

OFF-ROADING IN SOUTHWEST IDAHO



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OFF-ROADING SAFETY, ETIQUETTE & OUTFITTERS

STAY SAFE

Following some basic safety precautions will keep you safe and successful!

- **Pack properly.** You should bring food and water, extra fuel, a set of basic tools, a tire repair kit, up-to-date maps, basic survival gear, and a first aid kit. Tie everything down securely — you don't want things to go flying off!
- **Inspect your ride before you set off.** Check the tires, brake lines, engine, etc.
- **Dress for the job.** On a bike or ATV, you'll want to wear a helmet, goggles, gloves, boots, long sleeves, and pants. Spills can be nasty without protection!
- **Know the trail.** Make sure you have the most recent info on trail status and check the weather conditions before you head out.
- **Go with at least one buddy, and let someone else know where you're going and when you plan to return.** Bring a communication device, such as a walkie-talkie or CB radio.
- **Only carry passengers if your ride is built for it.**
- **Know your limits.** Just like anything else, off-roading takes practice. Beginner and intermediate riders should take it slow and learn from more experienced riders. Don't be afraid to take breaks or call it a day when you need to.
- **Keep control of your vehicle.** Off-roading trails can be unpredictable, with unexpected obstacles and blind corners. Go at a sane pace!
- **Don't go on the regular roads!** ATVs can be less steady on a paved road, and you can also be at risk from other drivers.

OFF-ROADING ETIQUETTE

Respecting the environment and other trail users keeps Idaho the beautiful and friendly place we all love.

- **Only ride on dry trails.** Muddy or soft trails can take big-time damage from off-roading vehicles, causing erosion and permanent damage.
- **Stay on the trail at all times.** Going off-trail causes damage to the natural environment. Not to mention, it's a great way to get stuck!
- **Know the rules of the road.** Does the trail you plan to use require entrance fees? Are you keeping off private land? Are there seasonal rules in place, such as burn bans?
- **Pack out what you pack in.** There's nothing more obnoxious than finding trash on a nature trail, right?
- **Be considerate of other trail users.** That means respecting their experience — keep your distance, mind your dust, don't blast music, and stay friendly.
- **Stay aware of other off-roaders.** Be aware of vehicles in front and behind you. Pull over when stopping. Yield to vehicles going uphill.
- **Yield to non-offroaders.** Many of our trails are multi-use, and you'll encounter hikers, mountain bikers, and horse riders. Give them the right of way, and slow down or stop when approaching.
- **Never scare animals.** You might encounter dogs, mules, horses, or cattle out on Idaho trails, all of which will be startled by sudden movement and noise. Slow down and give them space. Ask the animal's owner the best way to pass.
- **Help out other trail users.** If someone seems to be in trouble, do what you can to give them a hand (while staying safe yourself). That's the Idaho way!

OUTFITTERS

- **INTERMOUNTAIN POWER SPORTS RENTALS**
Nampa, Cascade, Idaho City
- **208 OFFROAD RENTALS**
Nampa
- **AJ'S ADVENTURE AND RV**
Boise

- **MOUNTAIN MEADOW ADVENTURE RENTALS**
McCall, Donnelly, Murphy
- **CM BACKCOUNTRY RENTALS**
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