

Frequently Asked Questions

What is an OHV?

The term off highway vehicle, or OHV, refers to snowmobiles, quads, dirt bikes, and any other recreational vehicles.

Am I allowed to operate my OHV on roads, streets and lanes within Town limits?

The Town of Whitecourt allows for seasonal use of OHVs between December 1 and March 31 within Town limits. Residents are permitted to operate on various streets, alleys and designated trails, provided they are the most direct route from where the vehicle is normally stored to the nearest location where OHVs are permitted to operate. For a map of permitted areas and trails, please visit the Town's website at:

www.whitecourt.ca.

For current information on trail conditions, visit the Whitecourt Trailblazer Snowmobile Club's website:

www.whitecourtrailblazers.ca

For More Information

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Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw

Keeping you informed.



Snowmobile Capital of Alberta

Whitecourt is a winter haven for outdoor recreation! Ice fishing, cross-country skiing, skating, tobogganing, and of course, *snowmobiling*.

From December 1st to March 31st the Town of Whitecourt allows for seasonal use of off-highway vehicles (OHV) within Town limits.



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Bylaw 1138

Bylaw No. 1138 governs the use of OHVs within Town limits.

For a complete copy of the Bylaw, please visit the Town's website at:

www.whitecourt.ca

Penalties for contravening Bylaw 1138 range from monetary fines to vehicle seizure. Please refer to a complete copy of the Bylaw 1138 for more details.

What you need to know about Bylaw 1138

Bylaw 1138 allows for seasonal use of OHVs within Town limits. Between December 1st and March 31st, OHVs are permitted to operate. Operation outside of this date is prohibited.

OHV use between 10:00PM and 7:00 AM is prohibited.

Operators are permitted to use various streets, alleys and designated trails, provided they are the most direct route from where the vehicle is normally stored to the nearest location where OHVs are permitted to operate. All operators should be familiar with prohibited areas and respect these sites.

The maximum speed of operation for an OHV within Town limits is 20 kilometers per hour. It is important to know that Centennial Park is within Town limits.

OHV operators are required to carry a Certificate of Registration and a Certificate of Insurance. Those under the age of 14 are prohibited from operating an OHV unless accompanied by, or are in close proximity to, an adult who is giving instruction.

Highway 43, Highway 32, Dahl Drive and Rotary Park are prohibited areas. Unmarked areas are generally private property and can only be used with the owner's permission. Use only designated OHV trails.

Safety First!

The Town of Whitecourt asks that you practice the following safety tips when enjoying the outdoors.

- Be prepared for your activity. Know your physical limits and use appropriate safety equipment (i.e. helmet, goggles, gloves, etc.)
- Carry a first aid kit and repair supplies for your equipment. Ensure that all of your equipment is in good working order before you leave home.
- Get familiar with the area you are traveling in before you go out. For a map of Whitecourt's trail system visit the Town's website.
- Always let someone at home know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Wear appropriate clothing and carry extra clothing. High-energy foods, waterproof matches, an insulated blanket and a compass are valuable in the event of a cold climate emergency.

For more winter recreation safety tips visit the following websites:

www.altasnowmobile.ab.ca
www.ccsso-ccom.ca
www.snowmobile.org