

The City of Superior has several road and non-road trail routes designated for ATV/UTV operation within the city limits. The trail system is specific. ATVs and UTVs may only operate on the specified trail routes. Operating your ATV/UTV on any other roadways or trails is prohibited and violations are enforced.

Please realize operating your ATV or UTV along-side other motor vehicles on public roadways can be dangerous. It is your responsibility to ensure you are properly trained to operate your ATV/UTV prior to setting off to utilize the trail system.

It is your responsibility to ensure your ATV/UTV meets all of the required safety and registration regulations, and you as the operator and your riders also meet all of the required safety regulations. The best resource for this information is the Wisconsin DNR's website. Another resource is the off-roading pamphlet that comes with your Wisconsin ATV/UTV registration information. A digital version of that pamphlet can be found here: <https://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/le/le0500.pdf>

If you are interested in the other beautiful trails Douglas County has to offer, please visit <https://www.douglascountywi.org/244/Recreational-Trails> for a list of trail information in Douglas County.

In addition to the regulations imposed by the State of Wisconsin, the City of Superior has additional regulations for utilizing our ATV/UTV trail system. Please read the below Frequently Asked Questions for further information.

What are the approved ATV/UTV routes/trails in the City of Superior?

You can view the routes/trails on the following map:

https://www.ci.superior.wi.us/DocumentCenter/View/11836/routes_and_trails_city

Please pay careful attention to the map legend, as some portions of the trail system are only open during specific times of the year.

What are the speed limits throughout the City of Superior trail system?

When the portion of the trail system you are riding on is a road, you are required to follow the posted speed limit for that roadway.

On any portion of our trail system that is an off-road trail, you must slow your ATV/UTV to 10 mph or less when you are riding within 100 feet of a person who is not on a motorized vehicle. This includes, but is not limited to slowing for: anglers, hikers, bicyclists, joggers, horses, etc. as well as for other ATV/UTV operators standing along the trail, and when you are riding within 150 feet of a home or dwelling.

In addition, the portion of the Osaugie Trail that falls between 31st Avenue East and Moccasin Mike Road is posted at 10 MPH. A speeding violation while operating your ATV/UTV carries a maximum fine of \$300.

Why is the speed limit slower on the Osaugie trail?

The Osaugie Trail is a multi-use trail system. It is utilized by bicyclists, runners, dog walkers, roller bladers, parents pushing strollers, and families going for a walk. You can see this would pose significant safety risks if the speed limits for motorized vehicles were not reduced. Additionally, there are over 70 homes that are within 100 feet of the trail system. Homes that were established long before this trail system was authorized for ATV/UTV use. It's important to respect everyone's ability to enjoy and utilize the Osaugie trail, whether they are walking or riding. When utilizing the Osaugie Trail with your ATV/UTV, please make sure you operate only on the gravel portion of the trail. Also please note the Tri-County Corridor/Osaugie Trail route for ATVs/UTVs ends at Loons Foot Landing in the summer. The route only extends to Barker's Island during the winter trail system.

Do I have to wear a helmet?



According to city ordinance and state statutes, all persons under 18 years old, whether they are operating OR riding, must wear a helmet.

Do I need a driver's license?

Yes, all operators of ATV/UTVs 16 years or older operating within the city limits of Superior must possess a valid driver's license.

What is the minimum age to operate a UTV/ATV on the City of Superior trail system?

In the State of Wisconsin, any UTV/ATV operated on a public roadway must be 16 years or older.

Do I need a safety certificate?

Anyone born on or after January 1, 1988 must possess an ATV Safety Certificate. For more information on obtaining a safety certificate, please visit: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/atv/>

What are some other things I should know in regards to operating on the City of Superior trail system?

If traveling on a roadway as part of a designated route, motorized recreational vehicles shall be operated on the extreme right side of the roadway and travel with the flow of traffic.

On all designated motorized recreational vehicle trails, riders will proceed in single file.

Headlights and taillights must be on at all times.

Motorized recreational vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to all other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.

Am I required to have insurance on my ATV/UTV when operating within the City of Superior?

Yes, you are required to have insurance coverage for your ATV/UTV when you are using the City of Superior trail system.

Are there noise restrictions for ATV/UTVs in the City of Superior?

Yes, according to City Ordinance Sec. 90-358. - Noise prohibited.

No person may alter the exhaust system of a motorized recreational vehicle to increase the decibels from the original machine. Modified stock pipes are prohibited. ATVs/UTVs/motorcycles must have functioning spark arresters.

What are the registration requirements for my ATV/UTV?

All ATV/UTVs operating in the State of Wisconsin must be registered in their home state. If the ATV/UTV is registered in a state other than Wisconsin, you must additionally purchase a Wisconsin Trail Pass. More information on these requirements can be found at: <https://dnr.wi.gov/permits/registrations/atv/>

In addition, you are required to display a rear license plate on the ATV/UTV. The plate must be a minimum of 4" in height and 7 1/2" wide and made of white material. The registration number must be made of black lettering a minimum of 1 1/2" high with a minimum 3/16" stroke.

Are Off-Highway Motorcycles ("dirt bikes") allowed to use the City of Superior ATV/UTV trail system?

No. The city ordinance establishing the trail system only allows vehicles that meet the State of Wisconsin definition for an ATV/UTV to operate on the trail system. All vehicles operating on our trail system must meet one of the below definitions to its entirety:

All-terrain vehicle means an engine-driven device that has a net weight of 900 pounds or less, which is equipped with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator and is designed to travel

on three or more low-pressure tires. A low-pressure tire is a tire that has a minimum width of six inches, which is designed to be mounted on a rim with a maximum diameter of 12 inches and is designed to be inflated with an operating pressure not to exceed six pounds per square inch as recommended by the manufacturer.

Utility terrain vehicle means any of the following: A commercially designed and manufactured motor driven device that does not meet federal motor vehicle safety standards in effect on July 1, 2012, that is not a golf cart, low-speed vehicle, dune buggy, mini-truck, or tracked vehicle, that is designed to be used primarily off of a highway, and that has, and was originally manufactured with, all of the following:

A net weight, without fluids, of 2,000 pounds or less.

Four or more tires.

A steering wheel.

A tail light.

A brake light.

Two headlights.

A width of not more than 65 inches.

A system of seat belts, or a similar system, for restraining each occupant of the device in the event of an accident.

A system of structural members designed to reduce the likelihood that an occupant would be crushed as the result of a rollover of the device.

Who can enforce the regulations of the City of Superior trail system?

Sec. 90-364. - Enforcement.

This article may be enforced by the city police department, the county sheriff's department, or any law enforcement officer. State statutes may be enforced by the state department of natural resources warden.