

Ordinance for ATV use on Town Highways: Town of Readsboro, Vermont

Whereas the Town of Readsboro has a current Traffic Ordinance enforced, and whereas the Town wishes to augment the Traffic Ordinance with an additional set of requirements as pertains to All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), the Select board passes this Ordinance on ATV use of Town Highways, which shall be considered to be an amendment to the Traffic Ordinance and incorporated into it in whole.

Section 1: Authority:

Under the authority of the Town of Readsboro, the townspeople of Readsboro, VT hereby adopt this ordinance to regulate the time, manner, and location of ATV use on specified Town Right of Ways.

Section 2: Purpose:

To make all specified Town Right of Ways open to ATV use.

Section 3: Designated Highways open to ATV use under this Ordinance:

All specified Right of Ways within Town limits of Readsboro, Vermont
The Selectboard will have the authority to add/subtract specified Town Right of Ways open to ATV use providing it is a duly warned at a Regular Selectboard meeting.

Section 4: Specific Provisions for ATV Use:

For the purpose of this Ordinance, an ATV on a public highway shall be considered a motor vehicle, as defined in section 4 of Title 23 of the Vermont Statutes.

All specified Town Right of Ways will be open for ATV use year-round except for closures by the Select board and or designated Individual/DPW Superintendent.

All ATV's must have a present and valid registration and V.A.S.A. membership.

ATV operators must comply with all Vermont Statutes governing use of ATV's.

All ATV's will adhere to posted speed limit and travel single file on all Rights of way, and adhere to laws of the road (hand signals, travel with traffic ect).

All ATV's will be registered in any reciprocal state, and will carry Vermont State minimum liability insurance.

All ATV's will have a curfew of 10pm - 6am on all town roads.

Any person operating an ATV on a town road class 1,2, or 3 must be 16 years of age.

Section 5: Enforcement:

Failure to comply with above requirements can result in fines and or other legalities by law enforcement per state law.

**Additional Roads to be Included in the VASA Landowner
Permission Form for the Town of Readsboro, Vermont not
included in the Town of Readsboro ATV Ordinance**

Effective May 22, 2019 until Revoked

1. Howe Pond Road from Daubney Road to Goldmine Road
2. Goldmine Road from Howe Pond Road to Ross Road
3. Ross Road from Goldmine Road to Ross Road Trailhead
4. Branch Hill Road from Trailhead to Main Street
5. Main Street from Branch Hill Road to Post Office (6802 Main Street) for access to the Readsboro General Store, the Hair Salon, ATV Club Headquarters and the Post Office
6. The Town Sand Yard off of Branch Hill Road to School Street
7. School Street from Town Yard Access Road to Main Street for access to Always Emma's Cafe
8. Railroad Alley from School Street to Tunnel Street
9. Tunnel Street from Wheeler Drive to Main Street for access to the American Legion Post 29
10. Wheeler Drive from Tunnel Street to Trailhead
11. Main Street from the Readsboro Inn to the Band Stand
12. Howe Pond Road from Branch Hill Road to Lions Club Trailhead
13. Town Highway 17 from Goldmine Road to Smith Drive

Special Notes:

- ATV trails will be opening June 15, 2019 per the local ATV club.
- Current effective date of this request is to allow proper placement of route signage through Readsboro, Vermont.

This permission form will become null and void once the amendment to the Town of Readsboro ATV Ordinance is approved.

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JPP request for roads 8-28-19

1. Rue Madeline – 200' of which will be from the JPP/VASA trail on to legal trail 1 and new trailhead located on property owned by Kenneth McGill. Lot 13-008 according to tax maps.
2. ~~Howe Pond RD- from Daubney Rd to "Billy Goat Hill bridge". Will be part of JPP/VASA trail system for people to see the history of our town and create a picnic area at the end with picnic tables.~~
3. Smith Drive -from TH 17 up class 3 Smith, to class 4 Smith/West Hill to stop at class 3 of West Hill Drive at Switz residence.
4. East Main or Glen Ave from Main Street to Potter Hill. Potter Hill to Bailey Hill. Bailey Hill to RT 100. This will create access to 400+ acres of landowner permission we currently have off Bailey Hill and allow residents of North Hill to access the trail system.

JPP request 10/28/19

We would like permission to open OHV road access on:

Main Street from Tunnel Street to Depot Street

Depot Street from RT 100 to Jarvis Hill Road

Jarvis Hill from Depot Street to "Old Harriman Station Road"

Old Harriman Station Rd from Jarvis Hill to Harrlman Station Rd

Harriman Station RD from Old Harriman Station Rd to TH-33

All of TH-33

We would like permission to create a parking area in the Town 50' ROW on TH-33 but to not block the ROW and still allow for vehicle travel.

We would like permission to erect an information kiosk inside the Town 50' ROW on TH-33.

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ATV Ordinance Update:

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Roads added

1. Case Road from Howe Pond to LT#3
2. LT#3 from Case Road to Stamford Town Line
3. West Hill Drive from Class 4 Smith Drive to Branch Hill Road
4. Branch Hill Road from West Hill Drive

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ATV Ordinance Update:

Roads added

1. Main Street, from 6802 Main Street (post office) to Lions Parking Lot
2. Howe Pond Road, from first trail head to upper log landing

ATV Ordinance Update:

Roads added on a trial basis

1. Bosley Hill Road, from Branch Hill to Whitingham Town Line
2. Tunnel Street/ River Road from Main Street to the Whitingham Town Line

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8/5/2020