

Press Release - For your information:

The Town of Washington has now opened all roadways on the island for ATV – All Terrain Vehicle & UTV – Utility-Terrain Vehicles

The purpose of Town Ordinance (2013-02) is to establish ATV and UTV roads and to regulate the operation of ATV and UTV's on the Town and County Roads.

PLEASE review Wisconsin ATV & UTV laws Ch. 23.33 and Town Ordinance 2013-02. These can be found on the Internet or ask your local law enforcement officer for a pamphlet.

For the purpose of this notification, please understand that it is up to the rider to know the laws and rules before they operate their machine on the roadway. We want this to be a great success for all riders, but the laws must be followed to be successful !

Some key points from Town Ordinance 2013-02 and Ch. 23.33 are:

- 1) All ATV/UTV operators shall observe a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or lower on roadways
- 2) All ATV/UTV operators shall ride single file
- 3) All ATV/UTV operators shall slow the vehicle to 10 mph or less while operating within 150 feet of a dwelling (to include joggers, walkers and bicyclist)
- 4) All ATV/UTV operators are required to display a lighted headlight (white) and tail lamp (red) day and night.
- 5) No person under age of 12 can operate an ATV under any circumstances on the road or off road
- 6) No person under age of 16 can operate an UTV under any circumstances on the road or off road
- 7) All ATV/UTV operators must wear a DOT approved helmet under 18 years of age.
- 8) No person who is at least 12 years of age and who is born on / or after 1/1/1988, may operate an **ATV** unless he/she holds a valid safety certificate issued by the WI DNR

- 9) No person who is at least 16 years of age and who is born on or after 1/1/1988, may operate a **UTV** unless he/she holds a valid safety certificate issue by the WI DNR
- 10) All ATV/UTV vehicles **MUST** remain on the extreme right side of the paved portion of the roadway.

In closing, it is the responsibility of the operator to know all laws before operating an ATV/UTV on the island. Fines range from \$150.00 - \$800.00 Please call the Washington Island Police Department if you have any questions at 920-847-2355. Also, as an FYI, the Police Department can now register your ATV's and UTV's.

Safe & Happy riding,

Joel Gunnlaugsson
Town Chairman