

## **TOWN OF OTISFIELD ATV POLICY**

This ATV Policy can be amended by the Board of Selectmen at any time. The impetus for writing this policy is the organization of the Otisfield Trail Blazers ATV Club.

ATV vehicles are described as: An **all-terrain vehicle (ATV)**, also known as a quad, quad bike, three-wheeler, four-wheeler, or quadricycle is defined by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as a vehicle that travels on low-pressure tires, with a seat that is straddled by the operator, along with handlebars for steering control.

The Town of Otisfield (the "Town") hereby grants the Otisfield Trail Blazers (the "ATV Club") permissions to operate ATVs on certain specifically designated, Town-owned right of ways and trail access points through this policy which shall be subject to the following conditions, restrictions, and limitations:

ATV vehicles can have access to the trails and roads only where specifically permitted in this agreement and marked with signs between **May 15th and December 15th only-between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm.**

Travel by ATVs on town roads and right of ways will be limited to the shoulder of the road in the direction of the traffic flow.

Any erosion of land in the Crooked River and Thompson Lake Watersheds due to negligence of ATV Club members, or anyone using the trail system, and will be the responsibility of the ATV Club membership to address and rectify.

The Town will arrange for Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District (OCSWCD) to annually inspect the specified Town road shoulders and trail access points on Town right of ways for ATV damage/impact and make recommendations for Best Management Practices (BMPs) where needed. Any degradation of the road shoulders and access points will be reported to the Board of Selectmen which may request the ATV Club to address any areas of concern within a reasonable timeframe to keep permissions through this valid. The ATV Club will install and maintain BMPs that may be required to prevent unnecessary damage to adjacent lands, soil and water.

The ATV Club shall take steps to prevent unnecessary damage to adjacent timber, soil or water and shall comply with all laws and regulations pertaining thereto and shall indemnify the Town against any violation thereof, including the Best Management Practices.

The ATV Club's use shall not cross any wetland, ecologically sensitive area, rivers or streams other than approved, stable crossings.

All ATV riders are required to be respectful of the conditions and environments in which they are riding, insure that there are no causes of public nuisance, damage to infrastructure, and be alert and diligent in preventing any roadway safety hazards. All

rubbish, debris, and garbage of any nature will be promptly picked up and disposed of properly.

The Town of Otisfield does not assume liability or responsibility for injuries to person or property caused by any act of persons to whom this permission is granted. Furthermore, the town has no responsibility to keep the trail system safe for entry or use. MRSTitle14 §159A.

**Road use in this policy include:**

- Bolsters Mills Road – Day's Country Store to Jesse Mills Road .6 miles
- Jesse Mills Road- Bolsters Mills Road to the Tamworth Road 1.5 miles
- Tamworth Road – Jesse Mills Road to Oak Hill Road 2.0 miles
- Oak Hill Road – Tamworth Road to Trail head at corner of Oak Hill Road and Bishop Road 1.3 miles
- West Andrews Hill Road – from dirt part west of Ahonen Road to top of hill .9 miles
- East Andrews Hill Road – from discontinued section to intersection with Gore Road and Bonney Hill Road .5 miles
- Andrews Hill Road (abandoned section) .4 miles
- Bonney Hill Road – Andrews Hill Road to Yeaton Swamp Road where Oxford ATV takes over .6 miles

Officers of the ATV Club are required to sign this policy stating that they understand and agree upon requirements herein. Agreed upon and signed this 28 day of March, 2016. This policy shall remain in effect until revoked or changed by the Board of Selectmen.

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