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Our wild places and wetlands will survive when we respect and protect nature.



Let's co-operate with nature.

Parks and protected areas are so popular with riders of all-terrain vehicles that it has led to documented damage. This



damage puts future use at risk. Please stick to the trails and don't branch out or make new ones. Please avoid

wet areas like bogs and marshes since their values and functions are impaired with frequent use. Riders who **limit** the size of their machines and tires, avoid stream crossings, and stay on designated routes, are riding responsibly. Please accept that water, fragile natural areas, steep slopes, registered traplines, logging trails, walking and hiking paths are off-limits for ATV use. Also, it's important to check on current local policy with your conservation officers or parks branch before setting out. With your help, we can protect our waterways and wilderness from additional harm.

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Harmful effects on fish, plants and wild animals are reduced when off road vehicle riders follow these simple rules:



As vehicle use grows, so does the damage to soil and fish.

Slow down: Less speed means less noise and pollution, reduced fuel costs, and fewer accidents. Slow rides are easier on soil and help prevent erosion. Ruts bare the soil and create pools of water which attract amphibians and insects into the path of ATVs.

Stay on ATV trails: It's important to keep on level routes specifically designated for ATV use. Expanding routes and crisscrossing trails divide the land and put large and small animals in danger. Stick to one path and make sure it is an approved trail. Don't drive over other walking or biking trails, logging roads, trap lines, public roads or private property. Avoid slopes and hilly terrain.

Stay out of the water: Rivers, streams, wetlands, lakes and ravines are all sensitive places. Tire lugs scrape off plant cover, causing soil and contaminants to move into streams. Riding over wet areas and through water kills fish, their eggs and their habitat. Exhaust and residues from motors poison our plants and reduce air quality. Trails by water destroy plants and aquatic life. Avoid all natural wet areas and restrict rides to dry weather. The effects of ATVs on our landscape is obvious in many areas. Let's reduce the harm.



Be considerate:

We're sharing a resource when we cross public areas like parks and cottage communities. Consult neighbours about when and where you go. Obey all signs and speed limits. Consider the rights of others to peace and quiet, check regulations and ask for permission to cross private lands. This sets a good example of responsible recreational use.

Respect others: Motorized transport use must strike a balance with other members of the public in wilderness settings. Respect the rights of people who choose to walk and view wildlife and plants in an undisturbed setting. Tread lightly and remind your fellow riders that irresponsible recreational use and its damage to land, water and wildlife is prompting stricter regulation or prohibition of vehicles. With your help, we can reduce the harm.

Delicate slopes and natural areas like this trail are best covered on foot.

