

# **Spearhead Trails Trail Rules & Regulations**

*NOTE: Some of our trail systems are "MULTI-USE" utilized by hikers, bikers, and equestrian riders. Please read this entire document before using our trails.*

*Violations of any and all trail rules and boundaries will result in fines and possible loss of rider permit from any and all Spearhead Trails Systems.*

## **ATV TRAIL RULES**

All trail users and passengers shall have a valid Spearhead Trails user permit sticker. The user permit sticker is to be affixed to the left side of user's helmet below the goggle line at all times. Users who wish to transfer permit to another helmet should contact our office at [info@SpearheadTrails.com](mailto:info@SpearheadTrails.com) to be directed to an authorized exchange location.

Everyone shall wear a DOT, SNELL or other approved helmet and protective goggles.

All riders regardless of age shall sign a Spearhead Trails liability waiver and if underage, a parent or guardian shall sign a liability waiver for that individual. Photo ID is required to sign waiver and to purchase a permit.

Riders shall keep away from any designated "Off Limits" areas including but not limited to, mining and/or extraction operations, gas wells and platforms, private property and any areas not specifically designated as a Spearhead Trails trail.

Drive or ride at a speed reasonable for conditions and adhere to all directional and speed limit signs.

No passengers on any ATV unless the ATV is manufactured for the driver and a passenger.

No drugs or alcoholic beverages may be consumed or carried.

No firearms or fireworks.

Obey all signs, gates, and barriers.

Stay on marked trails, only enter and exit the trail systems at a trailhead, community or other approved connectors.

Do not enter a "no trail," "no entry" or any other gated area.

Stay out of streams and all non-designated wetlands or water collection areas.

No person shall drive an ATV/UTV unless that person meets the minimum age recommendation specified by the ATV/UTV manufacturer for the ATV/UTV that is being driven.

When applicable, any and all ATVs/UTVs that are operated on designated roads shall adhere to all Spearhead Trails regulations, shall possess a valid drivers license and are limited to 25 mph for up to a maximum of five miles. Individual and machine liability insurance is encouraged for all riders.

Unauthorized 4x4 road vehicles, rock crawlers, and dune buggies are not allowed.

Refuel at gas stations or at trailheads. Be careful when refueling and always start your ride with a full tank.

All riders are required to stop when signaled by a ranger, law enforcement officer or Spearhead Trail safety volunteer.

All applicable Federal and State laws will be enforced and shall be adhered to at all times.

Riders shall carry a photo ID at all times.

Adult supervision is required for those under age 18.

No fires and no camping on the trails.

Trail systems are open from sunrise to sunset.

Trails may be closed or rerouted for any reason deemed appropriate or as needed for maintenance and/or safety reasons.

DO NOT LITTER. Have respect for nature and the surrounding environment. Don't litter and pack out what you pack in please.

In addition to your requirement to wear a helmet and goggles, we recommend gloves, boots and protective gear to maximize your trail experience.

Don't ride solo, always bring along a riding partner.

### **SPECIAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR SIDE-BY-SIDE UTILITY TYPE VEHICLE (UTV)**

Side-by-side utility type vehicles operated within the Spearhead Trails Trail System shall be subject to all of the safety rules and regulations of the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority and shall also be subject to the following safety rules specifically applying to side-by-side utility vehicles.

Follow all rules and regulations identified in UTV owner's manual and rules and regulations listed below:

Utility Type Vehicles can only be operated on designated trails.

Easiest Trails (Green) - Approved

More Difficult Trails (Blue) - Approved

Most Difficult Trails (Black) - Designated trails only. Pay attention to signs.

## **SPEARHEAD TRAILS MACHINE REQUIREMENTS**

Machines may not be self-constructed or modified from manufacturer's specifications in the sole opinion of the executive director or designee.

Units shall be equipped with a steering wheel from the manufacturer.

Units shall be equipped with ROPS (Roll-Over Protection System) from the manufacturer.

Machines shall be equipped with manufacturer seat belts and shall be in good working order.

Low-pressure tires required – Max 20 psi at manufacturer's recommended inflation.

## **SIDE-BY-SIDE (UTV) SPECIFIC RULES**

The number of passengers carried on a side-by-side - utility type vehicle shall be limited by the number of manufacturer installed seat belts.

All participants shall abide by all of the manufacturer's requirements regarding the age and size of operators and passengers.

The driver and passengers of a side-by-side - utility type vehicle shall:

- Wear seat belts at all times.

- Keep their hands, arms, feet, head and legs inside the vehicle at all times during operation.

- Wear a DOT or SNELL approved helmet.

- Wear eye protection at all times.

- Obey all trail rules and regulations.

## **GENERAL TRAIL ETIQUETTE**

Use caution when approaching or overtaking another rider make your presence know in advance.

Motorized vehicles give right of way to equines moving to right of trail and shutting down your engine.

Hikers, bikers and motorized users are to give way to equines.

Bikes are to use extreme caution when using equine trails. Your approach is silent and may frighten a horse and could cause injury. Anyone descending a trail has the right of way.

Any rider shall have permit in their possession when on the trail and shall present it when asked by a trail or law officer.

Vehicles, equines, and bikes shall be under control and appropriate to the rider's age, size, and experience.

Riders shall obey posted speed limits, trail boundaries, and requests from trail officials.

All trails are open from dawn until dark unless otherwise designated.

All riders regardless of age shall sign a liability waiver and if underage, a parent or guardian shall sign a liability waiver for that individual. Photo ID is required to sign waiver and to purchase a permit.

Riders shall wear approved safety equipment and attire. During hunting season "blaze orange" is encouraged for all trail users.

## **RULES FOR EQUINE TRAILS**

All riders are required to sign a waiver of liability; juveniles will be required to have a parent or guardian sign as well. Waiver shall be presented upon request.

An equine approved helmet is required for those under the age of 18. Helmets are strongly recommended for all riders.

A Spearhead permit is required on all trail systems and will be placed on the left side of the tack and clearly visible.

Young or inexperienced riders and or horses are not to be on the trail without an experienced rider and equine.

**A negative Coggins test is required for all equines using the trails.** This shall be presented upon purchasing a permit and upon request by any trail official or law enforcement officer. If required by rider's state of residence, a health certificate for equines shall be presented upon request. (*The state of Virginia requires all out of state equines to have a health cert.*)

No dogs allowed on trails at any time and they shall be leashed when on all Spearhead Trails parking lots.

Equines and young riders that are inexperienced or skittish shall be identified with a green ribbon tied to their mounts tail, an animal prone to kick shall have a red ribbon affixed to their tail, and a stud shall have a yellow ribbon affixed to their tail.