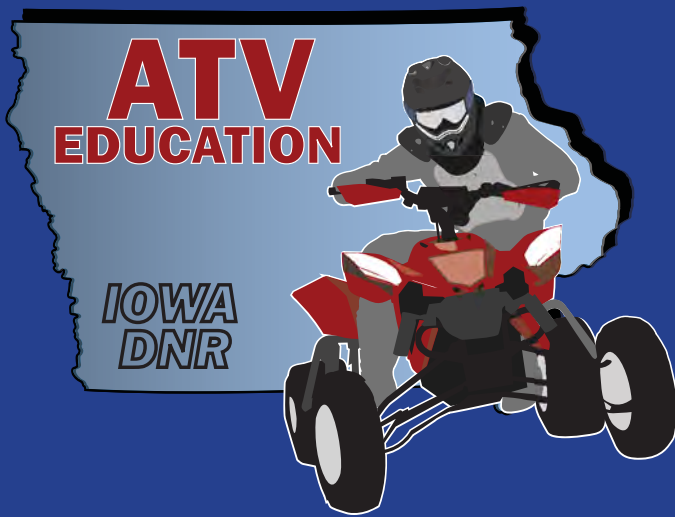




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In Iowa rider education is mandatory for ATV operators between the ages of 12 and 17. This regulation also applies to nonresidents. For more information about the program go to: www.iowadnr.gov/law/atv/education.html

For a current listing of DNR course offerings: www.iowadnr.gov/training

For information about the ATV Safety Institute Ridercourse® or for interactive safety information, go to:

www.atvsafety.org

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The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is required to collect social security numbers from all persons obtaining a hunting, fishing, or other recreational license under Iowa Code Section 252J.8 and 42 U.S. Code 666(a)(13). Your social security number will serve as your principal identification number to determine your eligibility for licenses. It will be provided to law enforcement agencies and the Iowa Child Support Collection Unit to establish, modify, and enforce child support obligations. It will NOT appear on any printed forms.

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Definitions

All-terrain vehicle (ATV): A motorized flotation-tire vehicle with not less than three and not more than six low-pressure tires, that is limited in engine displacement to less than 1,000 cubic centimeters and in total dry weight to less than 1,000 pounds and that has a seat or saddle designed to be straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control.

Dealer: A person engaged in the business of buying, selling, or exchanging ATVs required to be registered under Iowa Code Chapter 321I and who has an established place of business for that purpose in this state.

Department or DNR: Means the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Designated riding area: An ATV riding area on any public land or ice under the jurisdiction of the DNR that has been designated by the DNR for ATV use.

Designated riding trail: An ATV riding trail on any public land or ice under the jurisdiction of the DNR that has been designated by the DNR for ATV use.

Direct supervision: To provide supervision of another person while maintaining visual and verbal contact at all times.

Nonambulatory person: An individual with paralysis of the lower half of the body with the involvement of both legs, usually caused by disease of or injury to the spinal cord, or caused by the loss of both legs or the loss of a part of both legs.

Off-road motorcycle: A two-wheeled motor vehicle that has a seat or saddle designed to be straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control and that is intended by the manufacturer for use on natural terrain. "Off-road motorcycle" includes a motorcycle that was originally issued a certificate of title and registered for highway use under Iowa Code Chapter 321, but which contains design features that enable operation over natural terrain.

Definitions

Off-road utility vehicle: A motorized flotation-tire vehicle with not less than four and not more than eight low-pressure tires that is limited in engine displacement to less than 1,500 cubic centimeters and in total dry weight to not more than 1,800 pounds and that has a seat that is of bucket or bench design, not intended to be straddled by the operator, and a steering wheel or control lever for control.

Operate: To ride in or on, other than as a passenger, use, or control the operation of an ATV in any manner, whether or not the ATV is moving.

Public land: Land owned by the federal government, the state, or political subdivisions of the state, and land acquired or developed for public recreation pursuant to Iowa Code Section 321I.8.

Railroad right-of-way: The full width of property owned, leased or subject to easement for railroad purposes and shall not be limited to those areas on which tracks are located.

Roadway: The portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel.

Safety certificate: An ATV safety certificate issued by the Iowa DNR or ATV Safety Institute to a qualified applicant who is 12 years of age or older as required by Iowa Code Section 321I.26.

Special event: An organized race, exhibition, or demonstration of limited duration which is conducted on public land or ice under the jurisdiction of the Natural Resource Commission according to a prearranged schedule and in which general public interest is manifested.

Street or highway: The entire width between property lines of every way or place of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purposes of vehicular travel, except in public areas in which the boundary shall be 33 feet each side of the center line of the roadway.

Education is mandatory in Iowa for persons ages 12-17 who ride their ATVs on designated trails and public land, ice, or land purchased with ATV registration funds.

Iowa DNR Education Program

The DNR ATV Education Program teaches students to be active riders – using weight transfer (leaning into turns, leaning forward when going uphill, etc.) to dynamically adjust the suspension and weight distribution of the ATV as needed in varying riding situations. Riders, whether experienced or new to the sport, are exposed to responsible viewpoints on rider safety and are provided a base for rider skill development.



The course is approximately 4 ½ - 5 ½ hours in length and is designed to be completed in one day, usually on a weekend. The course consists of both content lessons and riding lessons. The content lessons focus on the principles and practices of responsible ATV riding (laws and regulations, conservation education, risk mitigation, etc.). The riding lessons provide students with hands-on practice and skill development under the supervision of a DNR-certified instructor.

While anyone is welcome to take this course, education certificates will only be issued to students who are 12 or older and pass the course. Students who are 11 will receive a certificate that will become effective on their 12th birthday. Students who successfully complete the course will receive their education certificate at the end of the class.

Students must provide their own ATV and protective riding gear. ATVs must be properly sized for the student and be currently registered with the DNR, if required by Iowa law.

The cost of the class is \$25 which covers the issuance of the education certificate and offsets a portion of the development of the course.

Classes are typically held between late spring and early fall and are based upon the volunteer instructors' schedules. DNR instructors donate their time and are not compensated for teaching these courses.

For more information about the DNR education program, go to: www.iowadnr.gov/law/atv/education.html

For a listing of current classes, please go to: www.iowadnr.gov/training

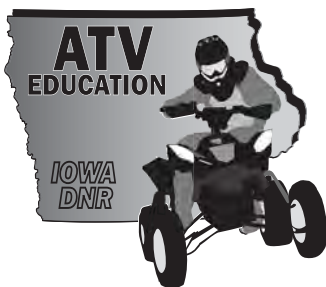
AN EDUCATION CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IS RECOGNIZED BY MOST STATES. PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO YOUR DESTINATION STATE TO CHECK THEIR REQUIREMENTS.

ATV Safety Institute Courses

The DNR continues to recognize courses taught by ATV Safety Institute (ASI)-certified instructors. The ASI program mirrors the DNR's goal to promote the safe and responsible use of ATVs, thereby reducing accidents and injuries. The primary difference between the two programs is the age and machine-size restrictions enforced by ASI. To register for the ATV RiderCourse®, contact the ASI Enrollment Express hotline at (800) 887-2887. To speak with a national representative about ATV safety, call (800) 852-5344. For more information on the ASI ATV RiderCourse® and for interactive safety information, log onto www.atvsafety.org.

Becoming a DNR ATV Education Instructor

To become a volunteer instructor, an applicant must have strong riding skills, the ability to effectively communicate verbally with others, submit to criminal and conservation violation background checks, and complete a new Instructor Training Session.



Instructor training is a two-day session which gives the candidate the perspective and experience of being a student, an apprentice, and an instructor. Once the training is successfully completed, the candidate will be a DNR-certified instructor.

For more information, please contact the ATV Education Coordinator at webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov or 515-281-3208.

Tread Lightly!

By practicing the Tread Lightly! principles you not only protect the outdoors, you also protect access to recreation opportunities for years to come.

T **Travel Responsibly** on trails or in permitted areas. Don't blaze a new trail or cut across switchbacks. Respect closed gates and regulatory signs. Stay out of designated wilderness areas. Drive over and not around obstacles to avoid widening the trail.

R **espect the rights of others**, including private property owners, to allow them to enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed.

E **ducate yourself** by obtaining maps and regulations from public agencies, planning for your trip, taking recreational skills classes, and knowing how to use and operate your equipment safely.

A **void sensitive areas** such as meadows, wetlands, and streams, unless on designated routes. This protects wildlife habitat and sensitive soils from damage. Prevent fires by equipping your ATV with a spark arrestor. Keep engine noise to a minimum. Avoid riparian areas, the green strips of vegetation along rivers and lakes. Cross soft or muddy areas slowly to avoid spinning your wheels.

D **o your part** by leaving the area better than you found it. Dispose of waste properly — pack out what you pack in. Stay off soft, wet trails that are easily damaged by vehicles. Avoid creating dust. Cross streams only at designated crossings.

Tread Lightly! is a nonprofit organization with a mission to promote responsible outdoor recreation through ethics education and stewardship. For more information, please visit www.treadlightly.org.

Age-related Operation Guidelines

The following age restrictions apply to the operation of ATVs on designated trails and public land, ice, and the eight DNR-designated OHV parks:

- **Riders younger than 12** must be under the direct supervision of an adult possessing a valid driver's license, unless the rider is taking an ATV education course. **This rule applies to riders of ATVs and off-road motorcycles.** Direct supervision means maintaining visual and verbal contact at all times.
- **Riders 12 through 17** must have a valid ATV education certificate issued by the DNR in order to operate an ATV in these designated areas. The supervision rule does not apply to riders these ages.
- **A rider who is 18 or older** is allowed to operate an ATV or off-road motorcycle in these designated areas unless the individual's privilege to operate a motor vehicle has been revoked or barred.

These guidelines also apply to nonresidents.

Size of Machine vs Size of Rider Considerations

LEG LENGTH — There should be a minimum of three inches of clearance between the seat and the top inseam of the pants. This is needed to maintain balance on the footrests when turning and riding over hills and rough terrain. While seated, the thigh should be roughly parallel to the ground.

FOOT LENGTH — A rider should be able to reach the brake by rotating the foot on the footrest.

ARM LENGTH — A rider's arms should be long enough to turn the handlebars and maintain a firm grip, operate the throttle comfortably when the handle is extended fully in a turn, and operate the brake lever.

STRENGTH — In addition to reaching the controls, a rider must have the strength to operate the controls.

Owner's Manual

The owner's manual for your ATV is the most important resource you have in terms of operation, maintenance, and special safety considerations that you should be aware of. Specifics about your braking system, transmission, engine, and suspension can be found there. You should read your owner's manual carefully for this information.

Trail Etiquette

- Respect all trail restrictions and use only trails open to OHV use.
- Be considerate of other riders on the trail.
- Ride on the right side of the trail.
- Slow down when passing.
- Slow down when sight lines are poor.
- Keep speeds low around other riders.
- Keep noise and dust down.
- Keep your ears open – no ear buds for an iPod or MP3 player. Listening to headphones or ear buds can make it difficult to hear and communicate with other riders and recreationists.
- Yield the right-of-way to those passing you from behind or traveling uphill.
- Report all illegal riding.
- Carry out what you carry in.



Risk Awareness

- ATVs have wide, low-pressure, knobby tires and are **not** designed to be driven on paved surfaces.
- Powerful drive trains make ATVs capable of speeds that may be too fast for inexperienced riders.
- High ground clearance and a short, narrow wheelbase make rider size and ability to control the vehicle very important.
- The seat on top of the machine offers **no** protection for the rider in a crash or a rollover.
- Always stay on marked and defined trails.

Risk Mitigation

- Know your riding skills and capabilities. **Do not try to ride beyond your skill level.**
- Do not ride machines that are too large for you or that you cannot control.
- Recognize hazardous riding conditions and make good decisions based upon this information.
- **ALWAYS** wear protective riding gear. At a minimum you should wear helmet/goggles, over-the-ankle boots, long pants, long-sleeve shirts, and gloves.
- Recognize and ignore negative peer pressure. **Stay safe.**
- Practice safe decision making.
- **NEVER** use drugs or alcohol while riding.

Basic Things to Know for Safe ATV Operation

- Know your ATV. It is a powerful machine, but with proper supervision, training, and experience, riding an ATV can be a safe and enjoyable recreational experience.
- Know and respect your machine's capabilities and its limitations.
- Know how to operate your ATV in a variety of weather, trail, and operating conditions.
- Know that your ATV is in good working order. Carry a basic tool kit and fuses on your machine.
- Know the laws and regulations governing off-road riding where you ride and where you travel to ride.
- Know how to read maps and use a compass or GPS unit.
- Know to wear quality safety equipment. Over-the-ankle boots are needed to protect your feet and ankles in a crash or if you need to abandon the ATV. Helmets should at a minimum be DOT rated and for best quality should have a SNELL Institute rating.
- Know that you cannot ride in areas without landowner permission. This is trespassing and is illegal.
- Know that reducing risks is a choice.
- Know that adult supervision is needed for young riders.
- Know to **NEVER** ride alone.
- Know to not ride double on a machine that is not designed by the manufacturer to carry a passenger.
- Know safe riding techniques — look ahead, lean correctly in corners and hillsides, brake before cornering — and practice these skills.

Think Safety - Ride Safely

Registration of ATV and Off-road Motorcycles

- Any ATV or off-road motorcycle operated on ice, designated trails, or an OHV park must have a current registration decal displayed on the machine. On an ATV this decal must be placed so that it is clearly visible on the rear of the machine. On an off-road motorcycle this decal must be displayed on the yoke of the machine in a manner which does not obstruct the view of the vehicle identification number.
- Machines which belong to nonresident riders must display a nonresident user permit in order to legally operate on ice, designated trails, or an OHV park.
- Registration is not required for ATVs owned and used by the United States, another state, or a political subdivision of another state and ATVs being used for agricultural purposes.
- ATVs being used by private engineering or survey companies, utility companies, or snowmobile clubs providing trail maintenance must display a valid DNR registration decal.

Electronic Licensing System of Iowa II

Starting with the fall of 2010, not all general agents will be able to do ATV, ORM, or ORV renewals. The decals will be issued with a unique number and will be scanned into the system. This is being done to improve the quality of the decals. Please go to <http://www.iowadnr.gov/cs/files/elsivendors.pdf> before registering as the list of designated vendors can change.

ALL COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICES CAN DO RENEWALS.

Registration of Off-road Utility Vehicles

- An owner of an off-road utility vehicle (ORV) may register or title an ORV in order to legally operate the ORV on public ice, a designated riding area, or a designated riding trail.
- An operator of an ORV shall not operate the vehicle on a DNR-designated riding area or DNR-designated riding trail unless the DNR has posted signage indicating the riding area or trail is open to the operation of ORVs. Open areas will be posted at www.iowadnr.gov/law/atv/parks.html.
- The operator of an ORV is subject to provisions governing the operation of ATVs on roads and highways (*see page 19*), but is exempt from the safety instruction and education certification program requirements for ATVs (*see pages 8-10 and 12*).
- ORVs are exempt from the dealer registration and titling requirements of Iowa Code Chapter 321I.
- A motorized vehicle that was previously titled or is currently titled under Iowa Code Chapter 321 shall not be registered or operated as an ORV.

This is a prototype of what the new decals will look like.

Each year will be a different color decal.

The bar code will be tied to the registration and will list the make, model, and year of the vehicle.

The decal number is tied to the registration.



Where to Register Machines Using ELSI

County Recorder's Office

- All new registrations
- Renewals
- Nonresident user permits
- Registration is \$17.75

General Agents

- Renewals for machines that have been entered into the ELSI system by a County Recorder's Office
- The ELSI vendor must be designated as an ATV or ORV renewal vendor. After the fall of 2010, not all ELSI vendors will be able to do vehicle registration renewals.
- Nonresident user permits
- Registration is \$17.50

Duplicates

- A duplicate registration and decal can be obtained through either the County Recorder's Office or an ELSI vendor who is designated to do ATV, ORM, and ORV renewals.
- A duplicate decal costs \$7.75 from a County Recorder's Office and \$7.50 from a general agent.

Titles and Liens

ALL title and lien work must be done at a County Recorder's Office.

For additional information regarding registrations, certificates of title, transfer of ownership, and security interests, please consult Iowa Code Chapter 321I or visit <http://www.iowadnr.gov/law/atv/index.html>.

Operation Guidelines

- An ATV dealer is required to issue a "registration applied for" card with each purchase which allows the buyer to operate the machine for 45 days while the registration is being processed.
- The registration certificate must be carried either in the ATV or off-road motorcycle or on the person operating the machine.
- Riding double is prohibited on ATVs and off-road motorcycles unless the machine is designed and manufactured for two persons or the machine is being operated on private property and is engaged in agricultural operations.
- Operation is prohibited under the following conditions:
 - In or on any part of a state park or fish and game areas, unless on a designated and signed OHV trail.
 - In any tree nursery or planting in a manner which damages or destroys growing stock.
 - Operation in wildlife areas is prohibited.
 - In a careless, reckless, or negligent manner.
 - All speeds greater than reasonable or proper under all existing circumstances are prohibited.
 - Riding while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics.
 - On snowmobile trails, except where designated by the controlling authority and the primary trail sponsor.
 - On an operating railroad right-of-way, unless the rider is a railroad employee engaged in the lawful discharge of duties.
- Operation on private property is subject to trespass laws and permission must be obtained.

"ATV" includes by reference both ATVs and off-road motorcycles.

Required Equipment

- **Headlamp and Tail Lamp:** Every ATV and off-road motorcycle operated from sunset to sunrise shall display a lighted headlamp and tail lamp and at such other times when conditions provide insufficient lighting to render clearly discernable persons and vehicles at a distance of five hundred feet ahead.
- **Brakes:** Every ATV and off-road motorcycle shall be equipped with brakes.
- **Mufflers:** ATVs and off-road motorcycles may not exceed an engine noise limit above 96 decibels as tested under SAE J1287.

Firearms on an ATV

A person shall not operate or ride an ATV with a firearm in the person's possession unless it is unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case. However, paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may hunt from a motor-driven land conveyance such as an all-terrain vehicle. "Paraplegic" means an individual affected with paralysis of the lower half of the body with the involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord. [571 IAC 98.2(2)] Turkey and [571 IAC 106.7(4)] Deer

Signal from Officer to Stop

A person who has received a visual or audible signal from a peace officer to come to a stop shall not operate an ATV in willful or wanton disregard of the signal or interfere with, endanger the officer, any other person's vehicle, increase speed, or attempt to flee or elude the officer.

Operation on Roads and Highways

Operation of an ATV on public roads and highways is only allowed if:

- The operator is using a designated trail signed and approved by a county board of supervisors.
- Use is for a valid agricultural purpose and is between the hours of sunrise and sunset, the operator has a valid driver's license, and speeds are under 35 miles per hour.
- A land owner, or the land owner's family, may operate in the ditch area that is adjacent and contiguous to their property.
- Use of the ATV is for the purpose of surveying and is being used by a licensed engineer or land surveyor.
- Use of the ATV is for the purpose of construction or maintenance on or adjacent to the highway by an employee or agent of a political subdivision or public utility.
- Use of the ATV if for the purpose of providing emergency services or rescue by an employee or agent of a public agency.
- Use of the ATV is to mow, install signs, or provide maintenance on a DNR-designated snowmobile or ATV trail.

Reporting Accidents

Any ATV-related accident which results in the injury or death of an individual or property damage which exceeds \$1,000 must be immediately reported to a county sheriff or another law enforcement agency. A report of the accident must be filed with the DNR within 48 hours of the accident. Accident forms can be obtained from a county sheriff or a DNR conservation officer.

Prohibited use in Streambeds

Operation of a motor vehicle is prohibited in meandered streams. Sovereign waters of the State have been identified in 571 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 13. Exceptions exist for the use of ford crossings; agricultural uses; construction vehicles engaged in permitted construction, repair, or maintenance in a streambed; or operation on ice.

Prosecution

A person regardless of age can be prosecuted for violating Iowa's ATV regulations. A violation of the requirement for a machine to be registered is issued to the operator of the machine. A violation of not possessing an education certificate for riders between the ages of 12 through 17 on public land is issued to the operator. [Violations of ATV laws which are moving violations are included on an individual's driving record and can impact an individual's privilege to operate a motor vehicle.](#)

Liability

Both the owner and the operator of an ATV that is involved in the negligent operation of the ATV which results in an injury or damage may be liable. [See Iowa Code Section 321I.19 \(2009\) for details.](#)

Affidavits

For a used ATV which has never been registered or titled, the buyer must provide to the County Recorder in the buyer's county of residence an Affidavit for Unregistered and Untitled All-terrain Vehicles at the time of registration. The affidavit must be signed by the seller and must be notarized. An inspection of the vehicle by an Iowa peace officer is also required. Forms can be obtained at www.iowadnr.gov/license/files/5428050.pdf.

Bonding

To register a used vehicle you must have the bill of sale, registration, and title, if titled, for the machine. If you do not have all of these items, you will need to bond the vehicle. Information on bonding requirements can be found at www.iowadnr.gov/license/files/bonding_instruct.pdf or you can call 515-281-5918 for assistance.

Special Events

The DNR is authorized to permit the holding of special events on land under the jurisdiction of the Natural Resources Commission. Permits issued by the DNR will detail the equipment and facilities necessary for the safe operation of ATVs, off-road motorcycles, and ORVs and any safeguards needed to provide for the safety of operators, participants, and observers.

A Special Event Application must be filed with the DNR at least 30 days prior to the date of the event. First-level review is conducted by the local Conservation Officer. Final review and issuance of the permit, or notification of denial, is completed by the Program Manager.

Event sponsors must provide their own event insurance and must list the DNR as an additional insured on the policy. Failure to provide proof of insurance may result in the cancellation of the event at any time.

All participants in an approved event must display a current registration on their ATVs, off-road motorcycles, or ORVs. Nonresident participants must display a current nonresident user permit on their ATVs, off-road motorcycles, or ORVs.

Additional information and permit application forms can be obtained at www.iowadnr.gov/law/atv/permits.

Iowa Off-highway Vehicle Association

The IOHVA is a nonprofit organization created to advocate for and represent ATV and off-road motorcycle operators on local, state, and national issues. The IOHVA works with state and environmental groups in establishing riding areas for motorized recreation enthusiasts. The IOHVA was instrumental in helping to develop the Guiding Principles and Land Acquisition Policy which is used when evaluating land for DNR-designated OHV parks.

The IOHVA is the centralized voice for the OHV clubs in Iowa and is a key partner in the maintenance and development of the existing OHV parks. The IOHVA provides a park hotline for up-to-date information about park closing information — 515-281-8385.

For more information on how to find a local club, how you can become involved in motorized riding in Iowa, or general information, please contact the IOHVA at www.iowaohv.com.

MISSION:

WE ARE A GROUP OF DIRT BIKE AND ATV RIDERS WHO BELIEVE THAT WORKING WITHIN THE SYSTEM OF STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS WILL ALLOW OUR USER GROUP TO FAIRLY SHARE IN OUR LAND RECREATION RESOURCES. WE WILL WORK IN A POSITIVE MANNER TO MAINTAIN INTEGRITY AS A USER GROUP WITH RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT WHILE STILL ENJOYING OUR FORM OF RECREATION.

The Iowa OHV Association is ...

- Your voice in local, state, and national government to support laws that protect your "right to ride" and provide safe and legal riding opportunities.
- An advertising and monitoring body for the expenditure of OHV registration moneys.



WWW.IOWAOHV.COM

**PROTECT YOUR
RIGHT TO RIDE!**

- An informational source on current local and state laws on OHV registration requirements.
- A source of support for development of existing and new recreational areas.
- Proponents of education programs relating to the safe operation of ATVs and off-road motorcycles.
- Information resources for starting local clubs.
- Support for family oriented riding activities and special events.

Why Your Involvement is Needed

The eight DNR-designated OHV parks in Iowa are maintained by a local sponsor (clubs). Clubs can apply for basic maintenance funding provided through grants, but these riding areas are dependent upon a large number of volunteer hours. The parks range in size from 120-acres to 350-acres and are open year-round for registered riders to use. Registration fees alone cannot maintain these riding areas. The number of hours that the clubs donate to maintaining these parks is what keeps them open and safe for riders to use. Clubs which are not directly associated with a riding area join in with the local clubs to help keep the gates open.

Clubs are open to both ATV riders and off-road motorcycle riders and offer family memberships so everyone can get involved.

Information about OHV clubs in Iowa can be found at www.iowaohv.com.

Most clubs in Iowa are partnered with the IOHVA so joining a local club also includes the benefit of membership in the state association.

Becoming a member of a local club gives you the benefit of meeting riders in your area that enjoy your form of recreation. Local clubs plan a variety of activities for their members, including family oriented activities and events, and organized trips to other riding areas in the state and out-of-state.

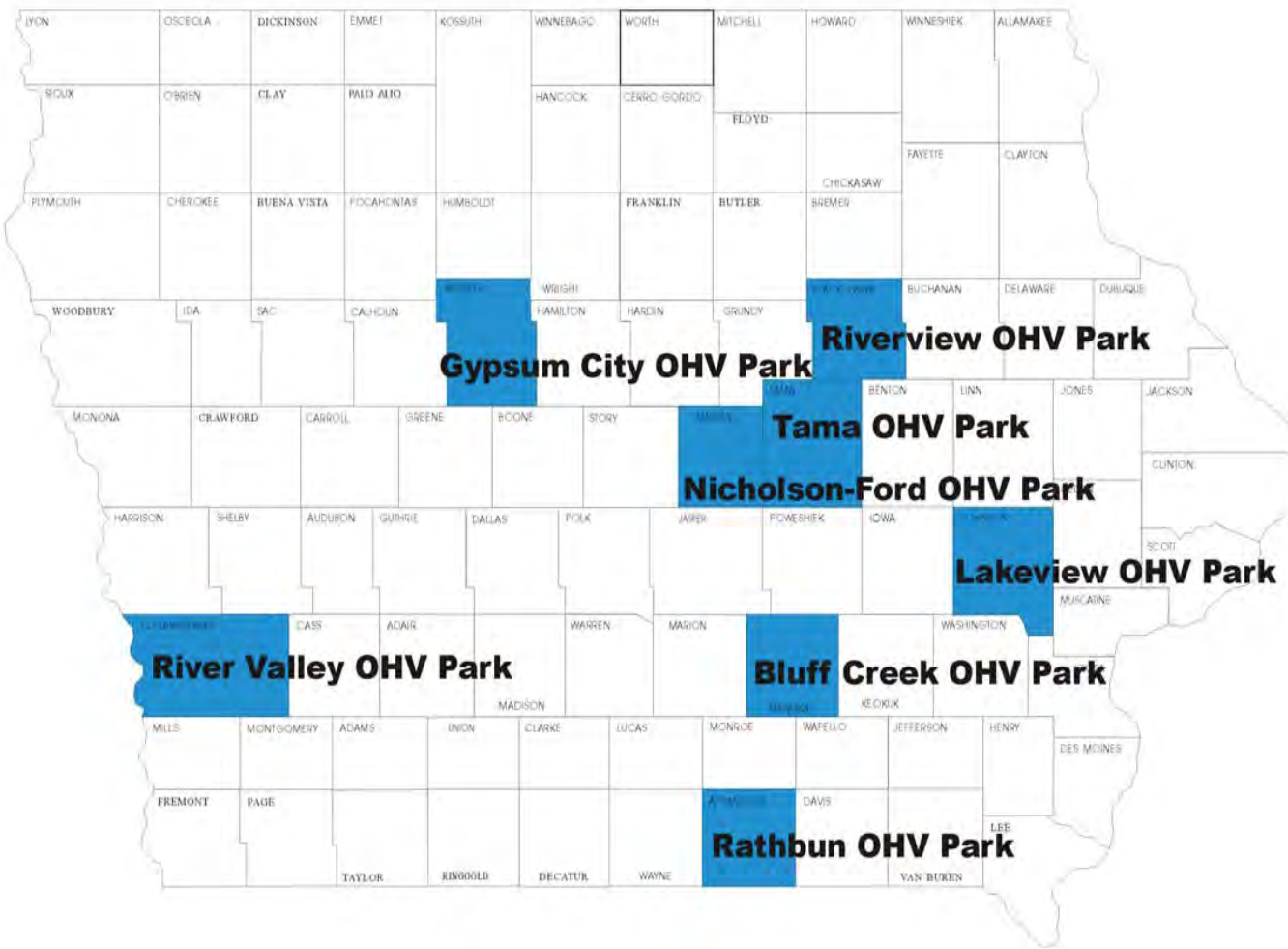
Clubs associated with a DNR-designated riding area are printed on the maps on pages 28 – 43.

DNR-designated OHV Park Operational Rules

1. Only ATVs and off-road motorcycles, as defined under Iowa Code Chapter 321I, are permitted on OHV park riding areas unless signed open to other use by the Department.
2. Resident-owned ATVs and off-road motorcycles must display a valid DNR registration. Nonresident-owned ATVs and off-road motorcycles must display a valid nonresident user permit.
3. Helmets are required for all riders (and passenger if passenger is permitted).
4. ATV riders 12 through 17 years of age must have a valid ATV education certificate.
5. ATV and off-road motorcycle riders under the age of 12 must be under the direct supervision of an adult possessing a valid driver's license. Direct supervision means maintaining visual and verbal contact at all times.
6. Riding double is prohibited on all ATVs and motorcycles (except on ATVs that are designed by the original manufacturer to carry a passenger).
7. Riding off trail or in prohibited areas is illegal.
8. Careless, reckless, or negligent operation is prohibited.
9. Possession and consumption of alcohol in the riding park is prohibited.
10. ATVs and motorcycles may not exceed an engine noise limit above 96 decibels as tested under SAE J1287.

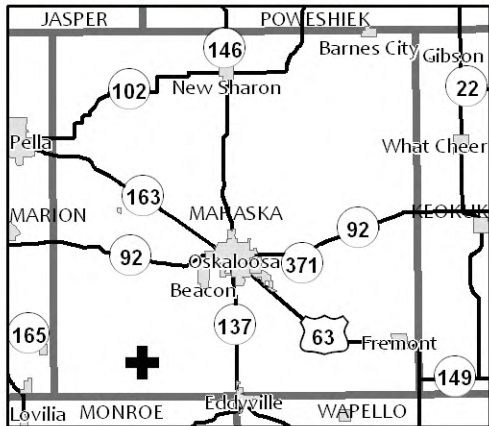
**FOR CURRENT PARK CLOSURE INFORMATION,
CALL THE OHV PARK HOTLINE AT 515-281-8385**

Iowa DNR Designated OHV Parks





BLUFF CREEK OHV PARK



This is a 350-acre park located in Mahaska County, with most of the area available for riding. This park has some of the most aggressive riding areas in the state and was developed on the site of an abandoned coal mine. Primitive camping is available.

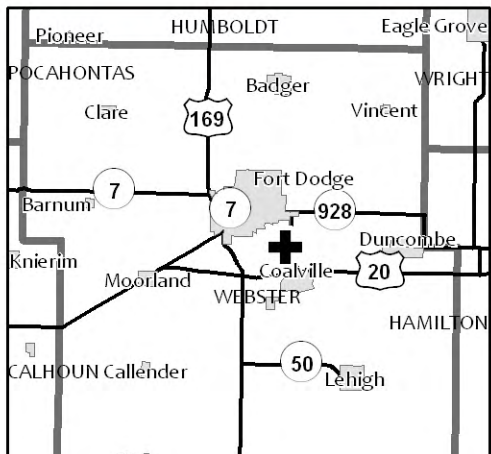
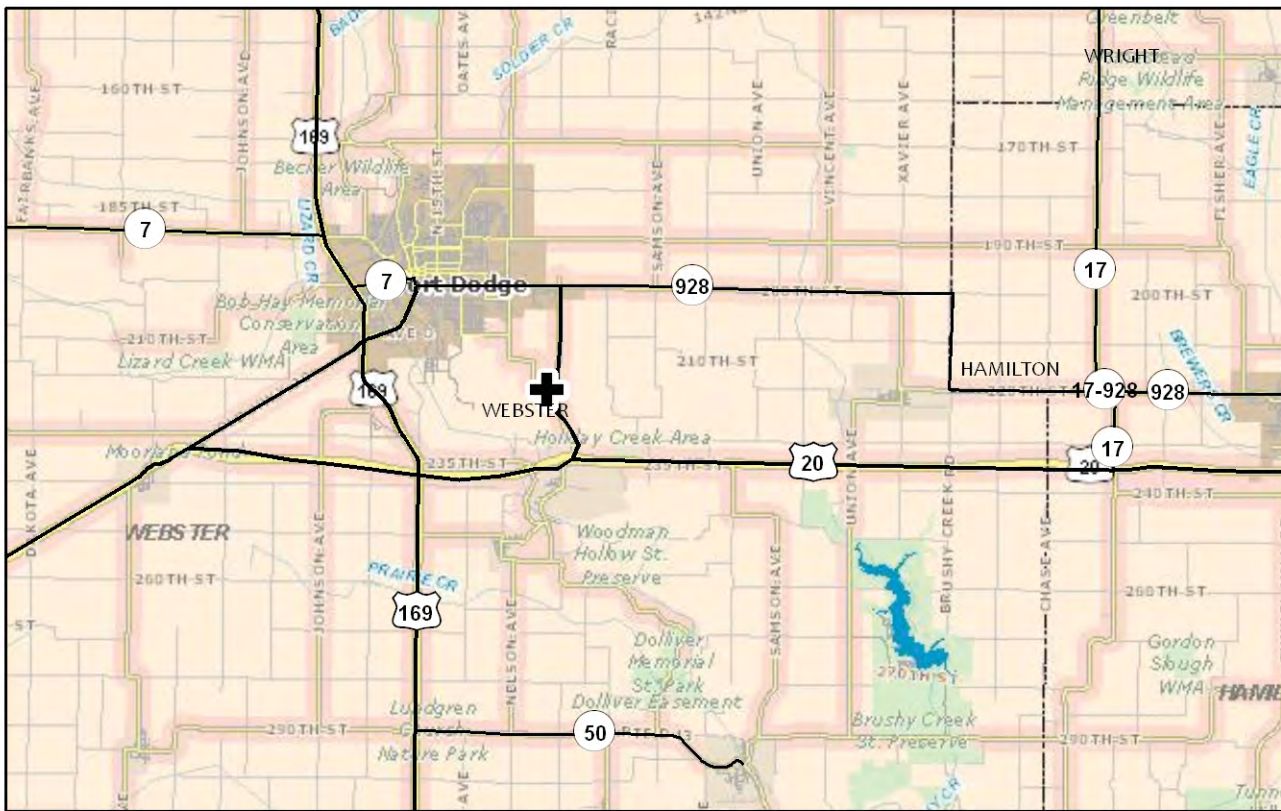
Iowa OHV Club: Iowa Partners of NOHVCC

Address: 1625 - 325th Street, Eddyville, Iowa, 52553

DNR Conservation Officer: Mike Ryan (641-660-0741)

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GYPSUM CITY OHV PARK



This is a 300-acre park located in Webster County with 15 miles of rolling hill trails and perimeter trails. The park also includes a 15-acre, 1.5-mile motorcross track, a .4-mile kids' track, and a beginner/safety training area.

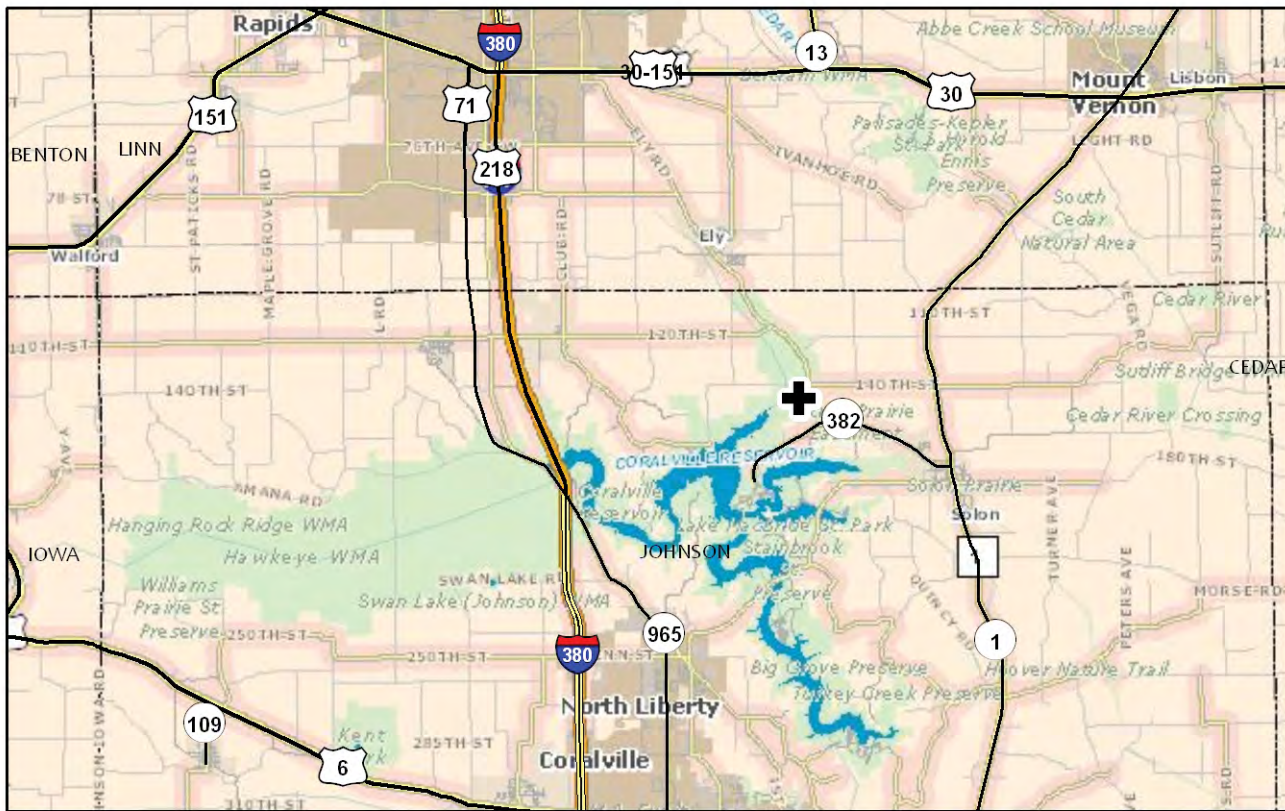
Iowa OHV Club: Webster County Wheelers

Club Web Site: Webstercountywheelers.com

Address: 2390 Mill Road, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501

DNR Conservation Officer: Vacant (515-571-0127)

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LAKEVIEW OHV PARK



This is a 147-acre park located in Johnson County with lots of dirt and sand trails and many hills. There are two motorcross tracks, one designed for younger riders.

Iowa OHV Club: Dirt Surfers

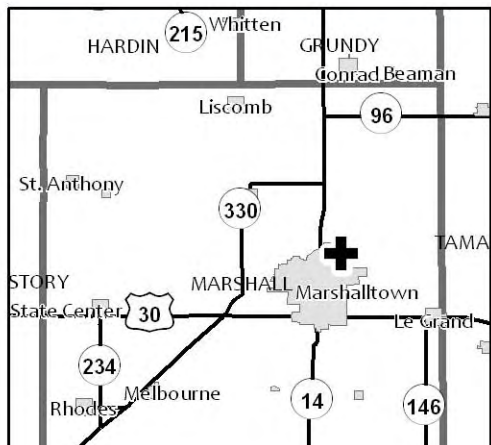
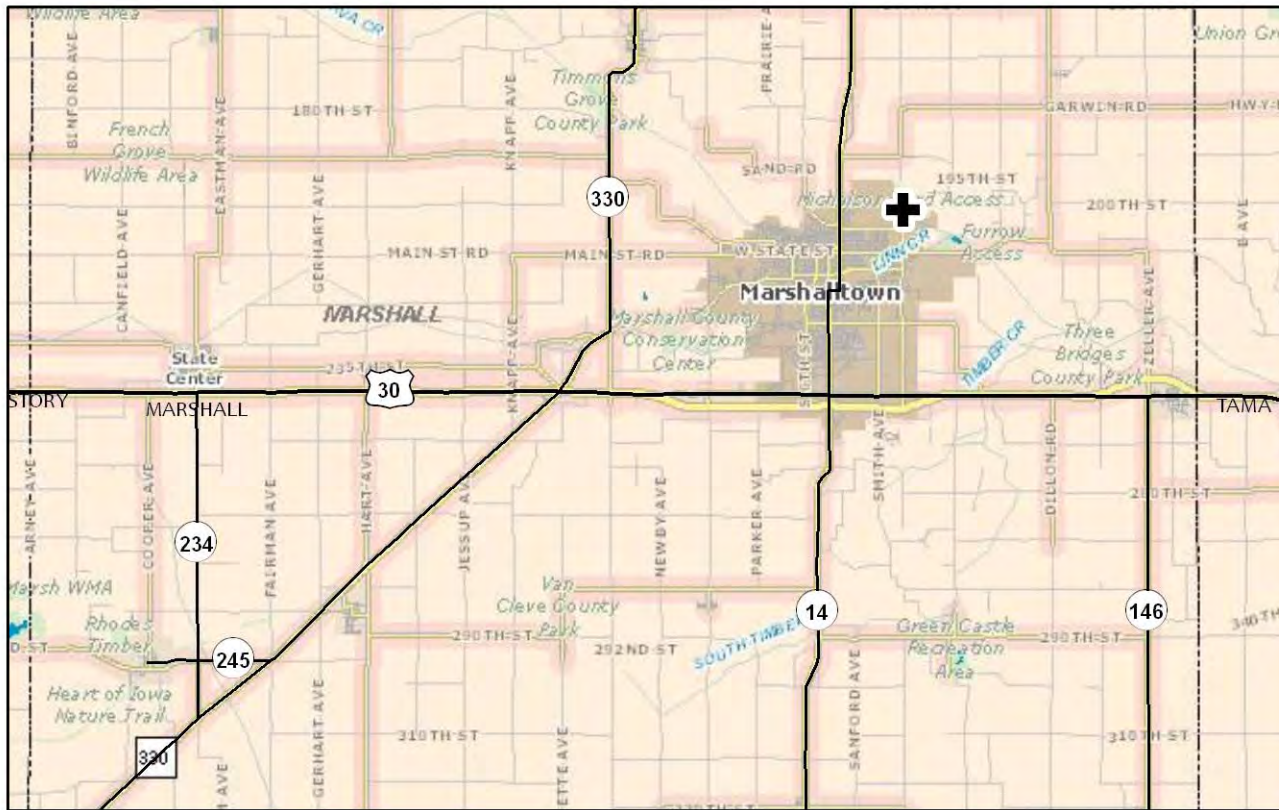
Club Web Site: www.dirtsurfers.org

Address: 3877 - 140th Street NE, Solon, Iowa 52333

DNR Conservation Officer: Erika Billerbeck (319-330-9710)

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NICHOLSON-FORD OHV PARK



This is a 120-acre park located in Marshall County with approximately 20 miles of tight, river-bottom, wooded trails.

Iowa OHV Club: Iowa River OHV Club

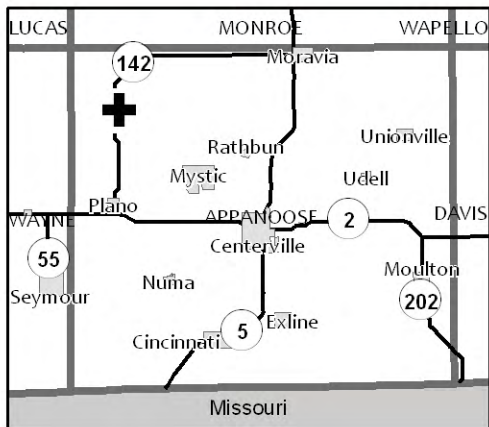
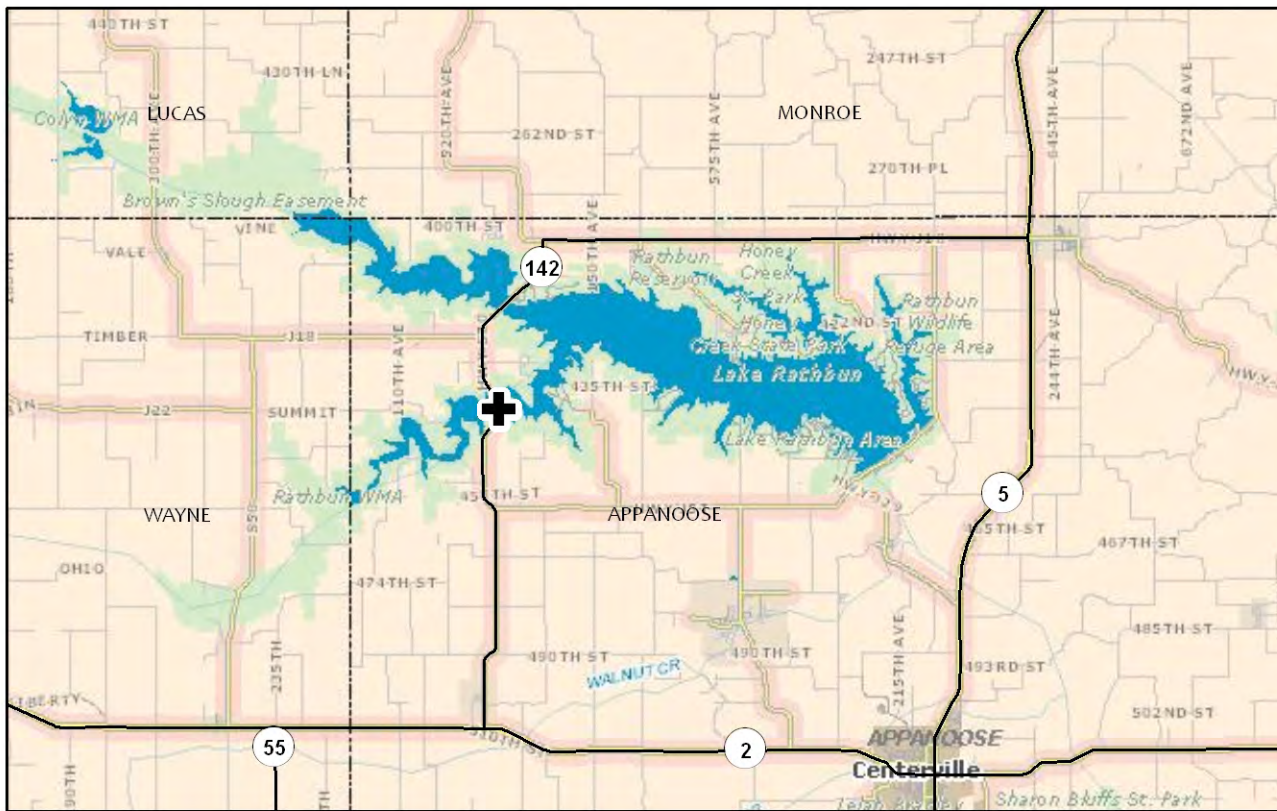
Club Web Site: www.iowariverohvclub.com

Address: 2002 Marion Street, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

DNR Conservation Officer: John Steinbach (641-751-5246)

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RATHBUN OHV PARK



This is a 125-acre park located in Appanoose County on the southwest arm of Lake Rathbun off of Highway 142. The park features trails with a variety of difficulty levels and a tot lot.

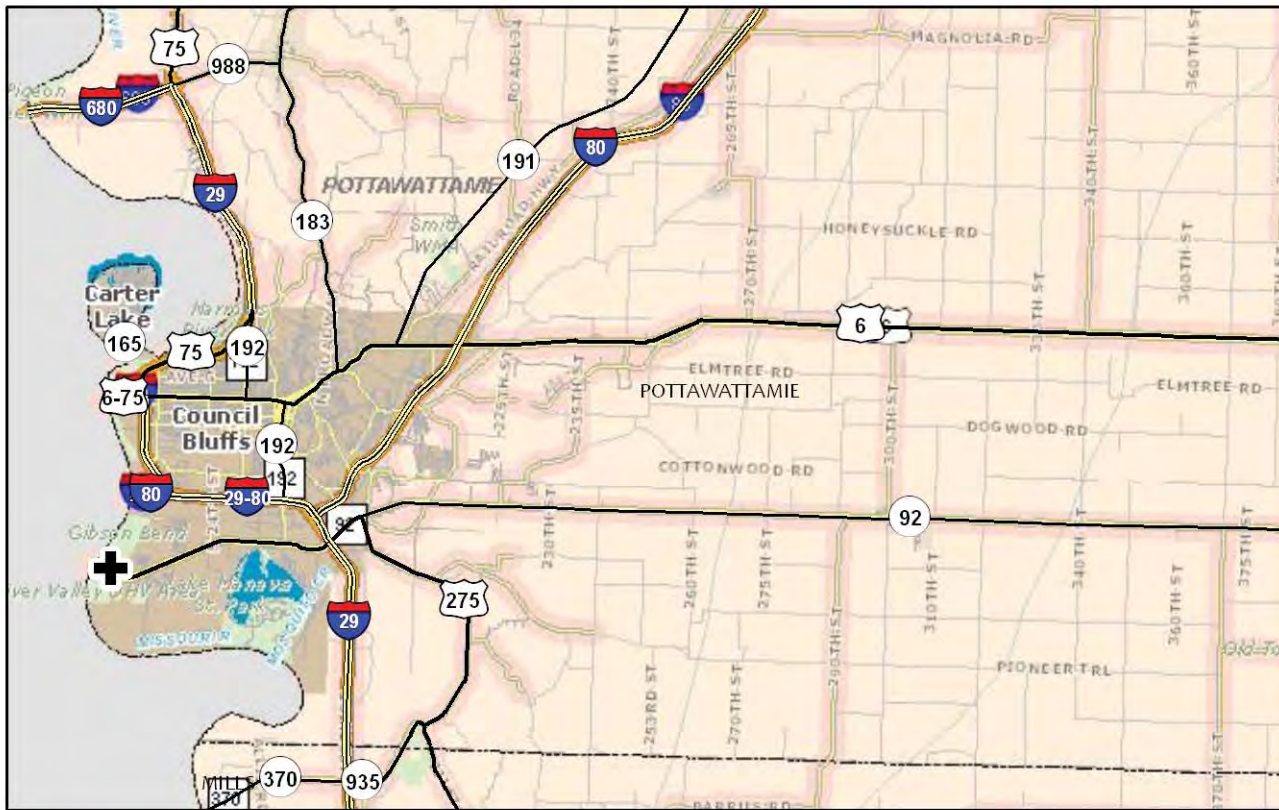
Iowa OHV Club: South Central Dirt Riders

Address: 14230 Highway S70, Plano, Iowa 52581

DNR Conservation Officer: Jacob Fulk (641-777-2164)

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RIVER VALLEY OHV PARK



This is a 350-acre park located in Pottawattamie County along the Missouri River in Council Bluffs. The park features 23 miles of trail and a motorcross track.

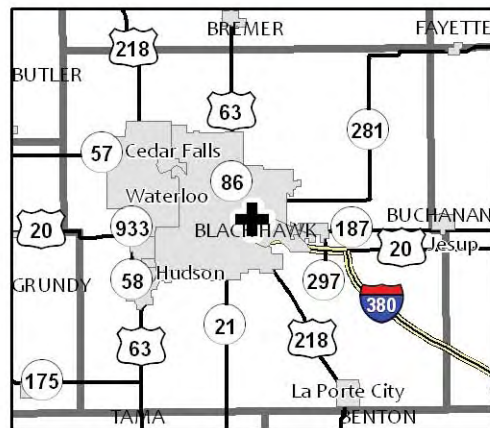
Iowa OHV Club: River Valley Trail Riders

Club Web Site: www.rivervalleytrailriders.com

DNR Conservation Officer: Richard Price (712-520-5570)

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RIVERVIEW OHV PARK

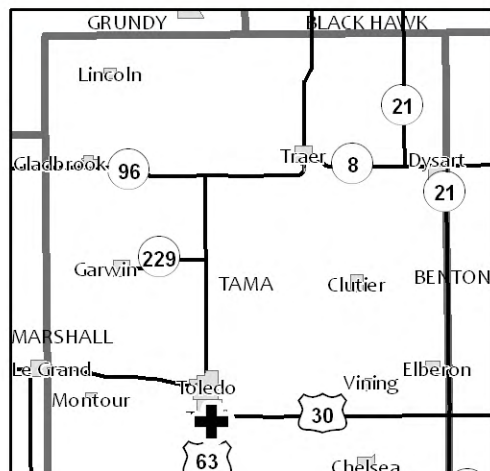
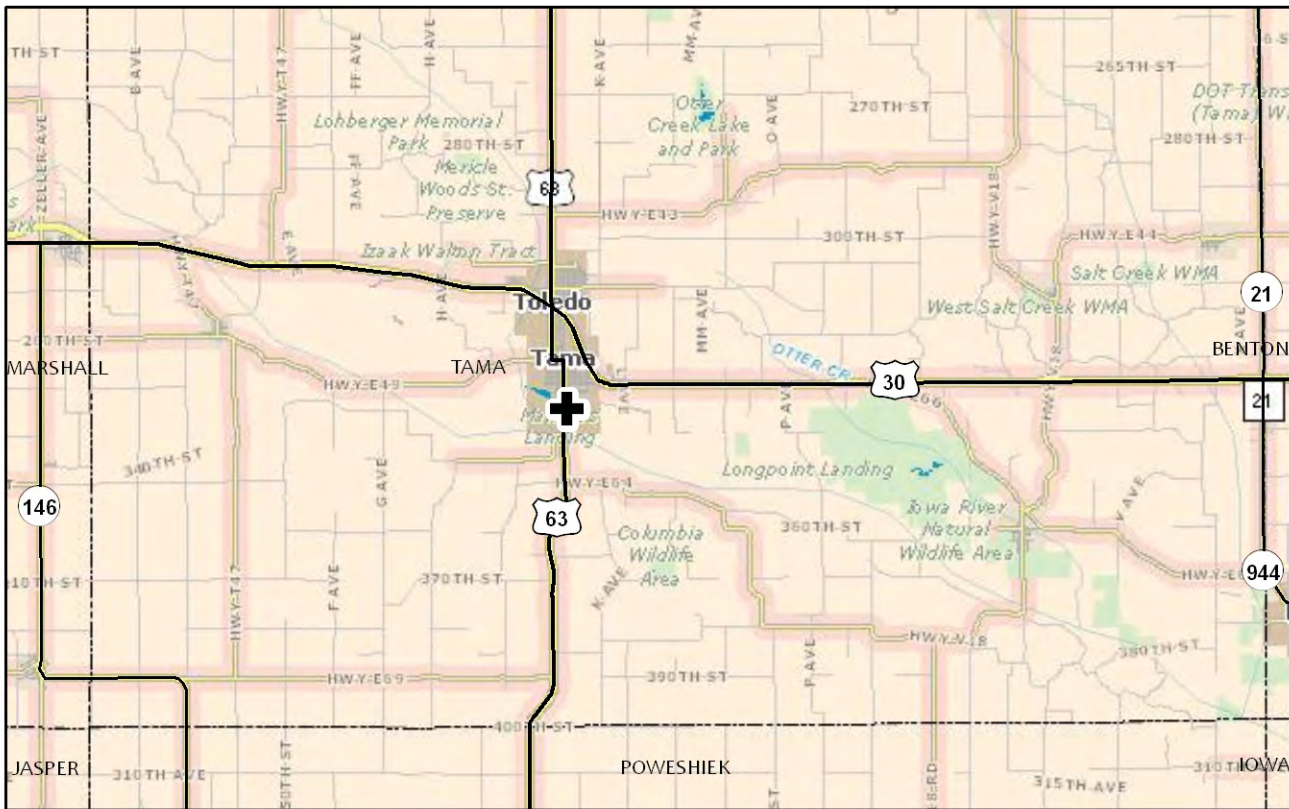


This is a 180-acre park located in Black Hawk County along the Cedar River, which allows for scenic riverside trails. The park has two motorcross tracks, a four-mile perimeter track, a pee wee track, shelter house, and a vault toilet.

Iowa OHV Club: Trailblazers Off Road Club
 Club Web Site: www.trailblazersoffroadclub.com
 Address: 2531 Kenyon, Waterloo, Iowa 50702
 DNR Conservation Officer: Mike Bonser (319-240-5034)

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TAMA COUNTY OHV PARK



This is a 300-acre park located in Tama County which features tight wooded trails with some hills, a 15-mile perimeter trail, and a kids track. Camping is available (23 campsites, 10 with electric).

Iowa OHV Club: Club S.P.O.R.T.

Club Web Site: www.clubsporttama.com

Address: 226 S. State Street, Tama, Iowa 52339

DNR Conservation Officer: Brett Reece (641-751-0931)

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	Dallas Davis	641-777-2163
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Black Hawk	Mike Bonser.....	319-240-5034
	Chris Jones.....	319-939-4448
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	Matt Bruner	515-290-0527
Bremer	Mike Bonser.....	319-240-5034
	Chris Jones.....	319-939-4448
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Cedar	Vacant.....	319-530-6121
Cerro Gordo	Vacant.....	641-425-0822
	Ben Bergman	641-425-0828
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	Chad Morrow	712-260-1023
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Clarke	Michael Miller	641-414-2174
Clay	Gary Biederman	712-260-1004
Clayton	Burt Walters	563-880-0108
	Jerry Farmer.....	563-880-0422

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Dallas	Craig Lonneman	515-238-5005
Davis	Bob Stuchel	641-777-2169
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	Gary Owen	712-260-1018
Dubuque	Andrew Keil.....	563-590-1945
	Nate Johnson	563-590-1944
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Fayette	Vicky Hanson	563-380-0497
Floyd	Eric Johnston	319-240-9174
Franklin	Greg Woodley	319-240-8033
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Harrison	Dave Tierney	712-249-2015
Henry	Eric Wright.....	319-759-1957
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Humboldt	Vacant	515-571-0127
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Ringgold	Corey Carlton	641-414-2173
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Shelby	Dave Tierney	712-249-2015
Sioux	John Sells	712-260-1019
Story	Brandon Bergquist	515-290-0177
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Tama	Brett Reece	641-751-0931
Taylor	Andrea Bevington	712-520-0508
Union	Corey Carlton	641-414-2173
Van Buren	Chris Flynn	641-919-9115
Wapello	Bob Stuchel	641-777-2169
	Matt Rush	641-777-7805
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Washington	Eric Wright	319-653-1636
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	Stacey Sisco	712-301-6735
Worth	Matt Washburn	641-425-0821
Wright	Ken Lonneman	641-425-0823



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Restricted Area Sign - identifies trails or areas where ATVs are not allowed.



Stay on Trail Sign - reminds riders of the importance of staying on the designated trail.



Trail Blazer/Directional Blazer - informs riders that they are on a trail. Arrow indicates changes in direction ahead.



Chevron/Turn Ahead - additional guidance to the rider in a sharp turn.



Intersection ahead - warns riders that they are approaching an intersection.



Bridge ahead - warn riders that there is a bridge ahead.



Directional Arrow - indicates trail direction.



Stop Sign - instructs riders to bring their machine to a complete stop before proceeding with caution.



Easy



Moderate



Difficult

Trail Difficulty Signs



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www.iowadnr.gov/law/atv/regulations.html

Riding areas in Iowa:

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Iowa Off-highway Vehicle Association

Local OHV clubs:

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