

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Vicksburg District

RULES FOR SAFE OPERATION OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLES AT ARKABUTLA,  
SARDIS, ENID AND GRENADA LAKES

Effective 1 October 2015

1. Supplementation. These Rules supplement the following:
  - a. Memorandum of CEMVK-OD-MN dated 8 September 2005 entitled "Management of Public Off-Road Vehicle Use",
  - b. Memorandum of CEMVK-DE dated 14 April 2014 entitled "Delegation of Authority to Operations Project Manager (OPM), Mississippi Project Management Office to Impose Helmet Wear for Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Use", and
  - c. All restrictions and regulations set forth in 36 C.F.R. Part 327.
2. ORV Definition: An Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) includes any motorize vehicle designed primarily for, or capable of, cross-country travel on or over land, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or any other natural terrain. For the purposes of this policy, an ORV does not include:
  - a. Any registered motorboat.
  - b. Any military, fire, ambulance or law enforcement vehicle when use for emergency or official purposes.
  - c. Any vehicle whose use is authorized by the Chief of Engineers, or his properly designated representative, under a permit, lease, license or contract.

ORVs include, but are not limited to, all-terrain vehicles, trail bikes, motorcycles, all-terrain cycles, any motorized wheel or tracked vehicle, four-wheel drive vehicles (jeeps, pickups, sport-utility vehicles, etc.), and amphibious vehicles.
3. Applicability. These rules apply to all project lands owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District and subject to 36 C.F.R. Part 327 at Arkabutla, Sardis, Enid, and Grenada lakes, not including any recreation sites, out-leased lands, lands managed by state agencies, or lands otherwise restricted from ORV use by the District (collectively hereinafter the "Subject Lands").
4. General Authorization for ORV Use. ORVs are authorized for use on Subject Lands in accordance with these rules and with any other applicable law, regulation or restriction.
5. Helmet Requirement. Anyone operating, riding on, or being carried by an ORV must at all times wear a U.S. Department of Transportation-approved helmet.
6. License Requirement. No person may operate an ORV unless he or she is in possession of a valid, state-issued motor vehicle driver's license, provided however, that persons may operate All-Terrain Vehicles and Utility-Terrain Vehicles if in possession of a certificate of

satisfactory completion of an all-terrain vehicle safety course taught by an instructor possessing qualifications approved by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, § 63-31-3. This license requirement will not prohibit ATV or UTV operation by an unlicensed person in an emergency situation.

7. Age Requirements. Persons less than 16 years of age are prohibited from operating an ORV.
8. Prohibition on In-Water Use. No person may operate an ORV in streams, creeks, ditches, pools, ponds, lakes, wetlands, impoundments, or other permanent, intermittent or seasonal water bodies, at any time, for any reason; provided however, that streams, creeks, and ditches may be forded at the lowest practicable safe speed, in a manner likely to produce the least consequential damage to banks and beds when unavoidably necessary to the continuation of point-to-point travel.
9. Hours of Operation. No person may operate an ORV between the hours of one hour after sunset and one hour prior to sunrise; provided however, that ORVs may be operated between these hours for purposes of hunting and fishing only.
10. Responsible Operation. All ORVs shall be operated in accordance with posted restrictions and regulations and in accordance with applicable Federal, state and local laws.