

	Hopewell Culture National Historical Park Fire Management	Section: Fire Apparatus	Revised: 1-5-04	Number: 105
	Standard Operating Procedures			Page: 1 of 1
Subject: All Terrain Vehicle Use				

- I. Scope:**
This standard applies to all personnel riding All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs).
- II. Purpose:**
This document was created to ensure firefighter safety while operating ATVs.
- III. Procedure:**
- A. Operation of ATV
1. Do a pre-ride inspection on the vehicle (ATV) you plan to ride. (TCLOC)
 2. Check fuel before and after use.
 3. Do not drive the ATV where there is a steep slope, vehicle is top heavy.
 4. Do not allow passengers unless it is an emergency situation or the vehicle has passenger seats and seatbelts (ranger).
 5. Start all ATVs with the brake on and in neutral.
 6. Use low gear when operating the ATV off road.
 7. When possible, drive the ATV with a full tank of water, or totally empty.
- B. Protective equipment:
1. NPS Fire issued gloves
 2. NPS Fire issued helmet with chinstrap during wildfire and prescribed fire
 3. DOT approved riding helmet with chinstrap during project work, loading and unloading, training, and checks
 4. Proper eye protection
 5. Boots (not running shoes)
- IV. Preventative Maintenance:**
1. On a weekly basis all ATVs fluids, belts, air filters, chains, tire pressure, and lights will be checked.
 2. Always check for leaks.
 3. Always check for damage to the vehicle.

* See the ATV regional policy concerning All Terrain Vehicle Use (see Attachment).
 * Refer to ATV use JHA for further safety guidelines.

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