

WCATV – LICENSE OF OCCUPATION SUMMARY (2025–2027) – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The City of Ottawa has granted the West Carleton ATV Club (along with partner clubs) a temporary License of Occupation to allow legal ATV riding on designated municipal lands and road allowances.

This is a 2-year pilot project. Continued access depends on rider behaviour and compliance.

Who Can Ride

- Must be a valid OFATV member or affiliated club member www.wcatv.club
 - Must display a valid OFATV trail permit
 - Must have a valid Driver's License
 - ATV must have a valid registration, License Plate and Insurance with \$2 Million in liability coverage
 - Must follow all laws, bylaws, and club rules
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Where You Can Ride

- Only on designated routes and mapped corridors
 - Includes:
 - Road allowances
 - Rail line / pathway sections
 - No off-trail riding permitted
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Seasonal Restrictions

- Open May 15th to November 30th only
 - Outside these dates = no riding permitted
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Speed & Safety Rules

- Max 20 km/h on City of Ottawa Property, shared pathways (e.g. rail line)
 - Slow to 10 km/h when passing pedestrians
 - Ride at safe speeds based on conditions
 - Yield to all other trail users
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Shared Use & Conduct

- Trails are shared with the public
 - Riders must:
 - Be courteous and respectful
 - Slow to “dead slow” near others
 - Avoid nuisance behaviour (noise, dust, trespassing)
 - No commercial use — recreational only
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Trail Responsibilities (WCATV)

The WCATV club is responsible for:

- Trail maintenance (grading, trimming, upkeep)
 - Installing and maintaining signage
 - Monitoring rider behaviour (wardens)
 - Reporting damage and safety issues to the City
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Enforcement & Compliance

- Riders breaking rules may face:
 - Membership suspension
 - Removal from trails
 - Law enforcement involvement
 - The City can:
 - Close trails at any time
 - Terminate the agreement if rules are not followed
 - The City may cancel the pilot with 30 days’ notice—or immediately for safety issues
 - Complaints from the public must be addressed or access may be revoked
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This agreement allows legal ATV riding in West Carleton but It only continues if riders follow the rules. Ride Smart. Ride Legal. Protect the Future of ATV Riding.