



# On Trails, Off Streams The Off-Road Code

## Rules of the Off-Road

- Stay on established trails.
- Drive slowly into water only to cross at improved stream crossings and only at 90 degree angles.
- Stay out of wetlands.

## Did You Know?

The Ouachita and the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, along with Daisy and Mt. Magazine state parks, provide trails for off-road vehicles.

Check their websites for more information regarding types of vehicles allowed and trail locations.

**File a complaint with the new ADEQ app.**



Environmental protection begins in your own backyard

## It's the responsibility of off-road vehicle operators to protect the environment.

A variety of recreational off-road vehicles (ORVs) and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are now welcome in locations owned privately or managed by government agencies.

As you ride, remember that the easiest way to protect the environment around you is to stay on established trails.

**Only ride on trails authorized for off-road activities and avoid riding in streams or on sand and gravel bars.**

### Environmental Impacts

If you leave the trail, you're more likely to contribute to trail damage, soil erosion or habitat destruction.

Driving through a stream can harm fish and other aquatic life by ruining



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spawning beds and food supplies. You can destroy fish eggs and larvae and suffocate macroinvertebrates by driving over sediment.

Fish whose habitat has been damaged don't wait for repairs. If they survive, they move on.

And a once popular fishing site is spoiled. A once thriving aquatic area is vulnerable to injury, disease and destruction.

**Protect habitat on land and in water by driving only on designated routes and improved water crossings.**

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# Trails, Safety, and Water Quality

Arkansas state park ATV trails Dept. of Parks & Tourism	<a href="http://www.arkansasstateparks.com/things-to-do/trails/">http://www.arkansasstateparks.com/things-to-do/trails/</a>
Public and private destinations	<a href="http://www.arkansas.com/outdoors/atv-orv/suggested-rides.aspx">http://www.arkansas.com/outdoors/atv-orv/suggested-rides.aspx</a>
Arkansas ATV safety training	<a href="http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/activities-programs/atv-safety.aspx">http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/activities-programs/atv-safety.aspx</a>
National ATV safety	<a href="http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/ATV-Safety-Information-Center/">http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/ATV-Safety-Information-Center/</a>
ADEQ Water Quality	<a href="https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/water/">https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/water/</a>



**Cross only at bridges or designated crossings, and cross at a 90-degree angle.**

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