



For a copy of the complete Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Bylaw, visit

<https://www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/670/Protective-Services>

The Alberta *Traffic Safety Act* allows municipalities to enact a bylaw to permit OHV operation on Municipal maintained roads and public property.

Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs) include:

Snowmobiles, quads, mini-bikes, and any additional means of transportation powered other than by muscular or wind power and are built for cross-country travel on land.

You Must:

- ✓ Travel in the same direction as vehicles travelling on the roadway;
- ✓ Travel in single file;
- ✓ Travel on the shoulder or parking lane of the roadway or, where it is safe to do so, in the adjacent ditch, except when making a left-turn onto an adjacent roadway;
- ✓ Travel at a maximum speed not exceeding 40 kilometers per hour or the posted speed limit, whichever is lower;
- ✓ Be registered and insured pursuant to the Traffic Safety Act;
- ✓ Be at least 16 years of age and hold a valid operator's license; or
- ✓ Be at least 14 years of age and hold a valid Class 7 Operator's License and is supervised by a person who is at least 18 years old and holds a valid Operator's License and either occupying the passenger seat on the OHV or is on another OHV travelling in close proximity;
- ✓ Ensure you stop the OHV before crossing a road;
- ✓ Yield the right of way to all other vehicles and persons on the road; and
- ✓ Drive across the most direct, shortest, and safest route of travel available.

Restrictions:

- ✗ No travelling on Municipal Property or County Parks;
- ✗ No travelling on private property without permission;
- ✗ No traveling on a highway, except in accordance with the Bylaw or as otherwise permitted under the *Traffic Safety Act*;
- ✗ No traveling on a rural road between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
- ✗ No travelling on the road or ditch with OHV that is not equipped with headlamps, tail lamps, an exhaust muffler, and such other equipment as required by the Off-Highway Vehicle Regulation;
- ✗ No riding as a passenger where the number of persons riding the OHV exceeds the seating capacity of the OHV;
- ✗ No traveling on any Highway where the County has placed a sign or signs prohibiting such operation; and
- ✗ No traveling in streams, rivers, lakes or on beds or shores of watercourses, wetlands, or waterbodies unless on designated trail or crossing, or if granted special authorization by Environmental and Parks.



Protective Gear

When traveling on Public Land, helmets are required for OHV's unless you are on a side by side and person(s) are **wearing seat belts, and the OHV has a roll cage.**

To operate an OHV, the operator and passenger must wear a Safety Helmet securely attached to the person's head unless you are excluded as per the *Traffic Safety Act* or *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. A Safety Helmet is defined as a helmet intended for use by an operator or passenger of an OHV that meets one or more of the standards for motorcycle safety helmets adopted in the *Vehicle Equipment Regulation* passed pursuant to the *Traffic Safety Act*.

Where can you drive OHV'S in the County of Wetaskiwin?

OHVs are allowed on Township and Range Road surfaces and in ditches within the County of Wetaskiwin. An OHV may **not** be operated on any highway, road, or ditch along provincial highways unless permission has been granted. You may drive an OHV directly across a highway with the shortest route.

Useful websites

<http://www.albertatrailnet.com/for-trail-users/alberta-trail->

<maps/https://www.alberta.ca/public-land-use.aspx>

<https://aohva.com/>

<https://www.alberta.ca/motorized-recreation-on-public-land.aspx>

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/9781460143308>

http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/Content/docType41/Production/small_vehicle_booklet_final.pdf

<https://www.alberta.ca/public-land-closures>

Be aware and respectful of surrounding property and where private property begins.