

Access to designated routes within the City of Bathurst for ATV's and SBS's

FAQ SHEET (Frequently Asked Questions)

DEFINITIONS:

- ATV designates an all terrain-vehicle, also called a four-wheeler or Side-by-side (SBS);
- NBATVF designates the New-Brunswick All-Terrain Vehicle Federation.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATIONS:

- New Brunswick Motor Vehicle Act;
- New Brunswick Off-Road Vehicle Act;
- City of Bathurst Municipal By-Law No. 2016-05: "A By-Law designating portions of road within the City Of Bathurst as accessible to Off-Road Vehicles";
- City of Bathurst Municipal By-Law No. 2018-04: "A By-Law designating crossings for Off-Road Vehicles".

On which streets in Bathurst are ATVs and SBSs allowed to travel?

ATVs and SBSs are allowed to access Route 134 on the bridge crossing the Nepisiguit River between Maurice Gas Bar Convenience Store and Main Street, Main Street from Bridge Street to St-George Street and St-George Street to the rear parking of the Best Western Plus, across from Bathurst City Hall.

Which system of signals to indicate turning or stop will be used?

Most ATVs are already equipped with brake lights and some brands even have signal lights. If not, ATVs must use their left hand with the arm to the left to indicate a left turn, the left hand pointing in the air for the right turn and the hand down pointing to the ground to indicate a stop or slowing down.

Are these designated streets accessible to all ATVs?

NOT NECESARILY. Your ATV must registered with any provincial ATV Club which is member of the New-Brunswick ATV Federation or a member of any province in Canada having signed a Reciprocity Agreement with the NBATVF. (Nova-Scotia, Prince-Edouard Island, Quebec and Ontario).

If that is not the case for your ATV, you cannot access these designated routes.

What happens when an ATV is intercepted and that one or more infractions are identified in relation to the applicable legislations?

The officer on duty has the power to issue fines ranging from \$100.00 to \$2500.00.

What is the minimum legal age to drive an ATV on the City of Bathurst streets identified in the applicable legislations?

The minimum legal age to drive an ATV in New-Brunswick with a valid Driver's License is 16 years of age. However, an individual aged 14 or 15 can have access if he/she has a Class-9 Driver's License, have a Driver's Training Certificate delivered by the NBATVF and be accompanied by an adult who has also received a Driver's Training Certificate delivered by the NBATVF.

Does a motocross or dirt bike have the same rights on those streets as an ATV?

NO. In the New Brunswick Off-Road Vehicle Act, dirt-bikes and/or motocrosses, whether equipped with brake lights or not, are not included in the definition of an ATV or an off-road vehicle.

Are there any restrictions on the hours when ATVs can travel on the streets mentioned in the applicable legislations?

No, but we rely on the good judgement of enthusiasts to not be a burden for the residents living on those streets.

Is there a restriction on the noise made by the ATVs?

Yes, there are noise restrictions, as identified in the applicable legislations.

Is there a code of conduct among ATV enthusiasts when circulating in large groups?

Yes, when large numbers of ATVs access the same roads, they should travel by smaller groups of 5 to 10 ATVs at a time to avoid traffic congestion.

Who has the priority, between a regular vehicle and an ATV?

The ATV driver must yield, at any time, to regular motor vehicle users. Regular vehicles can also legally pass ATVs or SBSs, even if full line markings (non passing) are on the road, if ATVs are travelling at a slower speed than the maximum speed limit.

At what speed are ATVs and SBSs allowed to travel on the streets identified in the applicable legislations?

ATV drivers must respect the same speed limits as regular vehicles, as identified in the applicable legislations.

Is it mandatory to wear a safety helmet?

It doesn't matter if you drive an ATV or SBS, **the wearing of the safety helmet is mandatory.** As for use of the safety belt, it is not mandatory but recommended for SBS users.

ATV ACCESS / ACCÈS VTT

Bathurst



LEGEND / LÉGENDE



ATV Trail / Sentier VTT



Roadway access / Accès routier



ATV Access / Accès VTT



ATV Crossing / Traverse VTT



Parking / Stationnement



Gas Service / Service d'essence



Restaurant / Restaurant



Accomodations / Hébergement



Repair / Réparations

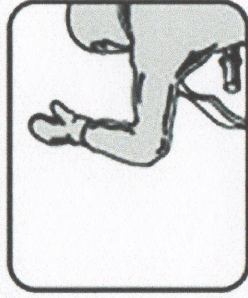
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rue MAIN Street

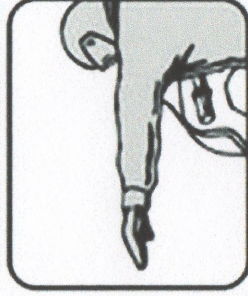
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Route 134

Signalisation à la main / Hand signals

Virage à droite
Righth turn



Virage à gauche
Left turn



Ralentissement
Slow down



VHR arrivant en sens inverse

Bras de bas en haut avec main ouverte

ORV ahead

Arm from bottom to top with open hand



VHR en arrière

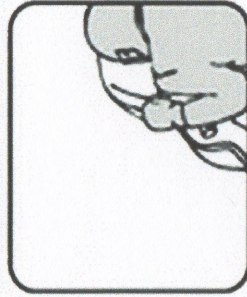
Bras de l'avant vers l'arrière avec main ouverte

ORV following

Arm from front to back with open hand



Dernier VHR
Last ORV



Arrêt
Stop

