



## 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 Landowners, and any ATVs without Club Stickers are therefore trespassing and subject to citations, 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/join.htm> and click the link to our membership form.

**Q: Where do I sign up?**

A: Our website <http://www.oswegovalleyatvclub.com/> has a membership 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's state 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 designated passenger seat. Be sure that 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: Where do I find a DMV approved Safety Course for children?**

A: Go to <https://nyatvsafety.ridetrails.org/> or <https://nysorva.info/?p=266> or check individual ATV club sites who sometimes post schedules for training classes. Check also with your local ATV Dealer.

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

A: Yes, but you must be riding with a club member, who will approve your 1-day Guest Pass. Guest passes are available at the Hannibal Quick Mart, or contact us at [OswegoValleyATV@hotmail.com](mailto:OswegoValleyATV@hotmail.com). The cost is \$10, which may be applied towards a club membership if you decide to join later.

**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 must join first to get a map.

**Q: Are maps available online?**

A: No.

**Q: Can I use the roads to get to your trails?**

A: No, unless you are in the village of Hannibal. ATV or UTV use is not permitted on a New York highway unless it has been designated and posted by state or local authority. For the most part, designated highways are limited to only the part of the highway between two off-highway ATV trails. Hannibal allows ATV travel within the village to encourage rider visits to local businesses.

**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 state registered with a license plate?**

A: Yes, any state. New York State honors out-of-state registrations. If your home state does not require registration, then you must obtain a NYS registration.

**Q: Do I need to have insurance?**

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

**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 a 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, but only if it is state registered (by any state) and insured. The problem is that New York State, unlike most other states, is restrictive and will not register any ATV or UTV having a dry weight of more than 1000 pounds or having a width of more than 70 inches.

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

A: Yes. New York State honors valid out-of-state ATV registrations, as do we.

**Q: Can't I just put an orange triangle on the back of my UTV?**

A: No, not legally. To use the slow moving vehicle sign, you must file your purpose and routes with the state.

**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>  
<https://atvman.com/newyork/>  
<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 on your trails?**

A: Sorry, no, we cannot allow them. We have lease contracts with Cayuga and Oswego counties, two of our landowners, which allow club member's sticker-identified ATVs on their public trails but not any motorcycles. Violators may receive citations and fines.

**Q: Can I use my old 3-wheel ATV?**

A: Sorry no, not on our trails. Our County Contracts define ATVs as four-wheeled vehicles.

**Q: Why are there hikers, dog walkers, runners, 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 always 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 show respect to our landowners/neighbors and limit yourself to 10 mph.

**Q: Do your trails have riding hours?**

A: Yes and no, depending on which trail you're riding on. The flat rail-bed trails are part of the County Trail Systems and are subject to their official hours of dawn to dusk. You may ride after dark on the private land-owner trails, preferably no later than 10 pm, but please travel quietly and responsibly; don't wake the baby. And remember, it is unlawful to operate an ATV or UTV within 100 feet of a dwelling between midnight and 6 A.M. at a speed greater than necessary to maintain forward progress.

**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.