

## Assumptions for OFATV Trail Use

As an off-road experience, atving is an inherently risky activity. The OFATV assumes every rider using an OFATV **Prescribed Trail** understands and accepts that:



- All atvs will be operated under a lawful trail use permit;
- All operators and passengers willingly use the trails at their own risk;
- Operators and passengers know and will obey the law, including, The Occupiers' Liability Act, and the Trespass to Property Act;
- It is recognized and accepted that atving is essentially an off-road activity taking place in the natural environment;
- The OFATV is a volunteer-based organization with finite resources and manpower;
- It is not practical, possible or desirable to maintain all trails uniformly or to remove all potential hazards;
- The OFATV is providing the privilege of trail access without any guarantee of service or quality;
- Operators and passengers will not consume alcohol prior to or while using the trails;
- Operators and passengers will be prudent and responsible and shall ensure that atvs are operated with appropriate care and control at all times;
- Operators and passengers know how to atv competently and understand that the operation of atv requires full cognitive abilities;
- Weather conditions affect trails and atv operation and they may change without warning;
- The maximum speed on trails is 50 km/h unless reduced by law or conditions;
- There may be permitted users on the trail other than atvers;
- Operators will stay to the right of the trail notwithstanding that there are no centre lines;
- Operators know that there may be grooming or other maintenance activities under way at any time of the day or night which may take up the whole or any part of the trail and have the right of way;
- Operators and passengers know that atv trails are not engineered highways;
- Operators and passengers are aware that emergency and cell phone service may not be available;
- Operators and passengers are aware that there are generally no legal requirements for signage on trails and, when provided, it is only for assistance and convenience;
- Operators and passengers know that atving on OFATV trails is regarded as a family-oriented activity;
- Operators and passengers know the unique and particular dangers of water crossing;
- The grooming and maintenance of trails, when provided, is meant solely to enhance the comfort and enjoyment of the safe and prudent operators and passengers;
- Operators and passengers will dress appropriately for all conditions and will have appropriate safety and emergency equipment at all times.

Disclaimer: The Trail Status posted here is for general information only and does not necessarily reflect the Trail Status at the time of your ride or the actual local trail conditions you may encounter. The Trail Status is gathered from club volunteers and is valid only at the time of their observation. Their observations may not meet your expectations and the Trail Status may vary from the time of posting. The Trail Status may vary with changing conditions such as temperature, snow quality, type of terrain and usage. Please exercise caution at all times and be prepared for the unexpected. Remember that the atv trail is providing you with an off road experience that has inherent risks, because it occurs in an unpredictable and uncontrollable natural setting, which demands constant rider preparedness, vigilance, caution, unimpaired reaction and smart choice. Trail signs are posted only for your convenience and there is no guarantee that they will be there at any given time due to wind, rain, storms or vandalism.

\*\*\***Prescribed Trail Definition** – A trail that is maintained by a local club within the OFATV organization.