

TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

ARTICLE V. ATV, UTV AND EQUESTRIAN ROUTES

Sec. 70-161. Title and purpose.

The title of this article is the “Town of Three Lakes All-Terrain Vehicle/UTV/Equestrian Route Ordinance.” The purpose of this article is to establish all-terrain vehicle routes in the town and to regulate the operation of all-terrain vehicles in the town.

(Ord. of 5-28-2014, § I; Ord. of 2-2-2016, § I)

Sec. 70-162. Authority

The town board has the specific authority to adopt this all-terrain vehicle route article under Wis. Stats. §§ 23.33(8)(b) and (11).

(Ord. of 5-28-2014, § II; Ord. of 2-2-2016, § II)

Sec. 70-163. Adoption of article.

The town board, by this article, adopted on proper notice with a quorum and roll call vote by a majority of the town board present and voting, provides the authority for the town to designate all-terrain vehicle routes in the town and to regulate the use of those routes and all-terrain vehicles in the town.

(Ord. of 5-28-2014, § III; Ord. of 2-2-2016, § III)

Sec. 70-164. Operation of all-terrain vehicles.

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 23.33(4)(d)4., except as otherwise provided in Wis. § 23.33(4), no person may operate an all-terrain vehicle on the roadway portion of any highway in the town except on roadways that are designated as all-terrain vehicle routes by this article. Operation of all-terrain vehicles on a roadway in the town that is an all-terrain vehicle route is authorized at the extreme right side of the roadway except that left turns may be made from any part of the roadway that is safe given prevailing conditions. All ATV/UTV trails are open from May 1 – November 15 (or as weather/conditions permit) ATV/UTV/Equestrian routes are open year round.

(Ord. of 5-28-2014, § IV; Ord. of 2-2-2016, § IV)

Sec. 70-165. Designation of all-terrain vehicle routes.

All town roads are to be designated as ATV/UTV & Equestrian routes.

(Ord. of 5-28-2014, § V; Ord. of 2-2-2016, § V)

Sec. 70-166. Conditions applicable to all-terrain vehicle routes.

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 23.33(8)(d), the following restrictions are placed on the use of the town all-terrain vehicle routes designated by this resolution:

- (1) Routes shall be marked with uniform all-terrain vehicle route signs in accordance with § NR 64.12(7), Wisconsin Administrative Code. No person may do any of the following in regard to signs marking town all-terrain vehicle routes:
 - a. Intentionally remove, damage, deface, move, or obstruct any uniform all-terrain vehicle route or trail sign or standard or intentionally interfere with the effective operation of any uniform all-terrain vehicle route or trail sign or standards if the sign or standard is legally placed by the state, any municipality, or any authorized individual.
 - b. Possess any uniform all-terrain vehicle route or trail sign or standard of the type established by the department for the warning, instruction, or information of the public, unless he or she obtained the uniform all-terrain vehicle route or trail sign or standard in a lawful manner. Possession of a uniform all-terrain vehicle route or trail sign or standard creates a reputable presumption of illegal possession.
- (2) Operation shall be subject to all provisions of Wis. Stats. § .23.33, which is adopted as a part of this article by reference, pursuant to Wis. Stats § 23.33(11), to include Wis. Stats. 23.33 (11)(am) 3 allowing the town to authorize the operation of ATV's/UTV's on a highway bridge that is 1,000 feet in length or less as well as State Highway 45 right of way as an ATV Trail 800' North of N Big Lake Loop Road to Crystal Lake Road and Wis. Stats. 23.33(11)(am)(4) that allows a town to authorize the operation of all-terrain and utility terrain vehicles on a highway that is not part of the national system of interstate and defense highways, that has a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less, and that is located within the territorial boundaries of the town regardless of whether the town has jurisdiction over the highway.
 - a. Highway 32 bridge from the intersection of Chicken in the Woods and Col. Himes Road to the east end of Golf Course Loop Road.

A copy of this article shall be sent by the town clerk to all Law Enforcement Agencies affected.

All ATV operators shall observe the posted ATV speed limits of 35 mph. All ATV traffic within the Town of Three Lakes Sanitary District will be 25 mph. All ATV operators must follow Wisconsin All-Terrain Vehicle Laws.

All ATV operators shall follow designated routes as approved by the Three Lakes Town Board as well as any restrictions placed on the route by the Three Lakes Town Board.

All equestrian riders are responsible for their animal's manure. It must be moved into the woods or off the side of the trail. In the Sanitary District of Three Lakes, the manure must be removed.
(Ord. of 5-28-2014, § VI; Ord. of 2-2-2016, § VI)

Sec. 70-167. Enforcement.

This article shall be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the State.
(Ord. of 5-28-2014, § VII; Ord. of 2-2-2016, § VII)

Sec. 70-168. Penalties.

The penalties under in Wis. Stats. § s.23.33(13)(a) are adopted by a reference.
(Ord. of 5-28-2014, § VIII; Ord. of 2-2-2016, § VIII)

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of THREE LAKES
ONEIDA, County

SECTION 70 –Traffic & Vehicles EFFECTIVE DATE

The Town Board of the Town of Three Lakes voted on February 20, 2018 to amend ATV, UTV, Equestrian Ordinance to include State Hwy 32/45 with a posted speed limit of 35mph or less and east portion of Golf Course Loop Rd. to Chicken in the Woods Rd./Col. Himes Rd. The entire ordinance is available for inspection at the Town Office and will be posted in the town's website at www.townofthreelakes.com

The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s.60.80 Wis. Stats.

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Jeffrey M. Bruss, Town Chairman

Attest:



Susan L. Harris, Town Clerk

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