





TREAD LIGHTLY ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LAND

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Welcome to the Okanogan–Wenatchee National Forest and some of the best trail riding in the country

This is a multiple use trail system, used by a variety of recreationists who enjoy the outdoors—motorcyclists, mountain bikers, hikers, and horsemen. Regardless of the mode of transportation used to enjoy this area, visitors come to experience the forest and high country of the Northwest in their own way. Please be courteous and understanding towards all other trail users, and learn about the regulations and closures that affect this area. This brochure is designed to help maximize your enjoyment of this multiple use trail system. Please read and follow the guidelines regarding trail etiquette and safety to ensure the best experience possible.

A Northwest Forest Pass is required for parking at trailheads and for camping in some areas. Passes are available at district offices and many local stores.

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- ravel only where motorized vehicles are permitted
- R espect the rights of hikers, skiers, campers, and others to enjoy their activities undisturbed
- ducate yourself by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, complying with signs and barriers, and asking owners' permission to cross private property
- void streams, lakeshores, meadows, muddy roads and trails, steep hillsides, wildlife, and livestock
- rive responsibly to protect the environment and preserve opportunities to enjoy your vehicle on wild lands

Trail Etiquette

- Operate motorcycles and bicycles at a safe speed, maintaining a stopping distance of 1/3 your sight distance at all times.
- Stay on the trails. Short-cutting switchbacks or traveling off trail kills vegetation and causes erosion and scars to the landscape.
- Observe and obey all posted signs, warnings, and seasonal closures to ensure future use.
- Motorcycles and mountain bikes yield to oncoming traffic, pull off on the downhill side of the trail and kill your engine. Take off your helmet and communicate with horseriders on how best to pass each other.
- Pass horses that have pulled off the trail only when the lead rider gives you the signal to do so.
- Motorcycles and mountain bikes slow down when approaching or overtaking hikers, say Hi and signal how many of your group are to follow.
- Keep your forest clean. Pack out all garbage.

Trail Safety

- There are elements of risk that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce. Know your abilities and ride appropriately.
- Wear a helmet, eye protection, and other protective gear when riding.
- Never ride alone. Leave an itinerary with family or friends.
- Watch for changing conditions. Be prepared for the unexpected — carry first aid kit, emergency repair equipment, food/water, warm clothing.
- Water from streams and lakes must be treated or boiled before drinking.
- Be careful with fire and make sure campfires are out and cold to the touch.

Motorcycle Requirements

STREET LEGAL MOTORCYCLES

are allowed on all Forest roads and designated Forest trails that are open to motorized use.

Street legal requirements:

- working headlight, taillight, brake lights
- two mirrors
- horn
- muffler with spark arrester, USDA Forest Service approved
- D.O.T. approved tires
- valid State license plate
- motorcycle endorsement
- D.O.T. approved helmet

TRAIL LEGAL MOTORCYCLES

are allowed on designated Forest trails that are open to motorized use.

Trail legal requirements:

- working headlight, taillight, at night or during poor visibility
- spark arrester, USDA Forest Service approved
- muffler that limits exhaust noise to 105 decibels
- current ORV permit tabs, permits are good for one year

ATVs—Three and Four Wheelers

All roads and trails are closed to ATVs. Inquire at your local Ranger Station for possible use areas.

ATVs are allowed on:

- private land with landowner's permission
- specially managed ORV parks in Washington (the nearest are at Moses Lake or Vantage)

