

## GUIDELINES FOR SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE:

### - TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF ! -

- We encourage you to enroll in an approved ATV riders Course.
- Always wear a helmet and other appropriate safety gear.
- Ride within posted speed limit, or slower if conditions warrant.
- ATV's operated between sunset and sunrise must have at least one operating headlight and one red tail light.
- Roads are also used by full sized vehicles and motorcycles. Stay alert and be aware of other traffic.
- Stay on your side of the road especially on blind curves.
- Use hand signals to indicate your intentions for other motorists.
- Take adequate food, water, rain gear, sun screen and emergency supplies

### - TAKE CARE OF THE LAND ! -

#### HELP US PROTECT THE BEAUTY OF THIS LAND:

- Stay on designated roads which are shown on the enclosed map.
- **DO NOT** harass wildlife.
- Wilderness areas are **CLOSED** to any mechanized travel year round.

Ninety-six percent of Hinsdale County is located on Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Lands. Hinsdale County is located in part on three National Forests and one BLM District. Travel maps are available from these offices and we strongly suggest that you carry the proper map and be aware of the restrictions for ATV use.

### - FOR MORE INFORMATION -

Lake City Visitors Center  
(USFS, BLM and Chamber)  
P.O. Box 430  
Lake City, CO 81235  
(970) 944-2527

Rio Grande National Forest  
1803 West Highway 160  
Monte Vista, CO 81144  
(719) 852-5941

Bureau of Land Management  
Gunnison Field Office  
216 North Colorado  
Gunnison, CO 81230  
(970) 641-0471

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Gunnison, CO 81230  
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San Juan Public Lands Center  
15 Burnett Court  
Durango, CO 81401  
(970) 247-4874

Colorado Division of Parks  
and Outdoor Recreation  
13787 South Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125  
(303) 791-1920



### - Other Publications -

*The Alpine Explorer* - Booklet  
Visitors Guide & Map  
Bureau of Land Management, \$2.50

*The Alpine Loop* - Brochure  
Bureau of Land Management, Free

*Ride With Pride* - Brochure  
Colorado Division of Parks and  
Outdoor Recreation, Free

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## A User's Guide To ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES in the Lake City Area



The spectacular scenery and ghost towns of the San Juan Mountains offer a variety of recreation opportunities for visitors to the Lake City area.

All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) are one of the many ways visitors travel to enjoy these opportunities. Since ATV's are not street legal, Hinsdale County has passed special resolutions to allow visitors to legally ride their ATV's on designated county roads.

The purpose of this brochure is to inform ATV enthusiasts where they can ride in this area, and to offer a few tips to encourage a legal, safe and responsible trip.

## THE HINSDALE COUNTY RESOLUTION REQUIRES THAT:

- All ATV operators on County roads have in their possession a valid motor vehicle license. No underage drivers are allowed!
- All Colorado residents have their ATV's registered with the Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

State Registration Permits are Valid:  
April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>.  
The cost is \$12 annually.

### In Lake City, you can register your ATV at:

Sportsman's Texaco Station and Garage  
Highway 149 South (Wade's Addition)  
Lake City, CO 81235  
(970) 944-2525

Lake City Auto and Sports Center  
Highway 149 North  
Lake City, CO 81235  
(970) 944-2311

or

Colorado State Parks Registration Unit  
13787 South Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

If you are a non-resident of Colorado, your ATV should be registered in your home state. Non-residents must possess proof of non-residency when riding their ATV.

No other use permits are required in the Lake City area.

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**ON PUBLIC & PRIVATE LAND**

## Open Routes for ATV's in the Lake City Area



### - LEGEND -

: Highway 149	: Mountain Pass
: ATV Route	: Campground
: Ghost Town	: 14,000' Mtn. Peaks

These are the primary ATV routes in the Lake City Area. Check with your local Forest Service & BLM office for other routes that may be open.

## TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

### - The Alpine Loop -

This forty-five (45) mile loop is part of a National Back Country Byway and State Scenic Byway system. The spectacular views attract thousands of visitors each year so watch out for other vehicles.

### - Cottonwood Creek -

A four (4) mile side trip that takes you through the old townsite of Sherman and up a spectacular canyon.

### - Carson Road -

A four (4) mile side trip that passes the well preserved ghost town of Carson and continues up to the Continental Divide. You can continue on the Carson Road to Pearl Lakes.

### - Nellie Creek -

A four (4) mile side trip that ends at the boundary of the Big Blue Wilderness accessing the trailhead to Uncompahgre Peak.

### - Sawmill Park -

A five (5) mile trail through dense forests and alpine tundra to the Continental Divide. You can continue over the Divide to Spring Creek Pass.

### - North Henson Creek -

A four (4) mile side trip that offers fishing, scenery, and accesses the Big Blue Wilderness.

**NOTE:** Wilderness Areas are **CLOSED** to Motorized Vehicles.

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