

An off-highway vehicle (OHV) is any motorized mode of transportation built for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice, marsh or swamp land, or other natural terrain. OHVs include quads, dirt bikes, snowmobiles and any other all-terrain vehicle (ATV), but do not include motor boats or miniature vehicles like go carts or golf carts.

The use of OHVs on roads, in ditches and at public recreation areas in Alberta is regulated by the [Traffic Safety Act](#) and associated regulations, and [Leduc County's Traffic Bylaw](#).

## Requirements

In order to operate an OHV on public land, you must meet the following requirements:

- ▶ be at least 14 years old or supervised by someone at least 18 years old
- ▶ wear a helmet, unless you are excluded as per the *Traffic Safety Act* or *Occupational Health and Safety Act*

Your OHV must meet the following requirements:

- ▶ have valid registration
- ▶ have valid insurance
- ▶ have licence plate affixed and clearly displayed
- ▶ be equipped with headlamps, tail lamps, an exhaust muffler and other required equipment

OHV users can be charged with impaired driving under the *Criminal Code of Canada*.

## Using an OHV in Leduc County

You **can** operate an OHV on your own private property, or on other property if you have permission from the owner. You **cannot** operate an OHV within hamlets – including Buford, Looma, Kavanagh, Rolly View, Sunnybrook and New Sarepta – except when entering or leaving the hamlet using the most direct route to and from your home.

You may operate an OHV in the ditch adjacent to a roadway if travelling single-file and in the same direction as adjacent traffic. Where there is no ditch, or where you need to bypass a hazard or obstacle in the ditch, you may travel in the parking lane (or the furthest right lane of the roadway where there is no parking lane). Your speed must not exceed 40 kilometres per hour, or the posted speed limit if it is less than 40 kilometres per hour.

Learn about using an OHV on public/Crown land at [alberta.ca/motorized-recreation-on-public-land.aspx](http://alberta.ca/motorized-recreation-on-public-land.aspx)