

Ride Safe, Ride Right, Ride Responsibly

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REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO

An Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) is only as safe as the person operating it — use good judgment and courtesy, wear appropriate protective gear and maintain your OHV.

Operating an OHV on public land is not a right — it's a privilege. Your attitude toward the law, the environment and other OHV riders has an impact on all outdoor enthusiasts, landowners and lawmakers. Careless operation of OHVs may result in loss of privilege or the possible closing of riding areas.



The irresponsible behavior of some individuals can harm the reputation of the sport for all riders. If you see a rider operating a machine dangerously, riding irresponsibly or riding in the Urban Service Area, record the license plate number if possible, or an address or nearby location. Call the RCMP/Bylaw complaint line at **780.788.4000** to report the activity with as many details as possible.

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) riders are expected to follow regulations and laws the same as other motorized vehicle drivers. Laws are in place to protect the safety of everyone.

It is your responsibility to know the laws and regulations governing where you're permitted to ride and where you're not. Obey all posted signs and barriers and stay on designated trails.

Make your contribution to a positive image of OHV use and activities. Protect your privilege so that what is yours to enjoy today will be here for you to enjoy tomorrow.

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General inquiries please call:
780.788.4200

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Off-Highway Vehicles in the Hamlet of Saprae Creek



Frequently Asked Questions

Wood Buffalo Detachment
RCMP/Bylaw Services



Off-Highway Vehicles in Sapræe Creek

This brochure provides answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding the operation of OHVs on roadways (referred to as "Highway" in the current bylaw) located within the hamlet of Sapræe Creek in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

What is an OHV? I have a snowmobile, is that an OHV?

Yes. An OHV is defined as any motorized vehicle designated for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice, marsh or swamp land or other natural terrain—this includes motorcycles, minibikes, snowmobiles and ATV's, but it does not include motorboats and amphibious vehicles.

The Bylaw for the hamlet of Sapræe Creek repeatedly refers to a "Highway". Which highway does it mean?

In the bylaw, the term "Highway" means roadways located within the hamlet, including the portion of Spruce Valley Drive lying between the hamlet of Sapræe Creek and the abandoned CNR Right-of-Way.

The bylaw says only a qualified person can operate an OHV on a roadway. Who is considered a qualified person?

A qualified person is an individual who holds a valid Alberta Operator's License or an Alberta Learner's Permit.



Am I allowed to ride my OHV on the roadway ("Highway") in Sapræe Creek?

Qualified operators of OHVs may ride on the roadways to travel to and from a property or as a direct route from a specific destination. The roadways may not be used as a recreational area or for general recreational use.

Does it matter what side of the highway I drive on?

Yes. Off-Highway Vehicles must travel on the extreme right hand side of the road and travel in single file at all times.

Can I drive on the road any time of day or night?

No. Operation of an OHV on a highway in Sapræe Creek is only permitted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. on any given day.

How fast am I allowed to drive?

The maximum speed at which OHVs are allowed to travel on a roadway or highway is 30 kilometres per hour (30k/h).

I don't have a headlight on my OHV. Does that matter?

Yes. All OHVs travelling on a highway or roadway must be equipped with at least one headlight and one tail light. The headlight and tail light must be on at all times when travelling on any highway or roadway – during the day and at night.

Are there any specific areas that are prohibited?

Yes. The operation of an OHV on any posted recreation ground within the hamlet of Sapræe Creek is prohibited. Also, no person shall operate an OHV on any highway, roadway, trail or property where signs posted by the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo prohibit the operation of OHVs.

For further information regarding the bylaw, please visit the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo website: www.woodbuffalo.ab.ca

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