

Eastern Sierra ATV & UTV Jamboree

STATE AND LOCAL ORDINANCES

Please observe the following safety tips, State and Local ATV ordinances:

Do not drink alcohol or use drugs while riding. As with autos, riding an ATV while under the influence of alcohol or drugs can lead to serious accidents involving you and/or other members of your group. California State law prohibits the use of drugs or alcohol while operating an ATV or any other motor vehicle.

Observe the same traffic laws as other normal vehicles. Courtesy goes a long way in avoiding and preventing problems with other users.

ATV's shall yield right-of-way to automobiles at all times. Parts of the trail are also used for larger vehicles so be cautious and yield right-of-way to them always while riding. ATV's shall also yield to horseback riders who may be using the same trail. When meeting horseback riders please pull off the trail and turn off your engine, allowing the horse to pass without being spooked by your machine.

All ATV trails and roads are subject to two-way traffic. Please use extreme caution when riding to avoid head-on collisions. Be courteous when allowing other riders to pass.

ATV use in cities and towns is restricted to designated routes except to directly access motels, gas stations and other related services and activities, and for direct access to the trail. Each city and town has certain streets designated as ATV routes. Maps can be made available upon request. Please use and respect these designated streets and other users and yield to normal vehicle traffic.

Please stay on a designated trails and prevent the disturbance and misuse of public lands. Riding on public lands is a privilege. Please help us to preserve it.

All drivers must be a minimum of 16 years of age (see California state law). Additional riders (behind/next to a driver) are allowed on legal two-seaters. These additional riders can be under 16. There are no exceptions!

Thank you for observing our community and State ATV laws and ordinances. Your strict conformance to these laws will help ensure and preserve your right to use ATV's on public lands in the future and will enhance your safety and enjoyment of Jamboree activities.

WILDLIFE

Some visitors are astonished at the massive nature of the trail system and the remoteness of some of the areas. Because of this some have expressed real concern about encountering wildlife along the trail. Though there are some wild animals, they are extremely wary of humans, unless they are protecting their young.

Some species of wildlife are fairly common and encountering these can significantly enhance the experience of the trail. Deer are common to the area and can be seen on any part of the trail, particularly at dusk. To view or photograph these animals, stop your ATV but leave the engine running and remain on the vehicle. Changes in sound or sudden movement will startle the animals. Chasing wildlife is illegal because it stresses them and could lead to their death.

Most of the trail system is on public lands where ranchers have permits to graze cattle. Consequently, you may see cattle on any part of the trail. They are completely harmless. When encountering cows on the trail, simply reduce your speed and continue driving. They will get out of your way. Remember that these cows belong to someone so do not harass them unnecessarily. There are gates along the trail separating pastures or land ownerships. Always leave these gates as you find them; open if you find them so, or closed if they were closed when you arrived.

PRIVATE LANDS

At places the trail may pass through private land. All of the main loop and some of the side trails follows legal rights-of-way across these parcels of private lands. Some areas of the Forest are closed or restricted to motorized travel to protect wildlife habitat, watershed conditions or other recreational opportunities. When riding remember not to trespass on private property and stay on designated trails. Remember that riding on trails on public lands is a privilege that is already being closely scrutinized by environmentalists, politicians and land managers. If you stay on designated trails, 'tread lightly,' carry out any garbage and generally leave the land as you found it, you will help to preserve your right to ride on public lands.

ELEVATION AND EQUIPMENT

There are several factors that should be considered due to the high elevation of the trails. Elevations along the trail range from 5,000 to 12,000 feet above sea level. Because of the elevation and low oxygen levels, people with respiratory problems or heart conditions should consult a doctor before leaving home. Also, people coming directly from near sea level must be aware that physical stamina until they become acclimatized.

Another result of the trail's high elevation is temperature fluctuations. First, with over a mile of relief between high and low points, there can be a 20 to 30 degree temperature difference along the trail. Second, it is common to have a 40 degree temperature change from morning to night. Along with these temperature fluctuations is the fact that it never really gets too warm at 11,000 feet. As a result, you should always carry warm clothing even if the weather appears mild at the start of a ride. You should also make sure your ATV is jetted properly for this altitude.

Prep-planning is the key to a successful trip. Once you embark on the trail, you are in a different world with few support services. It is important that you have everything you might need. This includes having enough fuel to get from one filling station to the next.