



## Nature: *enjoy and protect*

People in this province enjoy “getting away from it all” by heading into the woods.

But the natural beauty of Newfoundland and Labrador is at risk – we have to work together to protect it.

## What can you do?

- Follow the guidelines in this brochure.
- Request that the government enforce current protected areas regulations so irresponsible ATV use is reduced.

## Be a good example!

Currently there are over 40,000 ATVs operating in this province, and most of them are being used on the island portion.

If even 1% of these ATVs are being used carelessly, that means over 400 people are driving across wetlands and beaches, destroying habitats, and disturbing wildlife, and giving ATV riders a bad name.

The reality is that more than 1% of riders drive their ATVs irresponsibly, and the damage they cause is often impossible to repair.



## Stay on existing trails!



## A natural legacy

If we want our children to have the privilege to ‘get away from it all’ we need to take action.

### *Protect Wetlands:*

Irresponsible ATV use on wetlands leaves deep ruts that alter water flow, interrupt the ecosystem and threaten plant and animal life.

### *Protect Beaches:*

Indiscriminate ATV use on beaches ruins nesting grounds and destroys dunes, threatening rare species and causing permanent damage.

### *Be A Skilled Driver:*

Learn the best way to travel on steep grades, slick terrain, and over rocky areas, so you can keep yourself safe and your impact on the environment to a minimum.

### *Get Involved:*

Protect the land you ride on: report irresponsible use of ATVs, support stronger enforcement in protected areas, and train new riders to ride responsibly.





## How to be a responsible ATV rider

### *Stay on Existing Trails*

Existing trails are planned for low impact riding. Creating new trails destroys plant life, changes water drainage patterns, and disturbs wildlife.

### *Plan Ahead*

Planning your trip carefully keeps you safe and protects the environment. Plan to avoid ecologically-sensitive areas, dense plant-life, and wildlife areas.

### *Keep Your Vehicle Tuned*

A well-tuned vehicle makes less noise and operates smoothly, keeping pollution to a minimum.

### *Ride with Care*

Reduce your impact by picking the driest trails, minimizing wheel spin, staying off steep grades, and avoiding waterways whenever possible.

### *Respect Others*

Hikers and hunters don't prevent your enjoyment of the trail, try not to prevent theirs. Use your well-tuned vehicle at low foot-traffic times.

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## Responsible ATV use



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