

May 12, 2016



Winona County has adopted a Special Use Vehicle (ATVs Class One & Two and Golf Carts) ordinance which allows special use vehicles to travel on all Winona County hard surface and gravel roads outside of incorporated city limits.

Your safety and those sharing these road right-of-ways is our utmost concern. We trust this opportunity will be utilized in a safe and responsible manner.



You must comply with all current MN State DNR Registration, Permits, Rules, and Regulations.

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

1. Q: Can I travel on County Roads even though MN DNR Rules may state otherwise?
A: Yes. State Statute allows for Winona County to regulate County Roads for special vehicle use.
2. Q: Does this also apply to County Roads within City, Town, or Village limits?
A: No. Once you enter their boundaries you must comply with any regulations they have.
3. Q: Where do I apply for my Winona County Permit?
A: You can apply online by accessing the Winona County website at www.co.winona.mn.us. Click on Special Utility Vehicle Information under 'News' on the main page. You can also apply on our public computer terminals located within the License Center located in the Winona County Government Center, 177 Main Street, Winona MN 55987. Permits issued in 2016 are free and good through December 31, 2018.
4. Q: Do I need a valid Drivers License?
A: Yes, from the state of your residence.
5. Q: What do Youth need to ride County Roads?
A: Drivers License and DNR Safety Course and must wear a helmet if under 18 years.
6. Q: Do I need a Permit for each Off-Road Vehicle I use on County Roads?
A: Yes. This includes any ATV and Golf Carts, that are 3-6 wheeled.
7. Q: Are Off-Road Motorcycles or powered Dirt Bikes allowed on County Roads?
A: No. Two Wheeled Off-Road must follow MN DNR Off Highway Motorcycle (OHM) Regulations.
8. Q: Is there a Speed Limit on the County Roads?
A: Yes, 40 MPH or less, depending on conditions. Always **RIDE SAFE RIDE SMART.**
9. Q: What portion of the road must I travel?
A: Stay as far right in traffic lane as possible. This may be right side wheels on shoulder with left side on pavement, or all wheels in traffic lane where minimum shoulders.
10. Q: Can I travel at night or low light conditions?
A: Yes, with working headlight, taillight, and rear-facing brake light equipment.

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Frequently Asked Questions & Answers (Cont.)

11. Q: Do "out of county" riders need a Winona Permit to travel on County Roads?
A: No, they should carry a Permit or documentation from their home jurisdiction.
When Permit procedure is established, they must register Proof of Out of County Permit.
12. Q: Does my MN DNR Private / Agriculture Use Permit allow for travel on County Roads?
A: Yes, if you meet DNR regulations you can travel on County Roads without a County permit if you are using the ATV vehicle as specified by the DNR.
13. Q: When I apply for a permit what information do I need?
A: You will need the make and model of your special use vehicle, a valid drivers license, proof of insurance covering your special use vehicle and the vehicle VIN or Serial number. For advice on insurance coverage please consult your insurance agent. Winona County is not liable for inadequate insurance coverage.
14. Q: Where can I find a special use vehicle training course?
A: The DNR and most major dealers offer a variety of safety resources including training.
The DNR can be contacted at 800-366-8917, www.mndnr.gov/safety/vehicle.
Or, contact your preferred local ATV Recreational Dealer.
15. Q: Where do I place the Winona County sticker once I receive it?
A: The Winona County sticker must be displayed in a clearly visible location on the rear of the vehicle.
16. Q: Where can I get more information if I have a question about Winona County's special use vehicle ordinance or how to get a permit?
A: Questions about the ordinance can be directed to the Winona County Sheriff's office at 507-457-6368 or the Winona County Auditor-Treasurer's office at 507-457-8830.

Winona County is not liable for inadequate insurance coverage. It is your responsibility to insure you have appropriate insurance coverage. If you have questions about your insurance coverage please contact your agent or other insurance professional.

Winona County is concerned about your safety and advises you to **RIDE SAFE RIDE SMART**. Consult your vehicle's manufacturer's specification for guidance on how to operate your vehicle safely. We encourage you to take a safety training class, wear appropriate safety gear and drive according to road conditions and your vehicle's unique characteristics.

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