Garrett County Government
ATV/Snowmobile Permits

Live, work, play
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Legally ride up to 2 miles on county maintained roadways for easy access to trails with annual permit
(read full regulations before riding)
Permit
The owner must obtain permit from Garrett County Government for $25. The permit must be affixed to the rear of the all-terrain vehicle or left fender of the snowmobile.

The permit will expire on December 31st of the year indicated on the decal.

Insurance
All-Terrain Vehicle, and snowmobiles operators must have proof of valid liability insurance covering his/her vehicle.

Permit must be on left fender of snowmobile

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Online
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Complete the permit application online and pay with a credit card. The permit will be mailed to you. Allow up to 2 weeks for delivery.

In Person
Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm
Garrett County Collections Office
203 South Fourth Street
Oakland, MD 21550

Deliver the permit application and payment with cash, check, or credit card. The permit will be issued.

Permit must be on left rear of ATV

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Registation Checklist

Valid Drivers License or Exempt
See Maryland Transportation Article 16-102

Proof of Insurance

Operation Checklist

Properly placed sticker permit
Helmet required
Utilize all safety equipment
Maximum speed of 25 mph
Far right side of roadway
Garrett County maintained roadways only
Headlights and tail lights
Obey all laws of the roadway

* Unless the ATV or UTV is equipped with a factory R.O.P.S. (Roll Over Protection System), the operator or passenger of the ATV or UTV will not operate on any portion of the roadway unless the operators and passengers are wearing protective headgear that meets the standards established by the Administration as defined in TA 21-1306.

In such cases where the ATV or UTV is equipped with a factory R.O.P.S. (Roll Over Protection System), the operator and passengers will utilize the factory seat belts when operating the ATV or UTV on any portion of the roadway.

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Penalties

Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance, or who owns or has control over an ATV or snowmobile and knowingly permits it to be used in violation of the provisions of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor/municipal infraction.

First Violation
$100 fine

Second Violation
$250 fine and a 60 day suspension from using ATVs or snowmobiles on Garrett County maintained roadways

Third Violation
$500 fine and a lifetime suspension from using ATVs or snowmobiles on Garrett County maintained roadways
Operation

ATVs and snowmobiles may be operated on Garrett County maintained roadways under the following conditions:

All-Terrain Vehicles, and snowmobiles must have at least an operating brake light and headlight when in operation on Garrett County Roadways.

All All-Terrain Vehicle and snowmobile operators on Garrett County Roadways must possess a valid driver’s license or be expressly exempt from the licensing requirements of the Maryland Transportation Article 16-102.

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No passengers are permitted on single seat All-Terrain Vehicles and snowmobiles; passengers on all other All-Terrain Vehicles, and snowmobiles are limited to the number of manufactured installed passenger seats on the vehicle.

All applicable speed limits – Operators are put on notice that they are responsible for abiding by 25 mph speed limits even if their vehicle is not equipped with an operable speedometer.

All-Terrain Vehicles and snowmobiles may be operated on Garrett County Roadway for a distance not to exceed two (2) miles.

All other motor laws of the State of Maryland shall apply.

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All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV’s) as defined by (Maryland Transportation ARTICLE 11-103.3) and snowmobiles are hereby allowed on roads in the Garrett County Roadway Inventory (“Garrett County Roadways”).

All-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles MAY NOT operate on Municipal (Town) roads unless the municipality has adopted appropriate legislation. Check with the local municipality before riding. ATVs and snowmobiles MAY NOT operate on State Highways.

All-Terrain Vehicles and snowmobiles must travel single file on the right-hand shoulder or the extreme right hand side of a road and left hand turns made be made from any part of the road if it is safe to do so under the prevailing conditions.

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