



OPERATION OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLES RULES

1. No person shall operate a motor-driven vehicle of any nature on off-road courses on Commission Property outside of the days and hours of operations approved by the Commission. For purposes of these Rules, any motor-driven vehicle of any nature driven on the off-road courses on Commission Property is referred to as a “vehicle” and Holly Oaks ORV Park, as part of Commission Property, is referred to as the “ORV Park.”

2. A vehicle with four or more wheels must contain a seat and individual seat belt for each occupant of that vehicle. Those vehicles with automotive-type seating and fewer than four wheels shall be equipped with a seat belt for each occupant. Vehicle operators shall comply with the provisions of the Michigan child passenger safety law, MCL 257.710d, and all of the following provisions:

- a. Seat belts shall be in use by all occupants while the vehicle is in operation.
- b. An approved automotive manufactured restraining device, such as a lap belt or three- or four-point harness, is an acceptable seat belt.
- c. Seat belts and restraining devices, other than factory installed, shall be secured by bolting to the vehicle floor, frame, or roll bar.
- d. Occupancy of any vehicle on which the operator straddles the seat, such as a motorcycle or an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), limited to the operator as the sole occupant and no seat belt will be required, with the exception of those vehicles that permit passengers per the manufacturer design and specifications.

3. A vehicle requiring seat belts with an occupant(s) in the rear seat must be protected by a roll bar located immediately behind the occupant’s seat as described in the following subsection 4 unless the rear seat occupants are wearing a safety approved for automotive use (A.N.S.I. or equal) helmet. The operator or occupant of a vehicle not required to meet seat belt specifications shall wear a safety helmet approved for automotive use (A.N.S.I. or equal) and protective eyewear.



4. A vehicle requiring seat belts must be equipped with an integral steel roof, roll bar located immediately behind the operator, or roll cage, capable of supporting the weight of the vehicle. The operator and occupants of a vehicle without a full front windshield shall wear protective eyewear. A vehicle equipped with a roll bar shall comply with all the following requirements:

- a. The roll bar shall be welded or bolted to the floor or frame of the vehicle.
- b. The roll bar shall be braced in such a manner as to prevent collapse.
- c. The roll bar shall have clearance above, behind, and outside each seated occupant in the vehicle.

5. A vehicle must submit to, and comply with, each of the following tests and no person shall operate a vehicle which fails to do so:

- a. All vehicles are required to have a muffler. Motorcycles, ATV's and side-by-side vehicles must also have a spark arrestor.
- b. A maximum noise level of 94 dB(A), or the current EPA emissions limit, shall be met. The testing provisions of current SAE J 1287, June 93 standard for ATV and motorcycle vehicles and SAE J 1169, March 93 standard (as each standard may be updated from time-to-time) for all other vehicles shall be followed and all vehicles shall pass a stationary sound level test. The stationary sound level test shall be administered from a 0.5 meter (19.69 inches) distance at one-half the engine's maximum rated RPM and as further described by current testing provisions for the particular vehicle.

6. It shall be unlawful to operate any vehicle at any time without possessing a valid unrestricted operator's or chauffeur's license, except as follows:

- a. A person at least 12 years of age with an off-road vehicle ("ORV") safety certificate issued by this state or another state or a province of Canada may operate either an ATV or motorcycle with direct visual supervision by an adult. The direct supervision shall not be impaired by distance and must allow the adult the ability to direct the youth's actions by verbal communications. Electronic amplification of verbal communications shall not be used.
- b. An adult shall not allow an unlicensed youth to operate an ORV.
- c. An ORV operator licensed under a level two graduated driver's license shall only operate under the provisions of that license.



7. The operator of any type of vehicle must present an operator's or chauffeur's license or ORV safety training certificate upon the demand of any law enforcement officer or state park personnel.

8. All persons entering or using the ORV Park shall comply with all posted regulatory, directional signs, and these Rules and operate a vehicle in the directional pattern established and marked within the ORV Park.

9. No person shall enter or use the ORV Park without obtaining and displaying a valid ORV Park vehicle entry permit and a Michigan ORV License and Trail Permit.

10. It shall be unlawful to drive or operate any vehicle at speeds exceeding posted speed limits or perform exhibition-type driving within the parking area or entrance road/ramp to the ORV Park. Exhibition-type driving means performing wheelies, spinning tires, cutting circles, jump starts, or other erratic, irresponsible or careless driving.

11. No person shall possess or consume an Alcoholic Beverage at any time in the ORV Park including parking lots.

12. No person shall operate a remote-control car/vehicle in any area of the ORV Park, including parking lots.

13. No person shall bring glass containers into the ORV Park.

14. It shall be unlawful to operate a vehicle without front-facing and rear-facing lights as well as brake lights after sunset.

15. All vehicles must enter the ORV Park trails under their own power. Trailering, towing, or otherwise transporting vehicles except under their own power past the funnel/gate into the ORV Park is prohibited. Trailers, tow trucks, or other means of transporting a vehicle are only allowed in the parking lots of the ORV Park, unless otherwise approved by the Park Supervisor, as determined in his or her sole discretion. Passengers shall not occupy any trailer or trailer/towed vehicle while the vehicle is being trailered or towed.

16. Oakland County Parks and Recreation and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources are not responsible for towing of vehicles out of the ORV Park. Persons needing towing assistance shall make arrangements for such services.



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