



**The
Tread Lightly!
Guide To
Responsible**

ATV Riding

**With
Minimum Impact
Camping Tips**

At Cabela's, responsible enjoyment of the outdoors is not only our passion, it's the foundation of our business. Since our inception in 1961, we've been providing outdoorsmen and women with quality products that enhance the outdoor experience while supporting efforts to educate and inform sporting enthusiasts about responsible use.

It's a fact, we share the backcountry with other outdoor enthusiasts. But, by being good stewards, minimizing impact and being respectful of others, everyone can enjoy the freedom and fun the great outdoors offers. Cabela's support of Tread Lightly!® is a direct result of our philosophy of responsible and respectful enjoyment of the great outdoors.

Owning an ATV is a key to an adventure, but one that must be used responsibly to ensure the conservation of our sport for future generations. Cabela's urges all ATV owners and riders to uphold and follow the Tread Lightly! principles to minimize impact, respect others, educate yourself and others, preserve resources and enjoy the rewards the backcountry offers.

Respectfully,
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Stream Crossings

- ▶ Cross only at established fording points, and check water depth carefully.
- ▶ Take it slow and steady. Try to identify big rocks or other obstacles before you begin crossing. If you spill or drop into an unexpected deep hole, shut off the engine quickly to prevent water from being drawn past the air cleaner.
- ▶ Blasting through streams is bad for fish and other aquatic life, not to mention your engine. Stirring up the sediment in the stream bottom makes it harder for fish to breathe and find food.
- ▶ Crossing streams at high speed can also cause water to rush into your air box, drowning the engine.

Logs

- ▶ Ideally, it is best to move a fallen log out of the trail but if you can't, you'll have to go over or around it. Riding around it merely makes another trail, which is undesirable. That leaves riding over it.
- ▶ First decide if your skill level and machine capability are up to such a maneuver. If unsure, turn off the engine, get off the ATV then have a fellow rider help you lift your ATV's front end, then rear end over the log.
- ▶ If you choose to ride over it, approach the log slowly, standing on the foot pegs, and lean back to lighten the front end.
- ▶ Just before the front wheel(s) touch the log, blip the throttle to lift the front end onto the log with just enough momentum to get the rear tires over the log. Here again, speed and wheel spin won't help – timing and technique are everything.

Switchbacks

- ▶ These are sharp, zigzag trails going up steep mountainsides that minimize grades while preventing the trail from becoming a miniature river during a rainstorm.
- ▶ Skilled riders work their way through these challenging features relying on weight shifts and smoothness to negotiate the turns while reducing wheel spin.
- ▶ When riding switchbacks, avoid roosting around the apex of the turn when climbing, or brake-sliding while heading down. Both techniques gouge out the trail, requiring increased trail maintenance.