



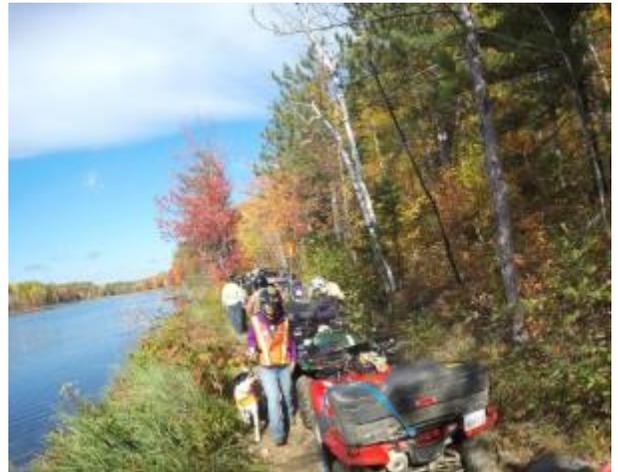
RCATV Trail Etiquette & Guidelines

Trails are a wonderful way to spend an enjoyable day, relaxing and taking in the sights. You will see some spectacular scenery and natural areas as you travel the trails. We ask that you observe these few rules of the trail etiquette on a multi-use trail

so that everyone's outing will be fun and you will help preserve trails for future generations.

Renfrew County ATV Club is an organization that believes riding on designated trails protects the environment. We consider ourselves to be stewards of the land we use whether it is crown land or private landowner we have a land-use agreement with. We promote safe and responsible riding on trails. It believes that education and awareness programs will further protect the natural environment. ATV's provide and allow for an increased mobility for a variety of users.

1. Please stay on the designated trails! Some areas have rare sensitive plants and small animals that can be easily damaged or destroyed. Don't make new trails or use unmarked (unsigned) trails.
2. Keep in mind the following Ontario Trails Council statement: 'Shared use trail - expect/respect other users.' Always yield right of way to other trail users who are approaching or passing. Be certain to communicate in advance with riders of Horses, Dog Teams and those walking pets.
3. ALL USERS to slow to a walking speed when meeting up with other USERS; be prepared to stop.
4. Remove your helmet when talking to other trail users.
5. Do not utilize CLOSED trails. 'If you don't know, don't go!' Do not trespass on private property and do not utilize single-purpose trails designated for other (non-ATV) activities.
6. Some trails are private land-use agreements and leased trails and require trail pass fees or you will be considered as trespassing. Trail passes are available at www.renfrewcountyatv.ca
7. Please respect neighbouring landowners by staying off private trails and property. Avoid excessive noise. Keep your speed and engine rpm low and steady when approaching other riders, homes, etc.
8. Please leave the trail as you found it; whatever you pack in, pack out.
9. Avoid sensitive and restricted areas at all times, especially wetlands, lakeshores, steep stream banks and hills. Avoid running over young trees and shrubs, particularly in the spring and the growing season of the summer. Please leave the wildflowers and wildlife for others to enjoy.
10. Promote parking and dismounting from your ATV to walk to sensitive, scenic, historic and cultural areas.
11. Cross at designated crossings and utilize bridges when available. Cross watercourses at 90-degree angles and drive carefully and slowly.
12. Please slow down when your vision of the trail is restricted.
13. Avoid sudden stops and starts and quick directional changes with acceleration.
14. Adjust riding behavior according to season, trail condition and location.
15. Take a rider safety course and ride within your abilities.



16. The ATV designated trail season begins and ends with the advent of winter and the appearance of snowmobile groomers. At no time should ATV's with-out without tracks be on groomed OFSC trails.
17. Comply with all applicable legislation and/or municipal bylaws.
18. Avoid riding after heavy rains and respect MNR dry-out periods on crown land by not being on the trails until May 1.

If you have any questions about trail etiquette and environmental protection for trail use, please contact our office at info@renfrewcountyatv.ca