

Ride Safe, Ride Right, Ride Responsibly

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REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO



An Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) is only as safe as the person operating it — use good judgment, courtesy, wear appropriate protective gear and maintain your OHV.

Operating an OHV on public land is not a right — it's a privilege. Your attitude towards the law, the environment and other OHV riders has an impact on all outdoor enthusiasts, landowners and lawmakers. Careless operation of OHVs may result in loss of privilege or the possible closing of riding areas.

Do I need to register and insure my OHV?

Yes, you must have registration and insurance on any OHV operating on public property. If caught without valid registration or insurance, your OHV may be seized.

If I am caught operating an OHV under the influence of alcohol, can I lose my license?

Yes, driving any motorized vehicle while impaired is against the law under the Traffic Safety Act — this includes OHVs.

For further information regarding legislation and regulations for Off-Highway Vehicle use on public lands, please contact the local Sustainable Resources Development Lands Office at 780.743.7120.



The irresponsible behavior of some individuals can harm the reputation of the sport for all riders. If you see a rider operating a machine dangerously, riding irresponsibly or riding in the Urban Service Area, record the license plate number if possible, or an address or nearby location. Call the RCMP/Bylaw complaint line at **780.788.4000** to report the activity with as many details as possible.

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) riders are expected to follow regulations and laws the same as other motorized vehicle drivers. Laws are in place to protect the safety of everyone.

It is your responsibility to know the laws and regulations governing where you're permitted to ride and where you're not. Obey all posted signs and barriers and stay on designated trails.

Make your contribution to a positive image of OHV use and activities. Protect your privilege so that what is yours to enjoy today will be here for you to enjoy tomorrow.

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Fort McMurray, Alberta
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General inquiries please call:
780.788.4200
To make a complaint, please call
the RCMP/Bylaw complaint
line: 780.788.4000

Off-Highway Vehicles in the Urban Service Area of Fort McMurray



Frequently Asked Questions

Wood Buffalo Detachment
RCMP/Bylaw Services



Off-Highway Vehicles in the Urban Service Area

This brochure provides answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding the operation of OHVs on roadways located within the Urban Service Area in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

What is classified as an (OHV) Off-Highway Vehicle?

Off-Highway Vehicle means any motorized vehicle designated for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice, marsh or swamp land or on other natural terrain. This includes motorcycles and minibikes, snow vehicles and all terrain vehicles, but it does not include motorboats or amphibious vehicles.

Where am I allowed to ride my OHV in the city?

Operation of an OHV is not allowed on public property within the boundaries of the Urban Service Area of Fort McMurray.

Where is the Urban Service Area?

The Urban Service Area covers what used to be referred to as the city limits before Fort McMurray amalgamated with a number of rural hamlets to become the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. The map on the right outlines part of the Urban Service Area boundary (dotted line).

I'm not allowed to operate my OHV in the Urban Service Area. Where am I allowed to drive my OHV?

There are three designated OHV staging areas along

the outskirts of the City which provide operators easy access to OHV trails outside the boundaries of the Urban Service Area.

Where are the OHV staging areas (designated drop-off zones) located?

The three current designated staging areas for OHVs are outlined on the map. Note that the Snye Park staging area is for winter use only.

These staging areas are provided to OHV users so they may have access to areas outside of the boundaries of the Urban Service Area, but be aware that the designated OHV staging areas are subject to change without notice.

I heard I was not allowed to even start my OHV within the Urban Service Area, is this true or false?

False. You are allowed to start your OHV for the purpose of loading and unloading your OHV for transport from your private property.

You are also permitted to plow your driveway on your personal property. However, it must be done during reasonable daylight hours and you may not plow the snow onto the street.

A friend told me my OHV can be seized. Is this true?

If you are caught operating an OHV in the Urban Service Area, your vehicle may be towed or seized.

OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) STAGING AREAS

