

Hatfield McCoy Trails

Beyond the adventure!

Trail Rules & Trail Permits

Trail Permits

Trail permits are required to ride Hatfield McCoy Trails. Each person accessing Hatfield McCoy Trails is required to purchase a permit, passengers included.

Permits are issued by year and will expire on December 31 of the year in which it was purchased.

Permits rates are:

- \$50.00 for non-residents
- \$26.50 for West Virginia residents*

**West Virginia Residency is determined by state-issued identification for all individuals 16 years of age or older. ID must be presented at the time of purchase.*

Additionally, military members are eligible for WV resident rate permits.

A trail permit is a sticker that is to be attached to your helmet. Don't worry about damaging your helmet. When your permit expires and you would like to remove it, we suggest you sit your helmet in the sun on a warm day and it will peel off pretty easily.

Trail permits for the upcoming year are usually made available around mid to late November. If you are planning a trip to HMT late in November, you will most likely be issued the upcoming year's permit which will be valid until the end of the upcoming year.



Trail Rules

It is necessary to have trail rules in order to maintain a safe environment for the enjoyment of everyone. We have included the official Hatfield McCoy Trail rules below.

General Rules

User Permits required.

- Everyone must wear a DOT or SNELL approved helmet and eye protection.
- All operators and passengers on an ATV, UTV, or motorcycle must follow manufacturers' recommendations.
- All operators and passengers on an ATV, UTV, or motorcycle must meet manufacturers' minimum age requirements. No booster or car seats are allowed.
- Obey all signs, gates, and barriers.
- Stay on marked trails.
- Adult supervision is required for those under age 16.
- Do not leave any trash or litter behind.
- No alcoholic beverages may be consumed or carried.
- Drive or ride at a speed reasonable for conditions.
- No camping.
- Firearms are allowed. If the firearm is a handgun for personal protection, then you can carry it concealed or unconcealed, loaded or unloaded, whether you have a concealed carry permit or not. If it is a long gun that you are using for hunting purposes and are traveling on the Trail System to get to a hunting location, it must be unloaded and cased while on the Trail System. No hunting is allowed from or on the Trail System itself.
- No fires.
- Stay alert at all times, be aware of oncoming traffic.
- Trails only open during daylight hours.

ORV-Specific Rules

- ORVs are ONLY permitted on the Bearwallow trail system.
- Driver and passengers are required to wear helmets.
- Driver and passengers must have valid trail permits.
- A valid driver's license is required to operate an ORV.
- All passengers must be over 8 years of age, or 4'9" tall. No booster or car seats are allowed.
- Seat belts must be worn at all times. the number of passengers is limited to the number of factory installed seat belts.
- ORVs are required to have a roll cage on all most difficult (black and black/red) trails.

UTV-Specific Rules

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The driver and passengers of a UTV must:

- Wear seat belts at all times; the number of passengers is limited to the number of factory installed seat belts.
- Keep their hands, arms, feet, head and legs inside the vehicle at all times during operation.
- Possess a valid owner's manual for the machine being operated that is able to be produced upon request.
- Stay on designated trails. UTVs are permitted on easiest, more difficult, and select most difficult trails (signed accordingly).
- UTVs must be equipped with a steering wheel and roll-over protection system from the manufacturer. Low pressure tires required.

If you have any questions or need clarification about any of these rules, you can contact the Hatfield McCoy Trails offices at 1-800-592-2217.

A thought on “Trail Rules & Trail Permits”

One of your rules states: All operators and passengers on an ATV, UTV, or motorcycle must follow manufacturers' recommendations. My son will be 15 next year and has had his ATV certificate for Michigan since he was 12. For the past couple of years he has been riding a Honda 250EX which is recommended for ages 16 and over. He is tall for his age. Does this mean that he cannot ride his 250EX on your trail system next year?

Reply

Joe Stenger

I believe your son will be fine on his 250. One of the main reasons for this rule is to make sure a child is not operating a machine that is too large for him/her to safely handle. At his age, I'm sure he is well within his capabilities, and with supervision I do not think anyone would have issue with him riding his 250EX at HMT.