



FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I have to be a club member to ride your trails?

A: Yes. We have agreements with over 45 Land Owners, and any ATVs without Club Stickers are trespassing and subject to fines and ATV confiscation. And please remember, you could lose permission to ride our trails by littering, causing damage, or riding carelessly.

Q: How much does membership cost?

A: Please visit our website at <http://www.oswegovalleyatvclub.com/>

Q: Where do I sign up?

A: Our website, <http://www.oswegovalleyatvclub.com/>, has a form you can mail in. Or to join quickly, go to the Hannibal Quick Mart, 971 Cayuga St., Hannibal, NY 13074. Be sure to bring your ATV registration and insurance information.

Q: Does my passenger have to be a club member too?

A: No, your passenger is just that, a person seated in a designed passenger seat. Be sure they have a helmet too.

Q: Can my children operate an ATV on your trails?

A: Yes, if you join with a Family Membership and follow New York State's restrictions for operators under the age of 16.

<https://dmv.ny.gov/brochure/atvs-information-owners-and-operators>

Q: I'm not a member but can I ride my ATV as a guest? Do you have guest passes?

A: Yes but you must be riding with a club member, who will authorize your 1-day Guest Pass. Guest passes are available at the Hannibal Quick Mart, or contact us at OswegoValleyATV@hotmail.com

Q: Where do I park to start riding?

A: When you join and get a map, you'll see parking spots in Fair Haven, Cato, Hannibal, and near our club house on Muck Drive between Hannibal and Fulton.

Q: I want to try your trails. Where do I get a map?

A: Our trails are for club members only and you have to join first to get a map.

Q: Are maps available online?

A: No.

Q: Aren't you the same as the Oswego County ATV Club?

A: No, these are two different clubs. We are the Oswego Valley ATV Club based in Hannibal, NY (<http://www.oswegovalleyatvclub.com/>) and they are the Oswego County ATV Club based in Altmar, NY (<http://www.oswegocountyatv.org/>).

Q: Does my ATV need to be registered with a license plate?

A: Yes.

Q: Do I have to have insurance?

A: Yes, our land owner agreements require insurance. Besides that, you may not operate any ATV anywhere in New York State, except on your own property, unless it is covered by liability insurance.

Q: Do I have to wear a helmet?

A: Yes, USDOT-approved helmets are required by New York State even on private property, whether you are the operator or passenger. We also recommend that you wear a face shield or goggles and protective clothing & footwear.

Q: Are side x side ATVs & UTVs allowed in your club?

A: Yes, if it is registered and insured. The problem is that New York State will not register any ATV/UTV with a dry weight of more than 1000 pounds or having a width of more than 70 inches.

Q: My ATV is registered out of state. Can I bring it here to ride your trails?

A: Yes. New York State honors valid out-of-state ATV registrations.

Q: Where can I find out more about New York State rules and regulations for ATVs & UTVs?

A: <https://dmv.ny.gov/brochure/atvs-information-owners-and-operators>
<http://www.adirondackdailyenterprise.com/opinion/columns/safety-on-the-roads-by-dave-werner/2016/11/utility-task-vehicles-have-restricted-use/>
<http://www.watertowndailytimes.com/article/20090411/NEWS04/304119952>

Q: Can I use my motorcycle/dirt bike?

A: Sorry, no, we can't allow them. We have contracts with Cayuga and Oswego counties allowing our ATVs on their public trails but not any motorcycles.

Q: Why are there hikers, dog walkers, bicycles, and horses on the trail?

A: The flat rail-bed portions of our trails belong to Cayuga and Oswego counties and are part of their Public Trail Systems. Normally, motorized vehicles are prohibited on public trails, but our club has contracts with the counties to allow use by our ATV-stickered club members. Be courteous and careful while approaching others on the trails. Keep trails clean and safe. Pedestrians, bicycles, and horses have the right of way. Turn off your machine if necessary when near horses and other animals.

Q: Is there a trail speed limit?

A: Yes, some municipalities have an ATV speed limit of 25 mph. When near residential areas, please respect our land owners and limit yourself to 10 mph.

Q: Do your trails have riding hours?

A: Yes and no, depending on which trail you're on. The flat rail-bed trails are part of the County Trail Systems and are subject to their hours of dawn to dusk. You may ride at night on the private land owner trails but please travel quietly and responsibly; don't wake the baby.

Q: Does my ATV need any special equipment to ride your trails?

A: Well, New York State requires brakes in good condition, a muffler that is in good condition and meets federal standards, a spark arrestor approved by the U.S. Forest Service, tires with at least 2/32nds of an inch tread without visible breaks, cuts, exposed cords, bumps, or bulges, and a lighted white headlight and red taillight if the ATV is driven at night. Of course, you may add optional equipment of your choosing such as winches, bumpers, rock sliders, windshield, roof, what-have-you, but they're not necessary.