

JUNEAU COUNTY POLICY FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV) ROUTES ON THE COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY SYSTEM

The Juneau County Highway Committee recognizes that ATV use within the County is on the increase and has been increasing despite the lack of ATV routes on the Juneau County Trunk Highway System. An ATV route is a highway, or section of highway, designated for the use of ATV's by the governmental agency having jurisdiction. A route is generally recognized as a means to connect the terminal ends of a trail when it is obstructed by a city, village, river, railroad track or other impediment. The Wisconsin state statutes give the Counties the authority to accommodate ATV's on County Trunk Highways designated as routes. One of the benefits of having routes is that local businesses adjacent to the route can benefit from increases in sales year round. Restaurants, motels, gas stations, and chambers of commerce can see a substantial increase in foot traffic that is delivered via ATV's.

The attached Application Form must be completed and forwarded to the Highway Committee by the Juneau County ATV Council, Inc. for consideration. Before a highway segment can be considered for designation as an ATV route, the petitioner(s) shall demonstrate to the Highway Committee that no other practical option as an off road trail exists. The single most important route consideration is the safety of all users: ATV riders, pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, automobile and truck operators, and others. The following criteria shall be considered by the Highway Committee during the review and approval of reasonable requests for ATV route establishment.

- Has the route application been submitted by Juneau County ATV Council, Inc. in accordance with the annual January 1st deadline?
- Is the required application form completed with sufficient detail?
- Have all alternatives been fully investigated?
- Does the requested segment connect segments of ATV road route networks?
- Is the applicant's location considered to be a "starting point" of an ATV route? To be considered a starting point, an establishment must post a sign designating an adequate parking area for loading and unloading of ATV's.
- Length of segment requested
- Posted speed limit of the roadway
- Traffic volume on requested segment
- Pavement condition (PASER Rating)
- Vertical or horizontal alignment safety concerns
- Pavement width

- Is the route approved by the County Highway Department?
- Is the route approved by the County Sheriff's Department?

The County as the unit of government that designates the routes is responsible by statute to post the proper route signs. Route signing must be clearly understandable to everyone. The County Highway Department as the maintaining authority of the highway's designated as ATV routes shall have oversight of the installation of the legally required signage. Juneau County ATV council, Inc. and its member ATV Clubs will invest funds to procure the initial signage including replacement signs and with the oversight of the County Highway Department will install required signs.

The posted speed limit for ATV's shall typically be 35 miles per hour. If the route passes within 150 feet of a home or dwelling, the posted speed limit shall be 10 miles per hour. ATV's are also required to slow to 10 miles per hour or less if within 100 feet of a person who is not on an ATV, snowmobile, motorcycle, or other motor vehicle.

If a situation develops that warrants closure of a designated ATV route, the Highway Commissioner shall have authority to temporarily suspend or close the route subject to review and final determination by the Highway Committee. Temporary signs indicating the ATV route closure will be erected until final determination by the Highway Committee. Should the designated route be permanently closed, the ATV route signage will be entirely removed.

Following due consideration of the economic and recreational value to connect trail opportunities and weighted against public dangers, public health, liability aspects, terrain involved, traffic density and history of automobile and truck traffic; the Juneau County Highway Committee is authorized to establish necessary and reasonable ATV routes on the County Trunk Highway System. The Juneau County Highway Committee shall retain sole authority for closure or termination of any ATV route on the County Trunk Highway System. The designation and opening of an approved ATV route will become effective upon County Board action to add the route to the County Ordinance and publication in the official County newspaper.

This policy shall become effective upon passage by the Juneau County Board of Supervisors of an ordinance designating all-terrain vehicle routes and their regulation on the County Trunk Highway System.

Adopted this day of _____, 2011 by the Juneau County Highway and Public Works Committee.

Edward R. Brown III, Chair

Edward J. Pagel

Dennis Kolba

Michael Kelley

David Arnold

Application to Designate an ATV Route On the Juneau County Trunk Highway System

ATV Route on CTH: _____ Length of Requested Route: _____

Starting at (be specific): _____

Ending at (be specific): _____

State why the CTH segment described above should be designated as an ATV Route:

IMPORTANT: Please attach statements from landowners denying access for off road trails if lack of access is a reason for requesting route designation.

Application Submitted by: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Organization Affiliation: _____

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Comments/restrictions applying to this application: _____

JCAC	Approve: _____	Disapprove: _____	By: _____
Highway Department:	Approve: _____	Disapprove: _____	By: _____
Sheriff's Department:	Approve: _____	Disapprove: _____	By: _____

Juneau County Highway Committee: Approved: _____ Disapproved: _____ Date: _____

Agreement
Juneau County Highway Department and Juneau County ATV Council, Inc..
ATV Routes on County Highways

This agreement defines the commitments and understandings between the County and the Juneau County ATV Council. The County has adopted a policy governing the procedure, practice and sequence of events related to newly requested routes.

In accordance with the approved policy, all proposed routes will be submitted first to the Juneau County ATV Council for consideration. Applications approved by the Juneau County ATV Council will be submitted to the Juneau County Highway Committee only once per year at the January meeting. All route proposals shall follow criteria setup on the application and provide a clear and specific statement regarding why the route is being requested.

If the proposed routes are approved by the Juneau County Highway Committee, Juneau County ATV Council and its member ATV Clubs will be responsible for the cost of sign materials including replacement and with the oversight of the County Highway Department will install such signs.

If a situation should arise that requires closure of an approved route, the policy shall be followed with final determination made by the Juneau County Highway Committee.

This agreement can be modified upon consensus between the Juneau County Highway Department and the Juneau County ATV Council.

Roger Bean, JCAC President

Date

Alan K. Peterson, County Board Chair

Date