447
307-352-0256

Lander Field Office
1335 Main
Lander, WY 82520-0589
307-332-8400

Worland Field Office
101 South 23rd
Worland, WY 82401-0119
307-347-5100

National Forest Land Offices

Bighorn National Forest
Supervisor’s Office
2013 Eastside 2nd St.
Sheridan, WY 82801
307-674-2600

Bearlodge District
Hwy 14E
Sundance, WY 82729
307-283-1361

Powder River District
415 Fort St.
Buffalo, WY 82834
307-684-7806

Ashley National Forest
Flaming Gorge Ranger Dist.
Highway 43 & 44 Intersection
Manila, Utah 84046
435-784-3445

Medicine Wheel/
Paintrock District
604 E. Main
Lovell, WY 82431
307-548-6541

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest
Supervisor’s Office and
Laramie District
2468 Jackson St.
Laramie, WY 82070
307-745-2300

Tongue Ranger District
2013 Eastside 2nd St.
Sheridan, WY 82801
307-674-2600

Brush Creek/Hayden District
Saratoga, WY 82331
307-326-5258

Bridger-Teton National Forest
Supervisor’s Office
340 N. Cache St.
Jackson, WY 83001
307-739-5500

Douglas and Thunder Basin District
Douglas, WY 82633
307-358-4690

Big Piney Ranger District
315 S. Front St.
Big Piney, WY 83113
307-276-3375

Shoshone National Forest
Supervisor’s Office
808 Meadow Lane
Cody, WY 82414
307-527-6241

Greys River Ranger District
125 Washington St.
Afton, WY 83110
307-886-3166

Washakie District
333 E. Main St.
Lander, WY 82520
307-332-5460

Jackson Ranger District
25 Rosencrans Lane
Jackson, WY 83001
307-739-5400

Wind River District
1403 W. Ramshorn
Dubois, WY 82513
307-455-2466

Kemmerer Ranger District
308 Hwy 189
Kemmerer, WY 83101
307-877-4415

North Zone District
203A Yellowstone
Cody, WY 82414
307-527-6921

Caribou -Targhee National Forest
Supervisor’s Office
1405 Hollipark Dr.
Idaho Falls, ID 83401
208-524-7500

Wasatch-Cache National Forest
Supervisor’s Office
1565 Highway 150 South, Suite A
Evanston, WY 82931-1880
307-789-3194

Black Hills National Forest
Supervisor’s Office
Hwy 385 North
Custer, SD 57730
605-673-9200

Mountain View Ranger District
Supervisor’s Office
321 Highway 414
Mountain View, WY 82939
307-782-6555

Ethics

- Share the trails.
- Have respect for other users. Slow down or stop your ORV 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.
- Be part of the solution. Volunteer to help maintain trails and protect our natural resources.
- Join an organized club in your area.
- Protect your right to ride. Remember, less sound equals more ground.
- 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.
- Respect the rights of others on trails. One little blip of the throttle can leave a shower of gravel or a cloud of dust – and an enemy behind you.
- Respect seasonal closures. Animals need time to reproduce and raise their young undisturbed.
- View animals from a distance. When they flee they use valuable energy reserves.

- 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.
- Remember, cutting switchbacks and taking shortcuts damages trails and causes erosion.
- Riding off trails can destroy animal burrows and spread noxious weeds that damage habitats and kill native plants.

Noxious Weeds and ORVs

- Noxious weeds are becoming a bigger problem in Wyoming and the region. As they spread, they can degrade wildlife habitat by crowding out native vegetation; cause increased soil erosion; decrease water quality; lower land values; poison wildlife, livestock and humans; cost millions of taxpayer and private landowner dollars to control them; and clog or foul rivers and irrigation ditches.
- Sometimes these noxious weeds are unknowingly spread by people who have no intention of causing these problems. This can easily occur when vehicles are driven through a patch of noxious weeds. Weed seeds can be caught in tire treads, picked up in mud, be lodged in the radiator or the underside of the vehicle and, later, fall off in some other location, starting a new infestation.
- **This is where we need your help. By thoroughly washing your ORVs and transport trailers before and after a ride, you will help prevent the noxious weeds from spreading.**

- It is illegal to operate an ATV or trail bike off trail or on any trail area closed to that specific type of vehicle as designated by the land management agency or land owner. Please check with the local land manager regarding seasonal closures and any gated roads.
- Operating an ATV or trail bike off roads or trails in a manner that damages or unreasonably disturbs the land, wildlife, or vegetative resources is prohibited.
- ATVs and trail bikes must be equipped with approved and operating spark arresting mufflers and comply with sound regulations.
- Any operator of an ORV traveling on ROADS must have a valid driver's license, regardless of enrollment in the ORV program. However, if an operator is on a TRAIL that is enrolled in the ORV program, there is no driver's license requirement, provided the rider has the Wyoming ORV permit.
- Please note that the State Trails Program is actively working with other state and federal land management agencies to designate ORV roads, trails, and open riding areas. PLEASE CONTACT THE LOCAL FOREST SERVICE AND BLM OFFICES FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ROADS, TRAILS, AND AREAS DESIGNATED FOR ORV USE. State park staff may also have information about ORV roads and trails in the vicinity of their state park.



I pledge to tread lightly by...

- **T**raveling only where motorized vehicles are permitted.
- **R**especting the rights of hikers, equestrians, campers, and other to enjoy their activities undisturbed.
- **E**ducating myself by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, complying with signs and barriers, and asking owners' permission to cross private property.
- **A**voiding streams, lakeshores, meadows, muddy roads and trails, steep hillsides, and wildlife and livestock.
- **D**riving responsibly to protect the environment and preserve opportunities to enjoy my vehicle on wild lands.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is the \$15 sticker needed if I can just license my vehicle?

- The Wyoming ORV Program is modeled after the Wyoming Snowmobile Trails Program. All sticker money goes into a special account that can only be used to develop, maintain, and manage ORV trails in Wyoming.
- The Wyoming State Trails Program and the federal land managers do not receive any portion of the money collected if you purchase a motorcycle license plate for your ORV. That money goes to the counties.
- Only the ORV sticker will allow you to ride on designated TRAILS. Even if you have a licensed ORV, you are still restricted to ROADS and may not ride on TRAILS without the state ORV sticker.
- The money obtained from the sticker program will help provide TRAILS to Wyoming ORV riders. This will enhance the ORV experience for riders.
- ORV sticker funds will also be used to assist with obtaining and maintaining access for ORV users across the state.

2. What are the age restrictions with the ORV legislation?

- Any operator of an ORV traveling on public

ROADS must have a valid driver's license or permit, regardless of whether the road is enrolled in the Wyoming's state ORV Program or not. However, if an operator is on a TRAIL that is enrolled in the state ORV program, there is no age restriction.

3. Can I go wherever I want with my ORV once I get the sticker?

- NO
- The travel regulations set forth by the local land manager are still in effect and require that all motorized users stay on designated and signed motorized routes in restricted areas.
- Most areas do not allow off-road travel.

4. Are non-residents required to purchase the sticker?

- Non-resident users on roads and trails must abide by the same regulations as resident users. Out-of-state motorcycle license plates are accepted by the State of Wyoming to travel on ROADS but not TRAILS. A non-resident must have the Wyoming ORV sticker to travel any motorized TRAIL. A non-resident must either have a valid motorcycle license plate or a Wyoming ORV sticker to travel on ROADS.

ATV Safety

- ATV owners are cautioned that any inexperienced rider in the first month of operating an ATV has 13 times the average risk of injury. Never permit the inexperienced rider to operate an ATV until they have read the owner's manual, all

warning labels, and have completed a certified training course. Helmets, eye protection and other safety gear is recommended.

• ATV Design – know the uniqueness of ATV design and the potential risk of accidents and injury

- High ground clearance and a short, narrow wheel base:



- Operator must have proper size and weight to balance the vehicle.
- ATV may roll or flip with shift from body weight.
- ATV is more likely to roll than skid in turns and on hillsides.

- Seating straddles the top of the machine:
- Operator must maintain balance on the machine.
- Operator can fall or be thrown.
- No protection for the operator in a collision or rollover.

• Wide, low pressure, knobby tires:

- Tires may cause loss of control due to wobble or bounce.
- Vehicle is more likely to roll than skid in turns and on hillsides.

• Powerful drive train with high and low gear ratios:

- Vehicle has power to climb or accelerate until it flips over backwards.
- Capable of speed too fast for conditions and/or skill of the operator.

• Fixed rear axle for traction:

- Prevents the inner wheel from rotating freely when turning on pavement.
- Loss of control occurs when torque to the inner wheel releases in the sudden lurch forward.

**Warning: Approximately 40% of ATV-related deaths and injuries are to individuals under the age of 16. The US Consumer Product Safety Commission warns that young people, under the age of 16 years, should never operate an adult-sized ATV (over 90cc engine size). In addition, state law prohibits anyone not holding an operator's license (typically those under the age of 16 years) from operating ATVs on public roads and road right-of-ways.*