ORV use in Spokane County

ORVs are fun and there is plenty of open space to use them in Spokane County. When using ORVs there are several things to remember:

Respecting neighbors – ORVs can be noisy and dusty, and this can cause conflict with others who live nearby. Do your part to keep the peace by respecting the neighbor’s right to quiet enjoyment of their property. Pay attention to how long you ride and how close you are to neighboring residences. All day, for several days in a row, may irritate the neighbors.

Keep communication lines open – When riding on private property, it is important to have an open line of communication with the neighbors. They should feel comfortable asking you to stop riding if it becomes too
much for them. A proactive step would be to contact your neighbors and discuss how you plan to ride and how you each can communicate effectively. Some folks find that agreeing on standard riding times will work out well for everyone.

**Respecting other people’s property** – Don’t help yourself to terrain that does not belong to you or that you do not have permission to use.

**Respecting public property** – Ride only in designated public riding areas. Places that are not appropriate include: road right-of-ways, public lands not designated for ORV use, and public roadways (if your ORV is not licensed for that purpose).

**Respecting wildlife and the environment** – This means not purposely riding in a manner that degrades wildlife habitat. Riding through
creeks and wetlands is often portrayed as fun, but those areas are protected in Spokane County under the Critical Areas Ordinance and it is not permitted to ride in or on them.

**Private property** – It may be your property, but dust and noise do not stop at property lines. When this happens, ORV use can become a public nuisance. Do your part to be a responsible property owner. Try to eliminate conflict by riding far away from neighboring residences and property lines and for reasonable amounts of time and at reasonable hours.

**Keys to continued ORV fun:**

- Respect the neighbors
- Keep lines of communication open
- Respect other’s property
- Respect public property
- Be a responsible property owner
Public Riding Areas within Spokane County

Liberty Lake ORV Park is a 350-acre riding area located next to Liberty Lake Regional Park that includes approximately 16-miles of trails. The terrain ranges from beginner to advanced with a mixture of gentle to steep slopes, including scenic trail rides, mud bogs, and hill climbs. Riders are required to have a current ORV sticker clearly displayed and there is a 1000 pound ATV weight limit. Contact County Parks and Recreation for details at (509) 477-4730 or visit their web site at: http://www.spokanecounty.org/parks

Spokane County Off-Road Vehicle Park is located near the City of Airway Heights and provides 265-acres of terrain for a variety of off road vehicles. This facility is owned by Spokane County and operated by a contractor. It provides terrain for motocross, 4-wheel drive, go-kart and flat track use. A user fee is required. Contact Extreme Motorsports at (509) 218-2014 or visit their website at www.extmotorsports.com

Riverside State Park offers an off-road vehicle recreation area approximately 600-acres in size. It is located just outside the City of Spokane near Seven Mile. It accommodates motorcycles, ATVs, four-wheelers and provides a variety of terrains including hill climbs, sandy areas and wooded trails. The site has restrooms, picnic shelters and is located close to camping areas. ORV permit tabs are required to use this site. Contact Riverside State Park at (509) 465-5064 or visit their website at http://riversidestatepark.org
Resources

For Noise Concerns:
Sheriff’s Office
Front Desk Phone: (509) 477-2240
www.spokanecounty.org/sheriff

For Dust Concerns:
Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency
Phone: (509) 477-4727
www.spokanecleanair.org

For Land Use Concerns:
Building & Planning Department
Phone: (509) 477-3675
www.spokanecounty.org/bp