

Department of Natural Resources

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Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Use on State Park Roadways

Requirements for On Road Operation (321.234A & 321I.10)

- Valid driver's license
- Current DNR registration
- Nonresident user permit (for nonresidents)
- 35 mph or less as posted
- Operator must be 18 years of age or older
- Proof of financial liability coverage
- Required safety equipment
 - Headlights
 - Taillights
 - Working brakes
 - o Turn signals
 - o Horn
 - Mirrors
 - Seatbelts, if equipped

FAQs

Q1. Where will OHVs be allowed to operate in state parks?

A1. OHVs will be allowed to operate on any state park, state recreation area, or state forest road where a motor vehicle is authorized to operate including designated parking lots. Jurisdiction over the roadway determines its use. Operation is not authorized off-road or on roads/access lanes and trails where the public is not authorized to operate motor vehicles.

- **Q2.** If a registered camper wants to park an OHV on their campsite, will it be considered one of the two vehicles allowed on the campsite?
- **A2.** Yes. All additional vehicles must be parked in the extra vehicle parking lot if available.
- Q3. Can an OHV be considered a camping unit on a registered campsite?
- **A3.** Yes. All campsite/campground rules and restrictions apply.
- Q4. Will a registered camper be allowed to park an OHV trailer on their registered campsite?
- **A4.** Toy hauler campers are considered a camping unit. Storage of all other OHV trailers will be subject to space and storage available on a park-to-park basis (treated similar to boat trailers).
- **Q5.** How do I know what safety equipment is required?
- A5. Off-highway vehicles are treated as motor vehicles under this use.
- Q6. Is there anything changing with the Other Power-Driven Mobility Device (OPDMD) Program?
- **A6.** No, people with mobility impairments/disabilities may still continue to apply for modified access through the OPDMD Program.