

Chapter 10.05

ROUTES DESIGNATED

Sections:

- 10.05.001 All-terrain and utility-terrain vehicle routes designated.
- 10.05.006 Bicycle & pedestrian route permit.

10.05.001 All-terrain and utility-terrain vehicle routes designated. Consistent with Wis. Stat. § 23.33 (8), the designation of all-terrain vehicle and utility-terrain vehicle routes is delegated to the highway committee. The fee for ATV/UTV route applications is \$60.00.

A. Definitions.

- 1. All-Terrain Vehicle (“ATV”) has the meaning specified within Wis. Stat. § 340.01(2)(g).
- 2. ATV/UTV Route shall mean a county trunk highway designated for use by all-terrain and utility-terrain vehicle operators by the governmental entity having jurisdiction.
- 3. Utility-Terrain Vehicle (“UTV”) has the meaning specified with Wis. Stat. § 23.33(1).

B. Routes. All county trunk highways shall receive a route designation set by the highway commissioner.

- 1. These designations shall include:
 - a. Open to ATV/UTV use;
 - b. Application required for ATV/UTV use; and
 - c. ATV/UTV use not allowed.
- 2. No designated ATV/UTV route may be used until approved as open for use by the highway committee and the route is properly signed.
- 3. The county board or the highway committee may suspend the use of ATV/UTV on any designated route at any time for any reason.
- 4. If it is determined by the highway department that a road must be closed due to road maintenance or repair, emergency, or other safety issues, the use of ATV/UTV shall be suspended until such time as the road is reopened by the highway department.
- 5. ATV/UTV shall not be operated on any county trunk highway that has not been designated and approved for ATV/UTV use or on a designated ATV/UTV route that is closed or suspended.
- 6. The highway department shall maintain a list of approved ATV/UTV routes open for use on county trunk highways.
- 7. The county clerk shall ensure a copy of approved ATV/UTV routes is sent to the sheriff’s office and any other law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over any portion of the approved ATV/UTV route.

C. Conditions. The operation of an ATV or UTV on any portion of a county trunk highway designated as an ATV/UTV route shall be subject to the following:

1. ATV/UTV operation shall be subject to all provisions of Wis. Stat. § 23.33, which is adopted as part of this code by reference to Wis. Stat. § 23.33(1).
2. ATV/UTV shall be operated at or below the speed limit of 35 MPH or the posted speed limit, whichever is lower.
3. ATV/UTV shall be operated single file on the far-right hand side of the paved portion/lane of the roadway. Operation on the grassy in-slope, ditches, or other highway right-of-way area is prohibited. Left turns may be made from any part of the roadway which is safe given the prevailing conditions.
4. ATV/UTV shall be equipped with a functioning headlamp and tail lamp, illuminated while on the highway.

D. Signs. The highway department, as the maintaining authority for highways designated as ATV/UTV routes, shall have oversight of the installation of signage.

1. No person may intentionally remove, damage, deface, move, or obstruct any ATV/UTV route or trail sign or intentionally interfere with the effective operation of any ATV/UTV route or trail sign.
2. No person shall operate ATV/UTV contrary to any authorized and official posted sign.

E. Enforcement. This code shall be enforced by any law enforcement officer as applicable and authorized to enforce the laws of the State of Wisconsin as set for in Wis. Stat. § 23.33(12).

F. Penalties. The penalties set forth in Wis. Stat. § 23.33(13)(1) and/or any resolutions are adopted by reference. Any person who violates this Code shall be subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$500.00 plus court costs. (Ord. 167-24, Sec. 1, 2024; Ord. 166-17, Sec. 6, 2022; Ord. 163-23, Sec. 4, 2019; Ord. 161-12, Sec. 7, 2017; Ord.132-75 Sec.5, 1989).

10.05.006 Bicycle & pedestrian route permit. Allows installation of route signs along county roads for the use of bicycle and pedestrians. The fee for bicycle and pedestrian route applications is \$40.00 (Ord. 167-24, Sec. 1, 2024; Ord. 166-17, Sec. 7, 2022)