ATV Rules & Regulations

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) is providing this trail system for Class 1 and 2 all-terrain vehicles (ATV's). An ATV is defined as a motorized off-highway vehicle, which travels on three or more inflatable tires. Class 1 and 2 cover ATVs having a maximum width not exceeding 58 inches and a maximum weight not exceeding 1200 pounds. Automobiles, trucks, golf carts, dune buggies, motorcycles, etc. are not permitted.

Your cooperation is necessary to help protect the State Forest land surrounding this trail and the wide variety of animals and plants that call this area their home. To promote your sport be considerate of other forest land users.

The trail has been designated for ATV use and signed with both trail markers and warning signs where appropriate. Stay on the marked trail. For your safety, equip yourself with the proper gear and check the local weather forecast.

To make your trail ride safe and enjoyable for yourself and others, please obey the following rules and regulations:

- 1. Abide by the State Forest Rules and Regulations and the ATV Law.
- 2. DCNR's local District Forester is authorized to regulate all trail usage and can close the trail during the riding season if necessary.
- 3. The designated ATV trail will be open from the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend through the last full weekend in September conditions permitting.
- 4. Some ATV trails reopen for winter use in conjunction with the snowmobile season the day after regular rifle deer hunting season until April 1st conditions permitting. *Check with the local Forest District Office to be sure the trail is open for winter use.* The trail may also be open for use by snowmobiles.

- 5. The operation of a vehicle in a reckless or negligent manner is not permitted.
- 6. Many trail heads are CARRY-IN, CARRY-OUT facilities. Do not discard any trash unless a waste container is provided.
- 7. Do not disturb or pursue wildlife with an ATV.
- 8. ATVs are not permitted to use State Forest roads.
- 9. ATVs are not permitted in State Forest Picnic Areas.
- 10. Persons under the age of 8 years may not operate an ATV on DCNR trails.
- No person from the age of 8 to their 16th birthday shall operate an ATV on State Forest Land without an ATV safety training certificate.

THINK SAFETY

ACT SAFELY

ATV Safety Code

- Wear a helmet and eye protection at all times and other protective clothing suitable to the environment when you ride.
- Do not carry passengers on your ATV.
- Do not let young or inexperienced riders operate ATVs without supervision.
- Do not use alcohol or other drugs when you ride.
- Learn proper riding skills from an instructor or qualified rider and practice such skills before riding State Forest ATV trails.
- Use the "Buddy" system; ride with others.
- ♦ Obey the laws.
- Do not modify the exhaust system.
- Protect the environment. Do not litter, harass wildlife, or damage plant life.
- Respect the rights of others who use State Forest land. Stay on trails designated for ATVs.

Sideling Hill ATV Trail Directions

Wells Tannery Parking Area

<u>GPS:</u> 40° 4' 59.7" N, 78° 10' 10.5" W <u>From Route 30</u>: Turn onto PA 915 N for 6.2 miles to Tannery Road and turn left. Go 0.2 miles to Cove Road (or Ray's Cove Rd.), and turn left. The ATV parking lot is on the left about 0.6 miles.

Waterflat Trail Parking Area

<u>GPS:</u> 40° 4' 19.9" N, 78° 10' 41.9" W <u>From Wells Tannery Parking:</u> Continue along Cove Road. The ATV lot is 0.9 miles on the left.

Childer's Ridge Parking Area

<u>GPS:</u>, 40° 5' 35.9" N, 78° 11' 55.5" W <u>From Route 30</u>: Turn north onto PA 915 for 8.3 miles to Sherman Valley Road and turn left. Go 0.3 miles to Childer's Ridge Road, and turn left. The ATV parking lot is 0.7 miles on the right.

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Pennsylvania's vast state forest system comprises 2.2 million acres for you to use, enjoy and explore. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Bureau of Forestry manages these forests to ensure their long-term health and to conserve native wild plants. Buchanan State Forest comprises 71,638 acres in Bedford, Fulton and Franklin counties.

The **Sideling Hill ATV Trail** located in Fulton County is roughly 15 miles most of which occupies old forest roads, trails, logging roads and skid trails. There are some narrow and very rough portions of the trail which may be challenging for new riders.



