

Press release from the Douglas County Forestry Department

UPDATED 06/18/2010



Utility-Terrain Vehicles (UTV's), also known as lightweight utility vehicles or side by sides, are now currently permitted for use on all Douglas County ATV trails and routes as of the date of this posting.

The Douglas County Board of Supervisors officially approved resolution #52-10 during their June 17, 2010 meeting declaring their intent to participate in the new Statewide UTV pilot program allowing for UTV use on Douglas County ATV trails and routes. This resolution automatically applies to all municipalities within the County unless a specific town, village, or city opts out of the program by passing a resolution of its own to that effect. As of the date of this posting no Douglas County municipality has approved such a resolution.

UTV's are now permitted for use on those portions of the following trails and routes managed by the Douglas County Forestry Department: Wrenshall Grade Recreational Trail, Saunders Grade Recreational Trail, Wild Rivers Recreational Trail, Gandy Dancer Recreational Trail, summer ATV trail system, winter snowmobile and ATV trail system, official County Forest Road network, and other general forest access roads open to ATV use. For purposes of the Douglas County Forest Access Management Plan signage scheme, a UTV is considered an ATV and UTV use designations are represented by the following symbol:



Users are reminded to check seasonal closure dates and know the rules and regulations before venturing out with a UTV. Like all other motorized vehicle use on the County Forest, UTV use is regulated by Douglas County Ordinance #7.2. Douglas County has also adopted the State of Wisconsin's UTV laws, including UTV definition and registration requirements.

For further information on these and other Forest regulations, please visit www.douglascountywi.org or contact the Forestry Department at (715) 378-2219. For further information on the new law and UTV program please see the WDNR website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/LR/UTV/grants.html> or link to <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/Forms/utvpamph.pdf> to see a new educational brochure developed by the WDNR outlining program details.

Help spread the word...

Responsible motorized recreation starts with you!

The impression you leave lasts a lifetime... TREAD LIGHTLY!