



**The Tread Lightly!**  
Guide To Responsible  
Off-Highway Motorcycle Use

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# **THE TREAD LIGHTLY! GUIDE TO RESPONSIBLE OFF-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLE RIDING**

## **INTRODUCTION**

*We did not inherit the Earth from our parents,  
We are borrowing it from our children.  
-Native American Proverb*

For many of us, enjoyment of the outdoors is the main reason we recreate – “to get away from it all.” Hunting, fishing, camping, trail riding, photography, canoeing, hiking, biking – you name it – are all very popular.

Off-highway motorcycles (OHM), trail bikes, dirt bikes—whatever you like to call them—can make even back country areas accessible, bringing out the Lewis & Clark in all of us. Exploring can be tremendously satisfying, but we have a responsibility to our outdoor home: to take care of it, just as we would our own homes.

The *Tread Lightly! Guide to Responsible Off-Highway Motorcycle Riding* will help you prepare for an enjoyable outdoors experience and at the same time, help you to be a responsible, positive influence on nature and those around you.

Now...off to the wonderful world of responsible OHM riding, the Tread Lightly!® way.

## **WHAT IS TREAD LIGHTLY!?**

Tread Lightly!® Inc. is an educational program dedicated to increasing awareness in enjoying the great outdoors while minimizing the impacts of recreational use. It emphasizes responsible use of off-highway vehicles, other forms of travel, and low-impact principles related to outdoor recreational activities. Tread Lightly! strives to increase public awareness and encourage responsible outdoor practices to insure outdoor recreational opportunities are open, accessible and well preserved for years to come.

Tread Lightly! was launched in 1985 by the U.S. Forest Service to help protect public and private lands. To maximize its effectiveness, program responsibility was transferred to the private sector in 1990, making Tread Lightly! a nonprofit organization.

Over the years the program has steadily added new dimensions to meet the needs of all types of outdoor enthusiasts. The program’s message was expanded in 1997 to include the promotion of responsible water-based recreational activities.

Tread Lightly! unites a broad spectrum of federal and state governmental agencies, manufacturers of recreational products, media, enthusiast groups, and concerned individuals who share a common goal to care for natural resources. Through education and stewardship Tread

Lightly! empowers generations to enjoy the outdoors responsibly, ensuring future use of the land and water.

The message is simple: conserve our environment! Make the commitment to follow Tread Lightly! principles as summarized in the Tread Lightly! Pledge:

Travel and recreate with minimum impact  
Respect the environment and the rights of others  
Educate yourself; plan and prepare before you go  
Allow for future use of the outdoors; leave it better than you found it  
Discover the rewards of responsible recreation

### **TRAVEL AND RECREATE WITH MINIMUM IMPACT**

By understanding and practicing proper OHM techniques you will be reducing the impact you might otherwise have on the environment.

#### **Always Remember To...**

- *Travel only in areas that are open to your type of recreation.*
- *Travel only on routes designated for motorized use.*
- *Do not create new routes or expand existing trails.*
- *Avoid sensitive areas.*
- *Cross streams only at fords where the road or trail intersects the stream.*

Many riders can ride fast, but it is the truly skilled rider who can ride over challenging terrain with minimal impact to the ground.

#### **Negotiating Terrain**

Here are some tips to help you negotiate various obstacles and riding conditions you may encounter:

##### **Slick Trails**

- ▶ Many riders think that using more throttle will help them through slick or wet trails. Usually the opposite is true, since high wheel spin make getting traction impossible. It's better to ride in a higher gear and use the throttle smoothly and moderately to "find" the traction that's available on a trail.

##### **Stream Crossings**

- ▶ Blasting through streams stirs up the sediment in the stream bottom, making it difficult for fish and other aquatic life to "breathe" and find food.
- ▶ Crossing streams at high speed can also force water into your airbox or electrical connections, drowning the engine.
- ▶ Cross only at established fording points or where the trail crosses the stream, and check water depth carefully.
- ▶ Take it slow and steady, and watch for big rocks or other obstacles before you begin crossing. If you fall, shut off the motor before it goes under to prevent it from sucking in water.

### **Logs**

- ▶ Ideally, it is best to move a fallen log off the trail. If you cannot move it, go over it. Riding around it merely creates an improper trail and damages the ground.
- ▶ If you must jump a log, use the throttle and shift your weight to the back of the bike just enough to lift the front wheel over the log, you will want to carry just enough momentum to get the rear tire over. If you don't, you could dig a rut in front of the log, and spend a lot of time and energy lifting your bike across.
- ▶ Again, too much throttle and wheel spin will dig up the trail and could make the maneuver dangerous.

### **Switchbacks**

- ▶ Switchbacks are sharp; zigzag turns in trails going up steep terrain. They are there for a reason, to keep grades low and prevent the trail from eroding during storms. Skilled riders work their way through these challenging features with minimum wheel spin.
- ▶ When riding switchbacks, avoid roosting around the apex of the turn when climbing, and brake-sliding while riding down. Both of these techniques can gouge out the trail, causing unnecessary trail damage.
- ▶ If the turn is tight (going up), skilled riders can “loft” the front wheel slightly while pivoting on the rear tire. It is a tricky move. Don't try it in a dangerous spot.
- ▶ When riding down extremely tight turns, you may find it easier (and safer) to get off the bike (to the inside of the turn) and walk it around. First, shut the engine off, put it in first gear, and pull the clutch gently to allow the bike to roll forward and release the clutch to use it like a hand brake for the rear wheel.

### **Ruts**

- ▶ Stay relaxed and centered over the bike to allow for any sudden direction changes the ruts may cause.
- ▶ Look ahead, and use smooth throttle control.
- ▶ Avoid digging the ruts deeper than they already are, and ride cautiously over tree roots or rocks spanning the ruts.

### **Meadows and Marshy Areas**

- ▶ These areas deserve special protection it is best not to go through them at all.
- ▶ When you cross a meadow on a trail, stay on the existing track. If the trail is too muddy, turn around or find an alternate legal trail to your destination. Don't make new trails across meadows or marshes.
- ▶ Sensitive wildlife habitat (like wetlands, streams, meadows, or fields) should be avoided. Riding through undergrowth or across meadows can destroy nesting sites and other sensitive habitats. Ride only on designated trails and roads.

### **Rocks**

- ▶ Ride across loose rocks standing on the foot pegs with your rear end slightly off the seat and your weight centered over the bike, looking ahead, easy on the throttle and in a higher gear than you normally would use. This will make for a smoother ride with less deflection.

- ▶ For big, stationary rocks, the technique is a bit different. Rise farther off the seat, knees bent, feet high on the pegs, and pick your line very carefully.
- ▶ Riding with a finger on the clutch lever can soften the blow when you hit a well-anchored rock at the wrong angle.
- ▶ Don't let your feet hang below the pegs, and watch for rocks on the side of the trail that could hit your feet, break your shift or brake levers, or punch a hole in the engine case.

### **Sand**

- ▶ Ride sand relaxed, yet maintain a tight grip on the bars. Look down the trail far enough to react to upcoming obstacles, sit or stand with your weight toward the rear of the bike, gently squeeze the tank with your knees, and avoid chopping the throttle abruptly to keep the front end from "diving."
- ▶ Easing off the throttle in loose soft sand can act as a natural brake for slowing down.
- ▶ Also, because of sand's power and momentum-robbing characteristics, you may find it helpful to accelerate a little sooner and brake a little later than you normally would. This will help keep you on top of the sand and keep your movements more fluid. Practice this technique only in an area with no obstacles or hazards, and watch out for other riders.
- ▶ Don't ride at higher speeds where there is limited visibility and watch for loose sand that can cause the front wheel to "dive" or lose control.

### **Machine Tuning**

- ▶ If your bike is not set up properly, it can make otherwise simple obstacles more difficult to overcome.
- ▶ To compensate for a poor tuning, you may have to rev the engine at a much higher rpm just to keep it running. This can make riding dangerous and can increase wheel spin and your impacts on the trail. Gearing can have the same effect; if first and second gears are too high for tight trails, you won't have much fun.
- ▶ Riding an improperly prepared bike is not only tiring, but can cause damage to the terrain while you're trying to make up for poor performance.

### **Minimum Impact Camping**

An overnighiter or extended trip will require proper preparation. Here are some helpful tips to assist you in camping with minimum impact:

- ▶ Whenever possible, use existing campsites. Camp on durable surfaces and set up tents and cooking areas on a non-vegetated area. Take the time to search for a suitable campsite.
- ▶ Select a campsite approximately 200 feet off trail and at least 200 feet from any water resource. Camp near boulders or vegetation to screen you from other campers.
- ▶ Avoid camping near historical, archeological, or paleontological sites or in areas of sensitive or critical habitat.
- ▶ Plan meals before you leave. Repackage food into reusable containers or plastic bags. This will reduce the amount of waste that must be packed out.
- ▶ For cooking use a camp stove. They are always preferable to a campfire in terms of impact on the land.
- ▶ Observe all fire restrictions. Use only fallen timber for campfires. Gather firewood well away from your camp. Do not cut standing trees. Always make sure your fire is completely extinguished.

- ▶ Do not wash in lakes and streams. Detergents, toothpaste and soap harm fish and other aquatic life. Wash 200 feet away from water resources. Scatter wash water so that it filters through the soil.
- ▶ In areas without toilets, use a portable latrine if possible and pack out your waste. Otherwise, it is necessary to bury your waste. Human waste should be disposed of in a shallow hole (6"-8" deep) at least 200 feet from water sources, campsites or trails. Cover and disguise the hole with natural materials. It is recommended to pack out your toilet paper. High use areas may have other restrictions so check with the land manager.

Remember good campsites are found not made. Always respect the desire of others for the solitude of a backcountry experience.

### **Protecting The Soundscape**

Natural sounds are essential to the health of the environment. Man-made noise can reduce the quality of the natural experience and is detrimental to the wildlife in an ecosystem.

- ▶ Check with land manager to determine if sound restrictions exist for your form of recreation.
- ▶ Make sure your engine and exhaust system are well tuned. Your vehicle will run smoother and quieter.
- ▶ Avoid revving your engine or running at full throttles. This creates unnecessary noise.
- ▶ Respect others' desire for quiet solitude and the sounds of nature. Early morning and late afternoon is often the time when people enjoy peace and tranquility.
- ▶ Don't overstay your welcome. Move around and stay away from camping and picnicking areas.
- ▶ Be aware that continued exposure to unnatural noise could cause chronic stress to wildlife. Take appropriate measures to reduce travel in areas inhabited by wildlife.

## **RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS**

By respecting the environment, wildlife and the rights of others, you ensure that you and others will be able to continue to go trail riding and enjoy the great outdoors to the full extent possible.

Always Remember To...

- *Respect and be considerate of other recreationists so all can enjoy a quality experience in the outdoors.*
- *Be courteous when riding and yield to horses, hikers and mountain bikers.*
- *Respect wildlife. Be sensitive to their life sustaining needs by keeping your distance.*
- *Comply with all signs.*
- *Obtain permission to cross private land.*

### **Rules And Common Courtesy On The Road Or Trail**

Be considerate of others on the road, trail or camping in the area. A friendly "Hi!" goes a long way to building a positive image and relationships with other recreationists. Be a goodwill ambassador for OHM riders.

- ▶ Yield the right of way to mountain bikes, horses, and hikers. When encountering pack animals, stop and ask the handler how to proceed. Don't make sudden movements or

noises, which may startle the animals. Move to the edge of the road or trail and stop. If possible, shut the engine off. Be courteous and helpful.

- ▶ Yield the right of way for drivers or riders on the uphill grade or overtaking you.
- ▶ Don't be a trail hog. Respect others regardless of their means of transportation; everyone deserves to enjoy the outdoors.
- ▶ Keep noise and dust down.
- ▶ Cross streams at fording points only. Driving in a streambed disturbs fish, destroys habitat, and can damage your vehicle.
- ▶ Avoid "spooking" livestock (horses, mules, cattle, sheep, llamas) you encounter. Slow down and keep your voices low. Proceed with caution when encountering range animals.
- ▶ Ride only where legally permitted and always stay on the trail or road. Don't make your own short cuts, switchbacks, or trails. Others might think it is OK to follow your tracks, resulting in user created trails.
- ▶ Respect private land. Obtain the landowner's permission before entering private land.
- ▶ If you encounter a gate on public or private land, leave it as you found it unless otherwise posted.

## **EDUCATE YOURSELF, PLAN AND PREPARE BEFORE YOU GO**

Getting the most out of OHM riding is a matter of preparation, knowing local rules, riding safely and exercising common courtesy. Taking time to plan for your trip will make it a more enjoyable and safe outdoor experience.

### **Always Remember To...**

- *Know local laws and regulations.*
- *Know which areas and routes are open for your type of recreation.*
- *Have the right information, maps, and equipment to make your trip safe, and know how to use them.*
- *Be sure your vehicle is compatible with road and trail conditions.*

### **STEP BY STEP**

Getting the most from OHM riding is simply a matter of preparing, knowing local rules, riding safely, and exercising common courtesy. Before heading off on your next backcountry adventure, a little preparation can make your trip easier and safer while protecting the environment.

### ***DirtBike School*<sup>SM</sup>**

Whether you have ridden most of your life or if it's your first time on the trail it is recommended that you take a *DirtBike School* before you operate an OHM. The *DirtBike School* provides a fast-paced half-day hands-on training session that includes pre-ride inspection, starting and stopping, quick turns, hill riding, emergency stopping and swerving, and riding over obstacles. You'll also learn about protective gear, local regulations, places to ride and environmental concerns.

Call the toll-free at 1-877-288-7093. They will locate the nearest *DirtBike School* class and enroll you on the spot.



## **Preparing For Your Trip**

- ▶ Be sure your motorcycle is properly tuned. Refer to the Tread Lightly! OHM Checklist at the end of this booklet.
- ▶ Contact the land manager for additional information such as seasonal closures or special permit requirements.
- ▶ Obtain a travel map of where you are going. Determine which areas are open to off-highway vehicle (OHV) use and if there are any special rules to be aware of.
- ▶ Make a realistic trail plan and stick to it. Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back. Leave them a map and trail itinerary in case of an emergency.
- ▶ Expect the unexpected. Know the weather forecast for your destination and dress accordingly. OHM riders are exposed to the elements, and a great ride can turn into misery if you are caught unprepared. It is always better to have more clothing than you need than less.
- ▶ Check local regulations for sound levels, spark arresters, age limitations, or training prerequisites, and necessary registration requirements. Some states may require a temporary user permit for out-of-state visitors.

## **Safety On The Trail**

Safety on the trail will get you through the day and leave you with a smile. Follow these tips to protect yourself and the environment.

- ▶ Know limitations – yours, your vehicle's and your companions'.
- ▶ Ride with a partner. Riding solo can leave you vulnerable in the case of an accident or breakdown.
- ▶ Always wear a helmet, eye protection, long-sleeved shirt, sturdy pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves. Jerseys and pants made for riding can help keep you cool and dry to combat premature fatigue, while a chest protector and kneepads can be cheap insurance against injuries.
- ▶ Be certain each rider in your party has a map and knows where the group is going. Select predetermined rest stops and designate meeting places in case of separation. If you become separated, stay where you are and let the group find you. Taking different trails could result in you or someone in your party becoming lost. Go prepared in case you breakdown and have to spend the night.
- ▶ Start every ride with a full fuel tank. Mechanical problems, weather conditions, or other unforeseen problems can turn even a short ride into a long ride.
- ▶ OHM riding requires a high degree of skill and judgment. Using drugs, alcohol, or over-the-counter prescription drugs with “vehicle operation” warnings will impair your skills and may lead to an accident. Never ride under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- ▶ Be sure you know the location and operation of all the controls on your OHM, including brakes, engine stop switch, throttle, shifter, and clutch. Learn how to find and use the controls without looking down at them. You will not have time to look for controls when riding, especially in an emergency situation. Control locations may vary from model to model. If you switch to another vehicle, take the time to familiarize yourself with its controls prior to riding it.
- ▶ Always maintain a safe following distance between riders. Tailgating cuts down on reaction time and can lead to collisions and injuries.

- ▶ Pace yourself. OHM riding is physically demanding and can be compounded by high altitude, heat, or cold. Drink plenty of water before and during the ride to avoid dehydration. Don't be too proud to take a less challenging route if you feel tired.
- ▶ If your bike is equipped with a headlight, riding with it ON at all times will allow other trail users to see you sooner.

## **ALLOW FOR FUTURE USE OF THE OUTDOORS, LEAVE IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT**

By leaving an area better than you found it, you have a positive impact on the land. Being responsible is a small price to pay for the rewards that come from visiting the outdoors.

Always Remember To...

- *Take out what you bring in.*
- *Properly dispose of waste.*
- *Leave what you find.*
- *Minimize use of fire.*
- *Avoid the spread of noxious weeds.*
- *Restore degraded areas.*

### **Off-Highway Motorcycle Riding And The Environment**

With the number of OHM operators increasing every year, the repeated and sometimes unintentional misuse of OHMs can create environmental damage. By using common sense and taking a few precautions, OHM riders can assure that the backcountry they visit will remain available and in good condition for future use.

- ▶ Don't litter on the trail.
- ▶ If you packed it in, pack it out - including used toilet paper.
- ▶ Do more than your share. If you see litter, pick it up.
- ▶ Clean your OHM and all of your gear right after every ride to prevent the spread of noxious weeds. Weed seeds can be very small and easily hide in parts of a bike and stick to your gear.
- ▶ If you notice an outbreak of noxious weeds in an area, report it to the local manager or landowner.

## **DISCOVER THE REWARDS OF RESPONSIBLE RECREATION**

Do all you can to help preserve the beauty and inspiring attributes of our lands and waters for yourself and future generations.

- ▶ Riding your OHM provides the opportunity to get away from it all and build family traditions.
- ▶ Remember- if you abuse it, you'll probably lose it! Careless operation of your OHM can cause damage and may result in closing areas to OHM enthusiasts.
- ▶ Respect the environment and other trail users. By using common sense and common courtesy, what is available today will be here to enjoy tomorrow.

## **THE TREAD LIGHTLY! OHM CHECKLIST**

Use the following list as a guide. Always consult your Owner's Manual for information specific to your OHM. An ounce of prevention is the best way to ensure that your OHM performs reliably.

### **Frame and Suspension**

- ❑ Check for cracks, loose bolts, and sloppy steering. Tighten to specification. Make sure that the handlebars are straight with the grips securely fastened.
- ❑ If your bike has lights, make sure they work, the lenses are free of cracks, and the headlight is aimed correctly.
- ❑ Check suspension for smooth operation. On a bike stand with the rear wheel off the ground, try lifting the rear wheel slightly. There should not be more than 1-2 mm of free play.
- ❑ Check for any fluid leaks from the fork or shocks. If they are rebuildable, replace seals and fluid as required. If they are not rebuildable, the leaking fork or shock must be replaced.
- ❑ On OHMs with adjustable suspension, make sure the rider sag, compression and rebound damping) are set to your weight and riding style. Suspension settings greatly affect traction and handling.

### **Wheels and Tires**

- ❑ Check condition of tires. Replace tires with noticeable cracks in the sidewalls or badly "chunked" knobbies. Inflate to proper air pressure and tighten rimlocks. If you need to replace a tire it's a good idea to replace the tube at the same time.
- ❑ Check axle nuts for tightness, check for loose or broken spokes, and cracks in the hub or rims.
- ❑ Check that wheels turn freely without binding. Check for excessive free play by grabbing each wheel at the 9 o'clock and 3 o'clock positions and rocking side-to-side.
- ❑ Check chain and sprockets for excessive wear. Adjust chain to proper tension and lubricate.
- ❑ Check condition of master link.

### **Brakes and Controls**

- ❑ Replace brake pads/shoes if you are not sure they will last the trip. Check hydraulic fluid level(s).
- ❑ Check rotors/drums for cracks or excessive wear. Replace those with any cracks, no matter how small.
- ❑ Check cables for smooth operation by disconnecting both ends and then moving the cable end back-and-forth. Look for any kinks, rust, or frayed ends. Lubricate or replace cables as required.
- ❑ Check that all control levers (hand and foot) move freely without being too loose. Apply a small amount of grease to all pivot areas. Adjust according to the owner's manual, and position to suit your riding style.

## **Engine**

- ❑ Check for oil leaks. Repair or replace leaky gaskets or seals. Change engine and transmission oil if as specified in your owners manual. Adjust the jetting for the altitude of the riding area.
- ❑ Check to ensure that oil and other fluids are at proper levels.
- ❑ Be sure the air filter is clean and properly oiled.
- ❑ Check for crisp return of throttle with handlebars in any position. Clean and lube throttle assembly. Lube or replace cable as necessary, and check carburetor return spring for breakage or fatigue.
- ❑ Check spark plugs for carbon buildup, proper heat range, and gap. Replace if necessary.
- ❑ Check coolant level.
- ❑ Fill the gas tank with the correct type of fuel. For 2-strokes, follow the Owner's Manual for proper fuel-to-oil premix ratios.
- ❑ Check condition of exhaust pipe, muffler, and spark arrester. Repack muffler if excessive oil or soot is visible at the outlet; your bike will run better and will be quieter.

## **THE TREAD LIGHTLY! SAFETY EQUIPMENT CHECK LIST**

Without a basic tool kit, a minor problem can mean an end to your trip. Many innovative aftermarket products are available, such as compact tool packs, fanny packs with special tool holders, and even tools designed for compactness and multi-function. You cannot carry a whole toolbox with you, but if you choose carefully, you can have a fairly complete kit that should suffice. Trailside repairs help you continue your ride, not rebuild your engine, so keep that in mind. Start by examining your OHM for bolt/nut sizes. Only carry wrenches that will fit fasteners on your OHM!

## **Tools**

- ❑ Adjustable wrench (should be big enough to fit on each axle nut)
- ❑ Open end or box wrenches of appropriate sizes
- ❑ Slot & Phillips head screwdrivers
- ❑ Spark plug wrench
- ❑ Pliers or Vise-Grips (also useful as an emergency shift lever)
- ❑ Pocket knife
- ❑ Tire irons
- ❑ Air pressure gauge and pump or carbon dioxide cartridges

## **Optional tools**

- ❑ Compact chain-breaker
- ❑ Hex-key or Allen wrenches
- ❑ Coiled "cable" saw for cutting deadfall

## **Supplies & Spares**

- ❑ Patch kit (including 1-2 tire "boot" patches)
- ❑ Nylon zip-ties & safety wire
- ❑ Hose clamps (1 sm. – 1 lg.)
- ❑ Headlight bulb
- ❑ Master link for chain
- ❑ Nuts & bolts common to your bike
- ❑ Clutch & brake levers

- ❑ Front inner tube (can be used in rear tire for temporary emergency use)
- ❑ Silicone or quick-set epoxy glue
- ❑ Duct tape

### **Emergency Items**

- ❑ Drinking water (16-32 oz. per person- increase amount for long or hot rides)
- ❑ High-energy food
- ❑ Map, compass, and signal mirror
- ❑ Rain jacket
- ❑ Tow strap
- ❑ Compact “space” blanket
- ❑ Waterproof matches or lighter
- ❑ Pencil & piece of paper
- ❑ High-power penlight or other flashlight w/spare bulb & batteries
- ❑ Small first aid kit
- ❑ Water purification tablets
- ❑ Toilet paper (plain white)
- ❑ Portable CB radio or cell phone
- ❑ GPS

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&  
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**TREAD LIGHTLY! MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU  
LEAVE A GOOD IMPRESSION**

- *Tread Lightly! Leaving A Good Impression*
- *Tread Lightly! Guide to Responsible Mountain Biking*
- *Tread Lightly! Guide to Responsible Four Wheel Driving*
- *Tread Lightly! Guide to Responsible ATV Riding*
- *Tread Lightly! Guide to Responsible Snowmobiling*
- *Tread Lightly! Guide to Responsible Off Highway Motorcycle Use*
- *Tread Lightly! Guide to Responsible Personal Watercraft Use*
- *Tread Lightly! Guide to Responsible Motorized Vehicle Use in Sand Dunes*
- *Tread Lightly! Junior High Curriculum*
- *Tread Lightly! Science Manual*
- *ETHIC- Educational Tools for Hunters: Improving Choices* manual/video
- One Page Tips – ATV Riding, Camping, Cross Country/Backcountry Skiing, Four Wheeling, Fishing, Geocaching, Hiking, Horse Back Riding, Hunting with ATV Guidelines, Mountain Biking, Off Highway Motorcycle Use, Personal Watercraft Use, Snowmobiling, Water Recreation
- Coloring/Activity Book
- Decals – 4-Wheel Drive, ATV, Boating, Camping, Cross Country/Backcountry skiing, Fishing, Hiking, Horseback, Hunting, Mountain Bike, Personal Watercraft, Snowmobile, and Trail Bike
- Apparel – t-shirts, polo shirts, sport caps, etc.
- Vehicle Accessories – bumper & reflective stickers, key rings, Tread Lightly! logo decals, license plate frames
- Tread Lightly! Pledge Hangtag
- Tread Pledge Poster
- Souvenirs – water bottles, travel mugs, litter bags, pencils
- Advertising Products – Multimedia CD Rom clip art disks, counter displays
- Pins - 4-Wheel Drive, Trail Bike, Hiker, Horseback, Mountain Bike, Snowmobile, Cross Country/Backcountry Skier
- Outdoor Products – banner, outdoor poster
- Trails Illustrated maps
- Delorme Atlas'

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# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Tread Lightly!, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the great outdoors through education. Your help through membership contributions enables Tread Lightly! to continue its educational mission. Become a member today. Individual memberships can be obtained for a tax-deductible fee of \$20.00, renewable annually. Tread Lightly! offers Individual, Retailer/Outfitter, Dealer and Club memberships. Each category varies in benefits and contribution levels. After joining as an Individual member, you will receive various membership items including a window decal, a copy of Tread Lightly! Trails, our bi-annual newsletter, and tips applicable to your top area of interest. For more information on other membership categories contact Tread Lightly!.

## Individual Membership—\$20.00 Annual Contribution

Please rank your top 3 areas of interest in numeric order

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking          | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Recreation         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking/Backpacking            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling             | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cross/Backcountry Skiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Off-highway Motorcycle Riding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four Wheel Driving       | <input type="checkbox"/> ATV Riding                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Watercraft      |  |

Name (individual) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (business or club name) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact for business or club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount \_\_\_\_\_  Check  Money Order  Credit Card

Credit Card Type  Visa  MasterCard  American Express

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for the delivery of your Tread Lightly! membership package.

### *Send your application with payment to:*

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## **WHERE TO GO FOR TRAIL INFORMATION**

There is unlimited information regarding recreation opportunities that can be found at the click of a mouse. The following is a list of federal land management websites and Tread Lightly Alliances' websites that will assist in gathering the necessary information for your next trip outdoors.

General Recreation Information  
[www.recreation.org](http://www.recreation.org)

USDA Forest Service  
[www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us)

USDI Bureau of Land Management  
[www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov)

USDI National Park Service  
[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
[www.usbr.gov](http://www.usbr.gov)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
[www.corpslake.us](http://www.corpslake.us)

National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council  
[www.nohvcc.org](http://www.nohvcc.org)