

## CHAPTER 18 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

### 18.04 ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES

**(1) Purpose.** Following due consideration of the recreational value to connect trail opportunities and weighed against possible dangers, public health, liability aspects, terrain involved, traffic density and history of automobile traffic, Dunn County enacts this ordinance for the purpose of designating routes for the operation of All-Terrain Vehicles (“ATV”) and Utility Terrain Vehicles (“UTV’s”) on Dunn County highways and regulating the operation of ATV’s and UTV’s on designated routes.

**(2) Statutory Authority.** This ordinance is enacted under the authority of §§ 23.33(8)(b), 23.33(11) and 59.02, Wis. Stats. In addition, the provisions of § 23.33, Wis. Stats., and the provisions of Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 64 regulating ATV operations are hereby adopted.

**(3) Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles and Utility Terrain Vehicles.**

- (a) Pursuant to § 23.33(4)(b), Wis. Stats., except as provided in § 23.33, Wis. Stats., no person may operate an ATV or UTV on any part of Dunn County (“County”) highways except those portions of County highways that are designated as ATV and/or UTV routes in subsection (5).
- (b) The operation of ATV’s and UTV’s on any portion of a County highway designated as an ATV route and/or UTV route shall be subject to the following:
1. ATV’s and UTV’s shall be operated on the extreme right side of the roadway on the paved surface.
  2. ATV’s and UTV’s shall be operated in compliance with all applicable Wisconsin laws, orders, regulations, restrictions and rules, including § 23.33, Wis. Stats., and Chapter NR 64, Wis. Admin. Code.
  3. ATV’s and UTV’s are authorized to operate on County Highways only during daylight hours.
  4. All operators shall ride in single file.
  5. Operation of ATV’s and UTV’s shall only be permitted from April 1 through December 1.
  6. ATV’s and UTV’s shall not be operated on designated routes unless signage in accordance with § 23.33(8), Wis. Stats., and rules promulgated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is present.
  7. Operators are required to have headlamps (white light) and taillamps (red light) turned on at all times.
  8. No person under twelve (12) years of age shall operate an ATV or UTV under any circumstances.
  9. All operators under the age of eighteen (18) years of age not in possession of a valid driver’s license shall have a valid ATV/UTV safety certificate in their possession and be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
  11. All operators and passengers under the age of 18 shall wear a helmet approved by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

**(4) Speed Limits.** The speed limit on all designated routes shall be thirty five (35) miles per hour. Operators shall reduce speed whenever the posted limit is less or as required by Wisconsin Statutes.

**(5) Routes.** The following described county highways are designated as ATV routes:

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**CTH “C”**

Town of Eau Galle. 170th Ave. to 220th Ave.; CTH “D” to 290th St.  
Town of Dunn. STH 25 to 510th St. (03/16/2016)

**CTH “D”**

Town of Eau Galle. 50th Ave. to CTH “Z”; 220th Ave. to CTH “C” (03/16/2016)  
Town of Menomonie. 420th St. to 430th Ave.  
Town of Weston. 290th Ave. to 350th Ave.

**CTH “F”**

Town of Hay River. 980th Ave. to 990th Ave.; 1160th Ave. to CTH “FF”

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Town of Hay River. CTH “F” to STH 25

**CTH “I”**

Town of Sand Creek. Myron Park to CTH “V”

**CTH “J”**

Town of Red Cedar. 630th St. to 640th St.

**CTH “K”**

Town of Lucas. 530th Ave. to 570th Ave.  
Town of New Haven. 1330th Ave. to 150th St.  
Town of Weston. 290th Ave. to 310th Ave.

**CTH “N”**

Town of Hay River. 1040th Ave. to 520th St.  
Town of Tiffany. 171<sup>st</sup> St. to 1070<sup>th</sup> Ave. (05/20/2015)

**CTH “O”**

Town of Peru. 90<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 770<sup>th</sup> St. (04/19/2017)  
Town of Rock Creek. 770<sup>th</sup> St. to 810<sup>th</sup> St.; 110th Ave. to 300 feet South of  
110th Ave.; 850<sup>th</sup> St. to 180<sup>th</sup> Ave. (03/16/2016), (04/19/2017)  
Town of Stanton. 790th Ave. to 800th Ave.  
Town of Tiffany. 1130th Ave. to 230th St.

**CTH “P”**

Town of Eau Galle. 110th Ave. to 190th St. (03/16/2016)  
Town of Lucas/Town of Weston. 170th St. to 190th St.  
Town of Weston. 370th Ave. to 45th St. (Town of Spring Lake, Pierce Co.)

**CTH “Q”**

Town of New Haven. 1330th Ave. to 1330th Ave.  
Town of Stanton. USH 12 to 130th St.  
Village of Downing. STH 170 to Rowley Road. (03/16/2016)

**CTH “U”**

Town of Sand Creek. 1390<sup>th</sup> Ave to 860<sup>th</sup> St. (05/20/2015)

**CTH “V”**

Town of New Haven. STH 64 to 150th St.; 1370th Ave. to 1390th Ave.  
(04/19/2017)  
Town of Sand Creek. 860th St. to CTH “M”

**CTH “X”**

Town of Weston. 175th St. to 210th St.

**CTH “Y”**

Town of Dunn. STH 25 to 510th St.; 190th Ave. to 210th Ave.; 370th Ave. to 370th Ave. (03/16/2016)

Town of Eau Galle. 350th St. to STH 25

**CTH “Z”**

Town of Eau Galle. CTH D to 90th Ave.; 290th St. to 230th Ave. (03/16/2016)

**(6) Signage.**

- (a) Routes shall be marked with uniform ATV and/or UTV route signs in accordance with § NR 64.12(7), Wis. Admin. Code.
- (b) The Dunn County Highway Department shall have sole authority and responsibility for placement of signage on designated routes.
- (c) The creation, placement, maintenance, repair or replacement of ATV/UTV route signs shall not require the expenditure of County funds or other County resources.

**(7) Annual Reviews of ATV Routes.** All ATV routes established pursuant to this ordinance shall be reviewed annually by the Dunn County Highway Committee or a designated subunit of that committee to consider the continued value, efficacy or need for the ATV routes or the inclusion of additional ATV routes, all pursuant to the intent of this ordinance.

**(8) Operation of Utility Terrain Vehicles.** Pursuant to § 23.33(1m)(b)1, Wis. Stats., this ordinance shall apply to the operation of UTV’s. Any route designated in subsection (5) above shall be designated for the operation of a UTV.

**(9) Enforcement.** This ordinance shall be enforced by the Dunn County Sheriff’s Department.

**(10) Penalties.** The penalties set forth in § 23.33(13)(a) Wis. Stats., are adopted by reference.

**(11) Severability.** The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that Dunn County would have passed the provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other person’s circumstances shall not be deemed affected. (06/18/2014)

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