

Save Money and the Environment!

Back off the throttle and increase the kms your ATV can travel per gallon of gasoline.

Don't modify your ATV for greater performance – modifications will likely result in decreased fuel economy compared to Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) specifications.

Purchase ATVs that have **ISO 14000 certification**, which indicates they are designed and manufactured according to high international environmental standards.

Stick to smooth, level trails – terrain that demands more from an ATV's engine will result in additional fuel needs.

Tips to Reduce your Impacts on the Land

Use top quality oils and gasoline, which burn cleaner and release fewer harmful particles into the environment.

Do regular inspection and maintenance on your machine yourself but ensure that you also have a trained mechanic look at your vehicle.

Install a spark arrestor on your machine to help prevent forest fires.

Use a winch on ATVs that are stuck instead of accelerating out of mud holes. This reduces trail rutting.

The Yukon backcountry is shared by many outdoor enthusiasts. While it may not seem like one person makes much of an impact, the effects are cumulative and they add up. We all have a responsibility to our outdoor home.

Let's work together

to ensure the Yukon wilderness stays healthy and accessible for future generations.

*Only You Can Keep the Yukon Wild.
Ride Smart and Stay on Trails.*

If you see someone damaging the natural environment or harassing wildlife, contact your local Conservation Office or call

**Turn in Poachers & Polluters
(TIPP Line): 1-800-661-0525**



We are working together to reduce ORV impacts on the land and can provide you with more information. With your support, we can manage ORV use in a way that works for everyone.

- Klondike Snowmobile Association
- Yukon Off-Road Riders Association
 - Trails Only Yukon Association
- Wilderness Tourism Association of the Yukon
 - Yukon Conservation Society
 - Yukon Fish & Game Association

ATVs and the Yukon Outdoors



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You can choose to tread lightly in the Yukon's outdoors. Minimize your impacts and be respectful of others so that everyone can enjoy the freedom and fun the great outdoors offers.

How You Ride Makes a Difference

The Yukon's harsh winter and short growing season make habitat sensitive to disturbance and wildlife vulnerable to additional stress. Vegetation can recover if the level of impact is low but recovery can take decades.

Wetlands are home for a large diversity of plants and wildlife and are particularly susceptible to damage by ORVs. **Do not drive through wetlands or boggy areas.** Look for trails around the edges, where the ground is firmer and drier or avoid wetlands altogether.

The alpine is very susceptible to damage and **ATV activity should be restricted to existing trails and roads only** and no new recreational trails should be built. During the fly season and late pregnancy and calving times, caribou may be found in alpine regions and are particularly sensitive to disturbance.

Cross only at established crossing points in streams. Cross streams slowly to prevent stirring up the sediment in the stream bottom which makes it harder for fish to breathe and find food. Sediment can cover fish eggs and prevent them from hatching.



Laws Protect the Environment

Under the Yukon Motor Vehicles Act, no person shall create or cause the emission of any loud and unnecessary noise from a motor vehicle.

Under the Yukon Territory Fishery Regulations, molesting or injuring any fish is prohibited and such actions are subject to fines.

Reduce ATV travel when soil is wet or muddy to reduce damage to the ground. Ruts in the alpine can quickly fill with water and lead to permafrost thawing, erosion and extensive, long-term damage. Well-drained soils with a majority of gravel and rock are the most suitable soils for ATV trails.

When using a tree as an anchor, **use a wide strap** to avoid damaging the trunk of the tree.

Ideally, remove trail obstacles or drive over, not around obstacles, to **prevent widening the trail** and destroying vegetation.

Successful hunters transport hundreds of pounds of meat on their ORVs and often pull trailers. These factors increase damage to the terrain and make it especially important to stay away from sensitive habitat.



Do Your Part

Carry a trash bag on your vehicle and pick up litter left by others.

Prevent unnecessary noise created by a poorly tuned vehicle or revving your engine without need. Man-made noise can reduce the quality of the natural experience and can be detrimental to wildlife.

After every ride, wash your ATV to reduce the spread of invasive species such as White Sweetclover. Invasive species can replace native plants and change an entire habitat.

