

ORV Rules

Section 301. ORV Operation. Subject to Section 402, a person may operate an ORV with the flow of traffic on the far right of the maintained portion of all county roads within Allegan County; provided that:

- a. A person shall not operate an ORV at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour or a lower posted ORV speed limit or in a manner that interferes with traffic on the county road or at a speed greater than conditions allow.
- b. A person possesses a license as defined in Section 25 of the Michigan Vehicle Code, MCL 257.25.
- c. ORVs operated as authorized shall travel single file, except that an ORV may travel abreast of another ORV when it is overtaking and passing, or being overtaken and passed by, another ORV.
- d. A person shall not operate an ORV without displaying a lighted headlight and lighted taillight.
- e. No person under 18 years of age may operate an ORV unless the person is in possession of a valid license or under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian and the person has in his or her immediate possession an ORV safety certificate.
- f. No person under the age of 12 may operate an ORV on any road described herein.
- g. An individual who is operating or is a passenger on an ORV shall wear a crash helmet and protective eyewear that are approved by the United States Department of Transportation unless the ORV is equipped with a roof that meets or exceeds United States Department of Transportation standards for a crash helmet and the individual is wearing a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt.
- h. The ORV is fitted with a throttle so designed that when the pressure used to advance the throttle is removed, the engine speed will immediately and automatically return to idle.
- i. The ORV is equipped with a spark arrester type United States Forest Service approved muffler, in good working order and in constant operation.
- j. The ORV is equipped with a braking system that may be operated by hand or foot, capable of producing deceleration at 14 feet per second on level ground at a speed of 20 miles per hour; a brake light, brighter than the taillight, visible from behind the vehicle when the brake is activated, if the vehicle is operated during the hours of 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise.
- k. The ORV is operated pursuant to noise emission standards defined by law.
- l. The ORV may not be operated on the road surface, roadway, shoulder or right-of-way of any State or Federal highway.