

Town of Orange
ATV Road Use Policy

Article 1. Authority: Under the authority granted in 23 V.S.A. § 3501(31), the Selectboard of the Town of Orange hereby adopts the following policy regulating the time, manner and location of operation of all-terrain vehicles (hereinafter call “ATV’s”) on town highways and town property.

Article 2: Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to protect the health and safety of the operators of ATV’s and of residents of the Town and to protect the animals, property and environment of the town.

Article 3: Definition:

A: “ATV” means any non-highway recreational vehicle, except snowmobiles, when used for cross-country travel on trails or on any one of the following or a combination thereof: land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swampland and natural terrain. An ATV on a highway shall be considered a motor vehicle. An ATV shall not include an electric personal assistive mobility device.

B: “Operate” includes any attempt to operate and shall be construed to cover all matters and things connected with the presence and use of ATV’s whether they may be in motion or at rest.

Article 4: Operation of ATVs.

- A. If under the age of 16 and riding or driving an ATV, you must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18. Anyone ages 12-18 must have taken an ATV education course that is offered through VASA before driving an ATV.
- B. ATV’s must be registered, equipped and operated according to the requirements of the Title 23 Chapter 31.
- C. A legally state registered ATV and VASA registration/membership sticker must be attached to the ATV.
- D. ATV’s shall not be operated on bike paths, hiking trails or on VAST snowmobile trails unless the property owner has signed the Landowner Permission Form for the Vermont ATV Sportsman’s Association (hereinafter called “VASA”)
- E. Speed limits shall be a maximum of 15 MPH
- F. ATV operators shall yield the right of way to all other motor vehicles, pedestrians and other users of the Town Highway.
- G. ATV’s must be operated as far to the right of the Town Highway as possible.
- H. ATV’s must operate in a single file at all times.
- I. All other traffic control regulations apply to the operation of ATV’s on Town Highways.
- J. ATV’s may operate from 7:00am-11:00pm only
- K. ATV’s may use trails from May 15th to October 30th.
- L. ATV’s must not be operated on any Town trails other than the ones listed herein.
- M. ATV’s may not be operated in any of the Town Forest property
- N. All riders must wear a helmet, regardless of age.
- O. All ATV’s are required to have insurance coverage.

Article 6. Enforcement:

- A. Enforcement of the statues and this policy lies with the state, county and local law enforcement.
- B. A municipal fine of \$50.00 may be imposed for any violation of this policy in addition to any enforcement action issued by law enforcement.

Article 5: Town Highways open to ATV's: Notch Trail from Richardson Road Trail Head to the Washington Town Line and Warsley Road from the Coello property to Route 25 via Batten Rd or Fish Pond Rd to East Orange Rd and Richardson Rd Trail Head to the Town Clerk's Office via the Woodworth Property and George St to Bennett's Mill then continuing onto Beard Rd. George Street from Route 302 to 436 George Street.

Article 8: Effective Date: This policy shall become effective after its adoption by the Town of Orange Selectboard.

Signatures: *Henry Papp*
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Date: October 25 2021