

## CHAPTER 16

### FOREST, PARKS AND RECREATION ORDINANCE

#### Rules Related to Off-Highway Motorcycles, ATV/UTV and Snowmobiles

- a) *Off-Highway Motorcycles (OHM)*. Use of OHM that are not DOT licensed on County land is only authorized on trails or routes designated on the Langlade County OHM Trails Map and on approved access roads or trails which are appropriately signed as open to unlicensed OHM. Cross country or use of OHM that are not DOT licensed on roads or trails not posted as open is a violation with exception of individuals with an approved Power-Driven Mobility Device permit including a specific machine and a specific area or other permits as issued by the Department. No person shall operate OHM in unauthorized areas. **There currently are no OHM trails designated on County lands.**
- b) *All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV)*. with exception of individuals with an approved Power-Driven Mobility Device permit including a specific machine and a specific area or other permits as issued by the Department or agency.
- i) No person shall operate any ATV/UTV on public lands, trails, or roads unless authorized by the Federal, State, County or Local agency controlling the lands under a permit or **unless marked or designated as open** by action of the appropriate agency. County forest roads open to motor vehicle traffic are open to ATV/UTV use.
  - ii) No person shall operate any ATV/UTV on public lands, trails, or roads **designated as closed** to vehicles by a sign, physical barrier or gate (either open or closed) placed by the agency controlling the lands.
  - iii) No person shall operate any ATV/UTV cross country on public land.
  - iv) No person shall operate any ATV/UTV on private lands, trails, or roads unless authorized by the landowner individually or by a trail use easement or agreement as part of a public trail.
  - v) No person shall operate any ATV/UTV off from established trail surfaces on any lands. Trail surfaces shall be signed and marked with uniform motorized recreational (ATV/UTV) vehicle signs in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code.
  - vi) No person shall operate any ATV/UTV on designated trails when the trails have been officially closed by public notice from the Department or otherwise marked as closed.
  - vii) ATV/UTV use on established non-motorized trails is only authorized when such use is part of sled dog training on established sled dog trails, part of trail maintenance or part of trail safety operations.
  - viii) Landowners of any ATV/UTV shall be exempt from use limitations in this subsection on lands under their control.
- c) *Snowmobiles*. with exception of individuals with an approved Power-Driven Mobility Device permit including a specific machine and a specific area or other permits as issued by the Department or agency.
- i) No person shall operate any snowmobile on public lands, trails, or roads unless authorized by the Federal, State, County or Local agency controlling the lands under a permit or **unless marked or designated as open** by action of the appropriate agency. County forest roads open to motor vehicle traffic **are not** open to snowmobile use, unless part of a designated snowmobile trail.
  - ii) No person shall operate any Snowmobile on public lands, trails, or roads **designated as closed** to vehicles by a sign, physical barrier or gate (either open or closed) placed by the agency controlling the lands.
  - iii) No person shall operate any Snowmobile cross country on public land.
  - iv) No person shall operate any Snowmobile on private lands, trails, or roads unless authorized by the landowner individually or by a trail use easement or agreement as part of a public trail.

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- v) No person shall operate any Snowmobile off from established trail surfaces. Trail surfaces shall be signed and marked with uniform motorized recreational (Snowmobile) vehicle signs in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code.
  - vi) No person shall operate any Snowmobile on designated trails when the trails have been officially closed by public notice from the Department or otherwise marked as closed.
  - vii) Snowmobile use on established non-motorized trails is only authorized when such use is part of sled dog training on established sled dog trails, part of trail maintenance or part of trail safety operations.
  - viii) Landowners of any Snowmobile shall be exempt from use limitations in this subsection on lands under their control.
- d) *Undefined Motorized Vehicles.* Use of motorized vehicles including but not limited to power driven boards, tracked motorcycles, golf carts, E-Bikes which exceed a maximum power output of 750w or other undefined motorized vehicles on County land is a violation, with exception of individuals with an approved Power-Driven Mobility Device permit including a specific machine and a specific area or other permits as approved by the Committee.
- e) *Watercraft.*
- i) No person shall moor, anchor, or leave unattended any watercraft overnight in the waters of any recreation site or land under the management, supervision and control of the Committee.
  - ii) No person shall remain overnight in any watercraft in the waters of any recreation site under the management, supervision, and control of the Committee.
  - iii) No person shall operate a boat within any water area marked by buoys or other approved regulatory devices as a swimming beach, nor operate a watercraft in a restricted area contrary to regulatory notice marked on buoys or other approved regulatory devices.
  - iv) No person shall power-launch or power-load watercraft in any landing operated by the County.
- m) *Damage by Vehicles or Non-vehicular Traffic.* No person shall operate a vehicle or utilize other modes of transportation for recreational use or other purpose in or on any property administered by the Committee in such a manner as to cause soil erosion, excessive road damage, pollution or other damage.
- n) *Official Use Exempt.* This subsection, in its entirety does not apply for emergency response, patrol watercraft or departmental watercraft.