

## Frequently Asked Question

### **How can we manage ATV use in our community?**

The sport of ATVing is growing rapidly in our province, which may be creating challenges for your community. The most effective way to manage the use of off road vehicles in your community is to develop a management plan. This plan would consist of designating specific routes in and out of small towns within the municipality that would lead riders to an area in which they can ride safely.

Having riders join or form an ATV club is an excellent way to manage the sport. An ATVMB affiliated club holds organized rides, sets a rider code of conduct and overall, operates in a responsible, organized manner, working closely with the municipality to ensure that club activity is within the law and is respectful of all citizens within a community.

### **Is ATVMB available to assist rural municipalities with setting up an ATV management system?**

Yes, ATVMB has a lot of information and suggestions to offer regarding setting up an ATV management system. We have experience with what works in a community and what does not work. Please contact us through our website, [www.atvmb.ca](http://www.atvmb.ca) if you would like to discuss this with us.

### **If we don't have an ATV Club in our area, how do we start one?**

Complete instructions for forming a club are available through the Membership page of the ATVMB website, [www.atvmb.ca](http://www.atvmb.ca). If additional information is required, please contact the Association Office at [info@atvmb.ca](mailto:info@atvmb.ca).

### **How can ATV Clubs benefit the community?**

ATV Clubs benefit a community by organizing the sport. Club members abide by a code of conduct and are expected to ride safely and responsibly. Club members work closely with municipalities to address any concerns that may arise, participate in community activities and will assist in times of community crisis, i.e. flooding, wind damage, etc.

ATV clubs also participate in local fundraising activities and help to develop multi-use trail systems that have the potential to boost the economy of the community through tourism dollars. A well maintained multi-use trail will attract tourists to your community. A well managed multi-use trail benefits the entire community and can be used by motorized as well as non-motorized users.

## **How do we set up a trail system in our rural municipality?**

Setting up a trail system requires the cooperation of the municipality, the provincial government and the residents of the RM. Trails need to be designated as ATV trails, signage is required to ensure the safety of trail users and trail agreements must be signed, stating who will be responsible for maintaining the trails.

## **How will a designated trail benefit our rural municipality?**

Just as having an ATV Club in your municipality brings organization to the sport, so will a designated trail. Providing a designated, safe system of trails will decrease or eliminate the unlawful use of private land; will decrease the danger of disturbing eco-sensitive areas; and overall will bring peace of mind to residents within the community.

## **Can ATVMB provide a trail marking system which includes signage?**

ATVMB does not directly manage or sign trails. Once a trail has been designated as an ATV trail and trail agreements have been signed, local ATV Clubs would be responsible for maintaining and managing the trails, which would include signage. ATVMB is available to provide guidance to ATVMB affiliated clubs wishing to sign ATV/multi-use trails in their riding area.

## **What type of insurance is required on a designated trail?**

All ATVMB affiliated Clubs carry 3rd party liability trail insurance.

## **Does ATV Manitoba have a safety training program available?**

ATVMB is currently in the process of bring the Canadian AQCC Safety Institute (CASI) rider training program to Manitoba. This is a peer-to-peer training program that involves both classroom and practical hands-on rider training. It is anticipated that once we have trainers in place, the program will be available across the province.

## **How old do you have to be to legally ride an ATV?**

The Off Road Vehicles Act of Manitoba addresses legal ORV riding and it is recommended that individuals visit the Manitoba Government website at [www.web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/o031e.php](http://www.web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/o031e.php) to familiarize themselves with the legal aspects of ORV riding. If additional information is required please visit your local RCMP detachment.