New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

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DIGEST OF REGULATIONS

May 1, 2020–April 30, 2021

Official NH Regulations for Snowmobile and Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles

- Operating Laws
- Registration Information and Fees
- Safety Education Guidelines

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New Hampshire welcomes snowmobile and off-highway recreational vehicle riders to responsibly enjoy our thousands of miles of trails throughout the state. With over 7,000 miles of snowmobile and 1,300 miles of OHRV trails, including the Coos Trail system in the North Country which offers more than 1,000 miles of trails alone for ATVs and UTVs, there is something for everyone. New Hampshire boasts beautiful lakes and rivers, oceans and mountains, fields and forests. All levels of riders from beginners to experts can enjoy a day outdoors and some amazing scenery along the way. The number of riders has been increasing in recent years so trails can become crowded, all the more reason to obey the rules, ride with courtesy, and use proper safety equipment. Some trails now include authorized roadways, where safety is even more crucial because riders are sharing the roads with cars and trucks. Always be sure to wear a helmet and eye protection.

There have been some new laws and regulations put in place in recent years so it is important that riders review this entire digest. These changes include increases in some fines, a restraint system and helmet requirement for those under 7 riding in a UTV, an eye protection requirement for all operators unless the OHRV is equipped with a windshield or screen that protects the driver’s eyes and face, and blue and/or red colored lights are now only permitted on OHRVs and snowmobiles used by state, county, municipal, or federal agencies. Rules can change mid-year as well, so be sure to check our website for the most up-to-date information at www.wildnh.com/ohrv.

An accident can happen in the blink of an eye with no notice, and rider safety is our greatest concern. All ages and skill levels are vulnerable to accidents, but inexperience plays a large role. In the past 6 years, over 80% of riders involved in accidents (OHRV and snowmobile combined) had not taken a Safety Course. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department strongly recommends that all riders participate in a Safety Education Class. State law requires that all operators 12 years of age and over must possess either a valid motor vehicle driver’s license or must have successfully completed an approved OHRV or Snowmobile Safety Education Class.

Please respect the rights of the landowners who permit riding on their property. The vast majority of riders follow the rules and practice safe, responsible riding, but illegal off-trail riding, speeding, and modified exhaust systems damage the reputation of all riders and threaten the essential partnership with landowners that make the sport possible. It is their generosity that allows us to have so many miles of great trails.

Also consider becoming more active in your sport by joining a local snowmobile or OHRV club. These organizations and their volunteers are a valuable asset and work to get landowner permission, maintain trails, and educate riders. So get outside, be safe, and enjoy the Granite State.

Glenn Normandeau
Executive Director
NH Fish and Game Department

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• Inform and educate the public about these resources; and
• Provide the public with opportunities to use and appreciate these resources.

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The N.H. Fish and Game Department is the primary agency responsible for Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle and snowmobile law enforcement, safety education and registration.

Captain Michael G. Eastman, OHV Program Administrator

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This publication is a summary of New Hampshire Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle and snowmobile statutes; it is not the complete law or rules. The official laws or rules may be examined at: Legislative Services, New Hampshire State House, Concord, N.H., nh.gov.

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nhsa.com ........................................................................ (603) 273-0220

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DEFINITIONS

ATV (All Terrain Vehicle): Any motor-driven vehicle which is designed or adapted for travel over surfaces other than maintained roads with one or more non-highway tires, having capacity for passengers or other payloads, not to exceed an unladen dry weight of 1,000 pounds, and not to exceed 50 inches in width.

Trail Bike: Any motor-driven wheeled vehicle on which there is a saddle or seat for the operator and/or passenger designed to travel off maintained roads.

UTV (Utility Terrain Vehicle): Any mechanically propelled vehicle which is designed or adapted for travel over surfaces other than maintained roads with one or more tires or tracks equipped with a rollover protection system and/or safety belts, having capacity for passengers or other payloads, not in excess of 2,000 pounds unladen dry weight, and not to exceed 65 inches in overall width, excluding side mirrors. Shall include, but not be limited to, side-by-side, ROV, gator, buggy and OHV.

Snowmobile: A vehicle not more than 54 inches wide and not more than 1,200 pounds designed to travel over snow or ice, supported by skis, belts or cleats.

Accompanied by: When a person is within sight and when actual physical direction and control can be affected.

OHRV (Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle): Any mechanically propelled vehicle used off of a public way for recreational or pleasure purposes and dependent on the ground or other surface for travel. All legally registered motorized vehicles used off the highway for these purposes shall be deemed as an OHRV. Snowmobiles are not considered OHRVs.

Operate: To use a vehicle in any manner for transportation.

Public Way: Any public highway, street, sidewalk, alley, parking lot, or frozen body of water. Includes both the traveled portion of a road and the sides or shoulder of a road up to the boundary of abutting property owners.

Registrant: Any person who has legally registered an OHRV or snowmobile through an agent and has a registration certificate and decal set recorded in their name with the Department.

Resident: A person who has not claimed residency in any other state for any purpose. Presentation of a valid N.H. driver’s license or N.H. non-driver photo ID is required to prove residency.

Trail Connector: A specific part of an OHRV or snowmobile trail within a state highway right-of-way authorized by the N.H. Department of Transportation.

New for 2020-2021

- The registration year has changed from July 1 through June 30 to May 1 through April 30, thus eliminating 14-month registrations. 2019-2020 registrations are still valid until June 30, 2020.
- All snowmobile registration fees have increased by $33 (see page 8). Wheeled vehicle fees increased by $1. The fee increases were proposed by the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association and passed by the NH Legislature. For questions or comments regarding the fee increase, contact NHSAA at (603) 273-0220.
- Effective May 1, 2020, to qualify as an antique snowmobile, the snowmobile must have been manufactured in the year 1994 or prior.
- There have been some changes regarding operation age, license restrictions, and required equipment (see pages 10, 11, and 22).
- Please note that law changes may occur throughout the year. Visit wildnh.com to check for updates.

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Registrations Required
All snowmobiles and OHRVs must be registered if operated off of the owner’s property. A registration is a privilege to ride off your own property on approved trails or with written landowner permission. A registration is also required to operate on frozen lakes and ponds.

Conventional motor vehicles (cars and trucks) that are legally registered as a motor vehicle do not need an OHRV registration. Motorcycles that are registered for highway use must have an OHRV registration to operate off road.

Youth Models: No registration is required for youth model ATVs, trail bikes or snowmobiles if the operator is less than 12 years of age and the youth is accompanied by a properly licensed adult. To qualify, youth snowmobiles must be 125cc or less; youth ATVs and youth 2-wheel trail bikes, 95cc or less.

Registering an OHRV or Snowmobile
The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the state agency responsible for the registration of off-highway recreational vehicles and snowmobiles. New Hampshire does not title off-highway recreational vehicles or snowmobiles, nor does it maintain any records of title or liens on these types of vehicles. No title, bill of sale or registration is required if operated off the owner’s property. A registration is also required if operated on frozen lakes and ponds.

Registrations are valid from the date of issue through April 30, 2021, and are not prorated. New annual registrations are available at OHRV Registration Agents beginning in late April.

When Registering an OHRV or Snowmobile, the Registrant:
1. Must be at least 18 years of age, present a valid driver’s license or non-driver photo ID, and apply in person.
2. Must present a valid N.H. driver’s license or N.H. non-driver photo ID to qualify for resident rates.
3. Must provide the following vehicle information: year of manufacture, make, model, displacement, primary and secondary colors, and V.I.N. OHRVs are not titled in N.H. — no title, bill of sale or previous registration is required.
4. Must present the appropriate proof of OHRV or snowmobile club membership at each time of registration to qualify for applicable member rates (see Registration Fees section for more information).
5. Will receive a printed registration certificate and 2 decals.
6. Is responsible for verifying that their registration and machine information is correct before leaving the registration agent.
7. Must affix the decals as noted on page 8.

Did You Know?
Most of Your Registration Fee Goes to Trail Maintenance

While the N.H. Fish and Game Department collects the fees from the issuance of OHRV and snowmobile registrations, most of this money does not stay at Fish and Game.

As you can see from the charts, a majority of your registration fee goes to the N.H. Bureau of Trails (DNCR) for maintenance of the trail system. Approximately 82.5% of snowmobile registration fees and 64% of wheeled vehicle registration fees collected go to the Bureau of Trails, which in turn distributes Grants-in-Aid to local clubs for trail maintenance, equipment, and operations. Only a small portion of the money is retained by Fish and Game —— these are dedicated funds used for OHRV and snowmobile Law Enforcement, safety education, and the registration program. RSA 215-A:23, 215-C:39
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* Must present at time of registration, a NH Snowmobile Association (NHSA) Voucher as valid proof of paid membership. Membership must be issued to registrant for corresponding registration year. Only a NHSA membership voucher is accepted as proof of snowmobile membership. Please contact the NH Snowmobile Association at 603-273-0220 with questions regarding snowmobile memberships or clubs.

** Must present at time of registration, a NH Off Highway Vehicle Association (NHOHVA) Voucher as valid proof of paid membership. Membership must be issued to registrant for corresponding registration year. Only a NHOHVA membership voucher is accepted as proof of wheeled vehicle membership. Please contact the NH Off Highway Vehicle Association at 413-200-8061 with questions regarding wheeled vehicle memberships or clubs.

*** Antique registrations cannot be transferred. An antique registration is no longer valid if the registrant is no longer a legal resident of New Hampshire or has given up ownership of the machine.

NOTE: A $2 transaction fee is included in the registration price.

### Decal Placement for Snowmobiles

One on each side of the cowling or on the outside of the windshield, clearly visible and not obstructed.

### Decal Placement for UTVs, ATVs, Trailbikes

One on the front fender and one on the rear fender, unobstructed, as high as possible or at a location provided by the manufacturer.

Alteration of decals is prohibited.
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Always wear a helmet, eye protection and protective clothing and ride responsibly. Utility ATVS are recommended for riders 16 years of age and older. Honda recommends that all ATV riders take a training course. Respect the environment when riding.
LICENSING & AGE RESTRICTIONS
The following apply to ALL OPERATORS and PASSENGERS operating on personal, private and/or public property.

### SNOWMOBILE

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#### WHEELED VEHICLE

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*To operate on designated roads must possess: a valid driver’s license OR valid safety certificate and must be accompanied by an adult at least 25 years of age who possesses a valid driver’s license. Those under the age of 12 cannot operate on roads (restrictions subject to change; see wildnh.com/ohrv for updates).

It is unlawful to operate an OHRV/Snowmobile with a suspended/revoked driver’s license in any state or Canadian Province, see page 18.

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OHRV/WHEELED VEHICLE YOUTH OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

UNDER AGE 12
• While operating on personal property or other public property and trails must have helmet and eye protection and cannot carry passengers on an ATV or ride along or across any public road.
• Must be accompanied by a licensed adult over 18 years of age at all times.
• Child restraint system required and helmet required for under 7 years of age on UTV.

AGE 12 OR 13
• While operating on personal property or other public property and trails must have helmet and eye protection and cannot carry passengers on an ATV.
• Must possess an OHRV Safety Certificate if off of personal property.
• Seat belt required on UTV.

AGE 14 OR 15
• While operating on personal property or other public property and trails must have helmet and eye protection and cannot carry passengers on an ATV.
• Must possess an OHRV Safety Certificate if off of personal property.
• While operating on public property or trails:
  » Must be accompanied by a licensed adult over 18 years of age at all times.
  » May cross roads.
  » May operate on approved roads but must be accompanied by a licensed adult over 25 years of age at all times.*
• Seat belt required on UTV.

AGE 16 OR 17
• While operating on personal property or other public property and trails must have helmet and eye protection and cannot carry passengers on an ATV.
• Must possess an OHRV Safety Certificate if off of personal property and trails must have helmet and eye protection.
• While operating on public property on an ATV:
• Must possess an OHRV Safety Certificate if off of personal property.
• While operating on public property or trails:
  » Not required to be accompanied.
  » May cross roads.
  » May operate on approved roads but must be accompanied by a licensed adult over 25 years of age at all times.*
• Seat belt required on UTV.

18 OR OLDER
• While operating on personal property or other public property and trails must have helmet and eye protection.
• While operating on public property or trails:
  » Not required to be accompanied.
  » May cross roads.
  » If not licensed to drive a motor vehicle, may operate on approved roads but must be accompanied by a licensed adult at least 25 years of age at all times.*
• Seat belt required on UTV.

* Age of accompanying adult subject to change; see wildnh.com/ohrv for updates.
Riding a snowmobile or wheeled vehicle can be fun and exciting for the whole family. Take a class, join a club, and ride responsibly.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department strongly recommends that all riders participate in a Safety Education Class. State law requires that all operators 12 years of age and over must possess either a valid Motor Vehicle Driver’s License or must have successfully completed an approved OHRV or Snowmobile Safety Education Class when operating off their own property. Classes are free and offered throughout the state. For class schedules or more information on these requirements, contact Fish and Game at 603-271-3129 or visit [wildnh.com/ohrv](http://wildnh.com/ohrv).

OHRV education classes are offered online, as well as in the classroom. The online course costs $29.50. Traditional classroom courses are free. Register for online classes and find a schedule of traditional classes at [wildnh.com/ohrv](http://wildnh.com/ohrv).

**OHRV Safety Instructors:** Each year, OHRV Regional Coordinators assist more than 150 volunteer OHRV safety instructors, who in turn educate some 1,000 students in snowmobile, ATV and trail bike safety.

“We strongly recommend that all riders who purchase or rent OHRVs or snowmobiles take a safety class to help reduce the risk of personal injury and property damage,” said Captain Mike Eastman, who coordinates OHRV safety education and enforcement for the N.H. Fish and Game Department.

**SAFETY EDUCATION**

**Safety On Ice**

Though all ice is potentially dangerous, the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research & Engineering Laboratory in Hanover, N.H., offers a “rule of thumb” on ice thickness: There should be a minimum of six inches of hard ice before individual foot travel, and eight to ten inches of hard ice for snowmachine or All-Terrain Vehicle travel. Be aware that ice can be weakened by objects frozen into it, because they hold the heat from the sun; avoid docks, large rocks and trees fallen onto the ice. Also avoid areas with springs or moving water under the ice.

**Help Teach OHRV and Snowmobile Education!**

If you are an experienced OHRV or snowmobile enthusiast, consider joining the ranks of more than 150 volunteers who are certified instructors for the OHRV and Snowmobile Education program. Riding knowledge is helpful, of course, but just as important are enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. You’ll enjoy the camaraderie of fellow instructors! For more information, call (603) 271-3129.

**Did You Know?**

Conservation officers are responsible for patrolling the trails, accident investigations, community outreach by working with local and state user groups, and attending safety classes.

**Be A Responsible Rider**

If you are convicted of DWI, endangering people, damaging property, failure to yield, disobeying an officer, or skimming on open water, you will be required to show successful completion of an approved Safety Education Class or you must attend a Responsible Riders Safety Education course.

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WHERE
Can I Ride?

You can ride on trails that are clearly signed and designated for the type of vehicle that you are operating, or on land where you have received written landowner permission to ride. Contact the N.H. Bureau of Trails or a local club for more information. See maps on pages 16 and 17.

When purchasing or renting an OHRV or snowmobile, all riders are required to be familiar with the rules and regulations of operation prior to sale or rental.

Landowner Permission

Unless you are on an approved trail system or you have obtained permission for the specific piece of land, you are in violation of the law. All land, whether public or private, requires landowner permission. Over 80% of the snowmobile and other trail systems in N.H. are on private property.

Stay on the Trail or Stay Home

To ensure that the trails remain open for future riders, respect the wishes of landowners and stay on designated trails. You may only operate on approved trails for the type of machine you are operating OR you must have written landowner permission on your person.

Posted Land and Duty of Care

Landowners are not required to post their property against snowmobile or OHRV use. The absence of signs prohibiting snowmobiles or OHRVs does not imply that they are welcome or allowed. Landowners are not responsible for keeping their land safe for use by others who may hunt, fish, trap, camp, hike, sightsee or operate snowmobiles or OHRVs.

Ride Responsibly

It is recognized that OHRV and snowmobile operation may be hazardous. Therefore, each person who drives or rides an OHRV or snowmobile accepts the dangers inherent in the sport and shall not maintain an action against an owner, occupant or lessee of land for any injuries which result from such inherent risks, dangers or hazards. (RSA 215-A:5, RSA 215-C:55)

For more information on landowner liability, go to: wildnh.com/landshare/landowner-liability.html.

Welcome to New Hampshire’s OHRV and snowmobile trail networks. New Hampshire’s snowmobile trail system continues to be one of the best in North America, and its OHRV trail network is improving each year. The trails exist because of the work of state agencies, local volunteer clubs, municipalities and private landowners. It takes all of these entities working together. Get out and enjoy all that New Hampshire has to offer.

The future of this trail system is in your hands. Pay attention to signs, stay on designated trails, and ride responsibly. Landowners and neighbors are watching how you ride, and your actions impact the future of these trails. Riding is a privilege afforded to you when you register. Your registration dollars go toward annual trail maintenance; without registering, you’re not doing your share as a participant, and the trails will close. Registering isn’t enough though; riding appropriately is as important.

And it doesn’t stop there — trails exist and are maintained by volunteer clubs. Get active and join one. Without them, there will be no trails to ride. The trails here are a fabulous way to explore our state’s grand scenery, support local communities, reconnect with nature, and enjoy time with family and friends. Help ensure that your experience today is available for you and other tomorrow and into the future.

For more information on clubs, riding areas, events and to find other trail-related information, please contact the N.H. Bureau of Trails at nhtrails.org or call 603-271-3254.

Chris Gamache
Chief Supervisor, Bureau of Trails
Division of Parks and Recreation
N.H. Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources
NEW HAMPSHIRE SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAP

This trail map is provided by:

**The New Hampshire Snowmobile Association (NHSA)**
603-273-0220 or nhsa.com, and the

**Bureau of Trails**
N.H. Division of Parks and Recreation
603-271-3254 or nhtrails.org

- Sign up for weekly Trails Report: nhstateparks.org/Activities/snowmobiling/trail-information.aspx

An interactive online version of this map is available at nhsa.com or nhstateparks.org/experience.

To request a printed map or obtain local club information, contact:

**N.H. Snowmobile Association**
614 Laconia Road, Unit 4
Tilton, NH 03276
603-273-0220
nhsa.com

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This is not a Trail Riding Map

It is designed to help you find local trail systems. Contact local snowmobile clubs for regional maps. Please be aware that trails may change at any time.

**Thank You, Landowners**

A special thanks goes out to all cooperating landowners, who make these trails possible.

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**New Hampshire Statewide Snowmobile Trail System**

- Corridor Trail
- Primary Trail
Print copies of this map are available at:

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- OHRV operation is prohibited on state-owned or leased land during mud season—from the end of the snowmobile season (loss of consistent snow cover) to May 23 every year.
- The Ammonoosuc, Sugar River, and Rockingham Recreational Trails are open year round.
- Contact local clubs for seasonal opening and closing dates. Find local clubs at nhtrails.org
- Utility style OHRVs (UTVs) are permitted on trails as follows: On state-owned trails in Coos and Grafton Counties, up to 65 inches wide. Over 50 inches wide prohibited on state-owned trails in southern New Hampshire. RSA 215-A:43, IV (a)(b)

**New Hampshire Off-Highway Vehicle Association (NHOHVA)**
413-200-8061 or nhohva.org
Reciprocity
Because each state’s trail system is funded and maintained by registration dollars, there is currently no reciprocity among New Hampshire and other states for OHRVs or snowmobiles.

Stolen OHRVs or Snowmobiles
If your vehicle is stolen, report the theft to your local police department immediately. When reporting a theft, and a copy of the registration is not available, the following information should be given:

- **Owner information**: name, address and telephone number.
- **Vehicle information**: make, model, displacement, year of manufacture, V.I.N., and primary/secondary colors.
- **Registration information**: number and most recent year registered.

Event Permits
Any person, organization or corporation who wishes to operate or promote any snowmobile or OHRV event or contest involving the use of unregistered snowmobiles or unregistered OHRVs, shall procure an event permit from the Executive Director of N.H. Fish and Game. The application for the permit shall be on an annual basis, shall include a listing of scheduled events, and shall be accompanied by an annual fee of $50.

**Note**: Event permits must be received 45 days in advance. For more information and an application, please visit www.wildnh.com/ohrv

Alcohol/Drugs
It is illegal to operate or attempt to operate any OHRV or snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, or with a blood alcohol concentration greater than .08% or .02% if less than 21 years old. Penalties for snowmobile and OHRV DWI and procedures for testing correspond with Motor Vehicle DWI. Snowmobile and OHRV operators must submit to a test or tests to determine blood alcohol concentration. Failure to consent to a test results in the loss of the operator’s driver’s license. Open containers on OHRVs are prohibited.

Suspended Driver’s License Warning
It is unlawful to operate an OHRV or snowmobile while driver’s license is under suspension or revocation in any state or Canadian province.

(Pursuant to RSA’s 215-A:29, XX(a; and 215-C:49, XX(a)

Wetland Warning
Riding in wetlands is against the law, and violators can be fined up to $10,000 and may be required to restore damages that result. (Pursuant to RSA’s 482-A:4 and 485-A)

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Fines and Penalties
When a person breaks the law, they may be given a summons to appear in court or a ticket. Most laws are violation-level offenses, which may carry a penalty of up to $1,000. A few statutes are criminal misdemeanors, which are punishable by higher fines and/or one year in jail. Misdemeanors include refusing to stop for a police officer, unauthorized use (stealing), removing or defacing signs, and a second offense for operating on railroad tracks, cemeteries or airports or for offenses for operating while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. Some offenses carry a requirement to attend a Responsible Rider Safety course. Any offense that occurs within a public right-of-way can be considered a motor vehicle offense and motor vehicle laws may apply. These may impact a person’s driver’s license privileges.

If an OHRV or snowmobile is involved in an offense, the registered owner may be held liable, and the registration may be revoked. Effective 7/1/2019 some fines have been increased through legislation.

Minors: When a person under 16 years old breaks the law, the officer can have the vehicle towed and impounded for up to 24 hours. A summons may also be issued. If an adult has knowledge that a child under the age of 16 was operating the vehicle illegally, the adult may be liable for the actions of the child.

Sound Levels and Tests
Loud snowmobiles and OHRVs are a primary cause of complaints from landowners and other trail users. All operators are encouraged to ride quiet vehicles. It is illegal to modify an exhaust system in any way that increases the noise level from that of the original muffler. Snowmobile noise levels must comply with the manufacturer specifications as contained in the requirements of the Snowmobile Safety and Certification Committee approval. Snowmobiles manufactured after 2/1/2007 must display “SSCC Certified” on exhaust system. Trail bikes and ATVs cannot emit noise that exceeds 96 decibels.

OHRVs designed for “closed course competition” may only be used at approved OHRV competitions, unless the OHRV is modified to meet all equipment requirements including muffler, spark arrestor and noise emissions. Snowmobile and OHRV operators must submit to a sound level test when requested to do so by a law enforcement officer. All motorized OHRVs (including trail bikes) operating in woodlands and that emit exhaust within 4 feet of the ground, must be equipped with a spark arrestor.

Accidents
Every year in New Hampshire, many people are injured in OHRV or snowmobile accidents and collisions; some die. More than half (58%) of all accidents involve speed and/or inexperience.

Accidents often can be avoided by practicing safe and responsible operation. Other common contributing factors include impairment (alcohol/drugs), inattention, riding on thin ice, operating in unfamiliar areas, and failing to wear protective equipment.

In the 2018-2019 season, rentals accounted for nearly 40% of all snowmobile accidents.
**Required Equipment**

- Eye protection is needed by all on an OHRV unless seated behind a windshield or screen that covers the eyes while seated.
- A rear-facing mirror is needed on all OHRVs. Does not include Trail Bikes.
- Brakes capable of stopping the vehicle within 40 feet at 20 MPH.
- Safety belts in UTV for operator and passenger less than 18 years of age.

**You Must:**

- Display a headlight and tail light when operating between ½ hour after sunset and ½ hour before sunrise.
- Adhere to the rules of the road when operating on roads open to OHRV use.
- Yield to pedestrians, horseback riders, and other trail users.
- Yield to the right and reduce speed when meeting vehicles coming from the opposite direction.
- Stop when requested to do so by a police officer, conservation officer, or landowner and give your name and address.
- Properly display both registration decals.
- Carry valid registration certificate.
- Carry valid driver’s license or approved Safety Certificate.

**It Is Unlawful To:**

- Operate with red/blue lights.
- Operate any OHRV or snowmobile on the property of another without written landowner permission.

**Operation Limitations**

**Highway Operation:** OHRVs or snowmobiles are not permitted to operate on the traveled portion or within the right-of-way of any public way, including roads, streets, highways, bridges, parking lots, sidewalks or ways that are maintained by any city, town, county, state or federal agency, except when specifically allowed and posted.

**Highway Crossings:** Permitted crossings may be established across some roads, except interstate highways, toll roads and limited-access highways. At all permitted highway crossings, operators must:

- Come to a complete stop before the shoulder of the road.
- Yield to all traffic.
- Cross at a 90-degree angle.
- Possess a valid driver’s license or approved Safety Certificate.
- Be 12 years of age or older.

**OHRV Operation after Sunset**

Most OHRV trails are open daily from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. Approved state-owned roads opened to OHRV travel via the Department of Transportation permitting process prohibit operation from ½ hour past sunset to ½ hour before sunrise (some exceptions apply). Riding after dark is considered riding without landowner permission, and riders could be subject to fines.

**Operation on Approved State-Owned OHRV Trails:**

On State-owned trails in Coos and Grafton Counties, OHRVs up to 65 inches wide may be operated. OHRVs over 50 inches wide are prohibited on State-owned trails in southern New Hampshire. (RSA 215-A:43IV). See page 17.
The target shooting and hunting community prides itself on being safe and responsible with firearms in all situations—from using them outdoors to storing them safely at home. Sometimes, however, unusual conditions such as extremely dry environments require an extra level of awareness and safety on the part of shooters.

Wildfires have many possible causes. The National Shooting Sports Foundation, the trade association for the firearms and ammunition industry, reminds all shooters that during dry and hot weather conditions their use of certain ammunition and targets could accidentally ignite a wildfire. NSSF reminds all target shooters and hunters, as well as other outdoor enthusiasts, to consider the potential consequences of their activities in fire-prone environments.

- Make it a point to know the regulations and rules related to shooting in areas experiencing dry and hot conditions, whether on public or private land or at shooting ranges. Many national forests, for example, do not allow recreational shooting when fire restrictions are in effect.
- Consider the type of ammunition and targets you are using. Minimize the risk of fires by not using steel-jacketed ammunition, ammunition with steel-core components, tracer rounds or exploding targets in fire-prone areas.
- Remember that equipment, such as cars and ATVs, can have extremely hot exhaust systems that could ignite dry vegetation, so park only in designated areas.
- Extinguish and dispose of smoking materials safely.
- Follow guidelines to extinguish campfires.
- Warn others of potential dangers and behaviors for starting wildfires.
- Report any wildfire you see to authorities.
- Spread this message to other target shooters, hunters and outdoor enthusiasts.
OHRV/SNOWMOBILE RULES DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO RSA 215-A:26-a and RSA 215-C:46

DEALER or RENTAL AGENT’S NAME __________________________
ADDRESS ______________________________________________________

PURCHASER or RENTER’S NAME _____________________________________

WHEN PURCHASING OR RENTING AN OHRV OR SNOWMOBILE, PLEASE BE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING RULES:

You can ride on trails that are clearly signed and designated for the type of vehicle that you are operating or on land where you have received written landowner permission to ride.

All riders are required to be familiar with the rules and regulations as they pertain to OHRV or snowmobile operation. Violation of any rule or regulation will be subject to the appropriate penalty.

RSA 215-A:29, VIII or 215-C:49, X provides that a person may be fined not less than $50 and not more than $500 if an OHRV or snowmobile that is registered in his or her name is operated contrary to law.

You are required to abide by the rules and regulations pertaining to recreational vehicles. A complete list of the official rules can be examined at:

   Administrative Services, New Hampshire State House, Concord, NH 03301

   Go to: wildnh.com/ohrv

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the OHRV and/or Snowmobile Laws Digest and OHRV and/or Snowmobile Trails Map.

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