

# ARKANSAS REGISTER

## Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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at 10:00 a.m.

## 20.19 ~~Motorized~~ Vehicle Restrictions on WMAs

- A. It is unlawful on a WMA to operate any motorized vehicle including electric or motorized bicycle: off any open access road and parking area; behind any gated, cabled or earthen barrier; where no road exists; on any trail, levee, or dam; on any food plot, wildlife opening, or fire lane; on any road that has been disked, seeded, or otherwise developed for wildlife; or in a direction of travel contrary to posted signs.
- B. It is unlawful for any person on a WMA to use an ATV, dune **buggy or** amphibious vehicle.

### EXCEPTIONS:

- A. In compliance with Code 20.12.
- B. Participants in the Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA Deer Research Area East Unit Special Mobility-Impaired deer permit hunt.
- C. Motorized vehicles, except for ATVs on main access roads, may not be used on Big Timber Upland WDA.
- D. ATVs are allowed on open roads and trails on Casey Jones, Gum Flats, Howard County, Lafayette County, Lake Greeson, Poison Springs (motorized vehicles are not allowed on boundary lines that have been cleared by the Arkansas Forestry Commission) and Provo WMAs by hunters to access hunting locations and/or camping sites during open hunting seasons only.
- E. Motorized vehicles and ATVs are allowed on Caney Creek, Muddy Creek and Winona WMAs, except on a road, temporary trailway or other area posted as closed by an earthen mound, gate, sign or other object. SPECIAL NOTE: Same as USDA Forest Service forest-wide regulations – Ouachita National Forest.
- F. ATVs are allowed on open, maintained roads on Cherokee and Jim Kress WMAs by hunters in possession of a valid leased-land permit for the purposes of ingress and egress to hunting locations and/or camping sites only.
- G. On Ozark National Forest, White Rock, Piney Creeks, Mount Magazine, Sylamore and St. Francis National Forest WMAs, all vehicles and off highway vehicles (OHVs) are subject to the USDA Forest Service OHV policy on roads and trails as published in 36 CFR 261. Refer to annual travel management map for designated uses on roads and trails.
- H. Participants in approved reserved/permitted organized events on the Camp Robinson SUA and persons training waterfowl retrievers in Public Use compartment 5 in compliance with posted signs.
- I. Holders of AGFC Mobility Impaired Access (MIA) cards may operate ATVs only on designated mobility impaired access areas on Moro Big Pine Natural Area. ATVs must remain on road on the Moro Big Pine MIA old abandoned railroad trams north and south rights-of-way. ATVs on the Moro Big Pine MIA roads # TAR 15, 16 and 34 must be 100 feet and no more than 300 feet from the centerline of the road.
- J. ATVs are allowed on designated open, maintained roads on Big Timber WMA by hunters to access hunting locations and/or camping sites during open hunting seasons. Open roads are designated on the WMA map and/or by signs. Use of ATVs on rights-of-way is strictly prohibited unless designated open.
- K. Holders of AGFC Mobility-Impaired Access (MIA) may operate ATVs only on designated mobility impaired access areas on Jack Mountain WMA. ATVs on designated MIA areas must be 100 feet and no more than 300 feet from the centerline of the road. Only 1 hunting stand or blind per MIA card holder allowed.
- L. ATVs are allowed on designated open, maintained roads on Jack Mountain WMA from September 1 - December 31 and 7 days prior to opening of turkey season through the end of turkey season. Use of ATVs on **right of**-ways is strictly prohibited unless designated as an open road.

M. An electric bicycle with fully operable pedals and a 750-watt or less electric motor that provides assistance only when the operator is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour (20 m.p.h.) may be used on trails and areas where regular bicycles are allowed.

**PENALTY:** Class 1