

Off- road vehicle driver requirements

There are regulations about who can operate off-road vehicles to keep you safe. Make sure you know your obligations under the off-road vehicle act.

26(1) No person under the age of 14 years shall operate an off-road vehicle unless supervised and accompanied by and at all times within clear view of the person's parent or a person who had attained the age of 18 years and authorized by the parent.

26(2) Except as provided in subsection (1), the owner of an off-road vehicle shall not permit a person under the age of 14 years to operate an off-road vehicle of which he or she is the owner: **Fine - \$140.75.**

26(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), no person shall operate an off-road vehicle which is a motorcycle, a four-wheel drive motor vehicle or a snow vehicle registrable under The Drivers and Vehicles Act, unless he or she is 16 years of age or older and holds a licence other than one that has a restriction on operating off-road vehicles.

26(4) Where the operator of an off-road vehicle is required to hold a driver's licence, the operator shall produce the licence to a peace officer on demand.

The **fine is 'to be determined'** for driving an off-road vehicle under the age of 16 without direction/supervision. Court attendance is required.

Be aware of the Municipal Bylaws for the area you are riding in. They vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and include rules like times of operation.

Alcohol Use

Enjoy yourself but remember that the laws about alcohol use apply.

- It is illegal to:

- consume/possess liquor in a public place (this would include a warm up shack, and pit stops along the trail); in other words keep it off the trails.
- provide alcohol to a minor (under 18 years of age)
- it's against the Criminal Code to cause a disturbance.



When not in a dwelling house you disturb the peace by fighting, screaming, swearing, or are just drunk while in or near a public place.

Police Checks

Every operator or owner of an off-road vehicle shall on a signal from a peace officer requiring the operator or owner to do so, immediately bring the off-road vehicle to a stop at a place directed by the peace officer. They shall not proceed until so directed by the peace officer, and shall forthwith comply with an order of the peace officer as to moving the off-road vehicle from any place. They must also give their correct name and date of birth and address as demanded. Sec. 30 Off-road Vehicles Act: **Fine is 'to be determined'**.



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QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Important items for fun and safe recreational off-road activity in all seasons brought to you by your local RCMP in conjunction with MANITOBA CONSERVATION.

The RCMP recognizes that there are important items you need to know to enjoy your time when hitting the trails. Please take the time to review this information. It is meant as a quick guide for information and should be used in conjunction with a review of the applicable Off-Road Vehicles act for the Province of Manitoba. There are many sections that there is just no room for. It is up to you to know your responsibilities to enjoy your stay.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY - 911

**RCMP
RCMP St. Pierre-Jolys Detachment
GRC St-Pierre-Jolys
P.O. Box/C.P. 430
St-Pierre-Jolys, Manitoba
R0A 1V0**

**CRIMESTOPPERS
1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**

What is an off-road vehicle?

An 'Off-Road Vehicle' means any wheeled or tracked motorized vehicle designed or adapted for cross-country travel on land, water, ice, snow, marsh, swamp land or natural terrain and includes, but is not limited to;

- (a) a snowmobile,
- (b) an all-terrain vehicle,
- (c) a mini-bike, dirt bike and trail bike,
- (d) a miniature vehicle such as a dune or sport buggy,
- (e) an off-road maintenance machine,
- (f) an amphibious vehicle and,
- (g) a four-wheeled drive motor vehicle, motorcycle or snow vehicle that is being driven elsewhere than on a highway, whether or not it is registered under The Drivers and Vehicles Act.

Drinking and not Driving

DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE

Be aware that -

Off-Road Vehicles are motor vehicles. Section 253 of the Criminal Code deals with operating a motor vehicle/vessel while impaired or over 80 mg %. The RCMP will be patrolling the trails during summer and winter to ensure that people do not mix drinking and off- roading. It is a dangerous combination. Conviction will result in a criminal record and/or possibly a jail sentence.



RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY

Where can I drive?

33(1) Except as may be authorized under another provision of the Act or under the regulations, no person shall operate an off-road vehicle;

- (a) upon or across a roadway or the shoulder thereof;
- (b) on or across the median of a divided highway;
- (c) on the right-of-way of an interchange; or
- (d) on or across a sidewalk. Off-Road Vehicle Act. It goes further to say that a road can be crossed at a 90 degree angle in clear view of an intersection ensuring a stop prior to the cross and a safe crossing.

Highway Traffic Section 193(1) - Drive on a sidewalk: **Fine - \$140.75.**

Driver Licensing Regulation Section 19(2) - As the holder of a class 5 license, operate an off-road vehicle along or across a highway: **Fine - To be Determined.**

The Off-Road Vehicle Act Section 33(1)(a). Operate an off-road vehicle on or across a roadway or a shoulder: **Fine - \$111.10.**

Crown Lands Act 3(1) It is illegal to operate a snowmobile on a designated provincial snowmobile trail without a valid and subsisting permit which is affixed to the plate or snow machine: **Fine ranges from \$171.30 to \$292.**

The Petty Trespassers Act (1) It's illegal to trespass on Private Property including farm land: **Fine - \$111.10.**

Off-Road Vehicles Act. Sec. 53 allows police to seize off-road vehicles for up to 5 days for contravention of the act.

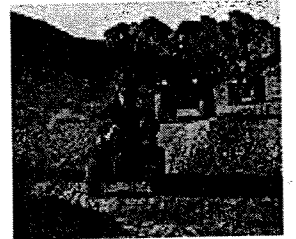
Registration Needed

No person shall operate an off-road vehicle in any location and the person who owns an off-road vehicle may not allow another person to drive it in any location.

3 (a) unless;

- (i) a registration card for the vehicle has been issued under this Act and is valid; **\$171.30**
- (ii) the vehicle displays, in accordance with the regulations, the quantity and type of number plates that the regulations prescribe for use on an off-road vehicle of its registration class and; **\$111.10**

- (iii) the number plates display the vehicle's registration card number and, in accordance with the regulations, stickers showing that the registration is valid; **\$111.10,**
- no person shall operate or permit the operation of an uninsured off-road vehicle: **Fine - \$292.65.**



21 (c)

Helmet's required

Off-Road Vehicle Act 28(1) No person shall ride on or operate an off-road vehicle unless the person is wearing on his or her head a properly adjusted and securely fastened helmet in compliance with the requirements contained in the regulations under this Act: - **Fine \$171.30.**

