

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

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THE TREAD LIGHTLY!
GUIDE TO RESPONSIBLE
ATV RIDING
WITH MINIMUM IMPACT CAMPING TIPS

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At Cabela's, responsible enjoyment of the outdoors is not only our passion, it's the foundation of our business. Since our inception in 1961, we've been providing outdoorsmen and women with quality products that enhance the outdoor experience while supporting efforts to educate and inform sporting enthusiasts about responsible use.

It's a fact, we share the backcountry with other outdoor enthusiasts. But, by being good stewards, minimizing impact and being respectful of others, everyone can enjoy the freedom and fun the great outdoors offers. Cabela's support of Tread Lightly!® is a direct result of our philosophy of responsible and respectful enjoyment of the great outdoors.

Owning an ATV is a key to an adventure, but one that must be used responsibly to ensure the conservation of our sport for future generations. Cabela's urges all ATV owners and riders to uphold and follow the Tread Lightly! principles to minimize impact, respect others, educate yourself and others, preserve resources and enjoy the rewards the backcountry offers.

Respectfully,
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INTRODUCTION

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

For many of us, enjoying the outdoors has become a major form of recreation—"to get away from it all." Hunting, fishing, camping, trail riding, photography, canoeing, hiking, biking—you name it—have become very popular. One reason for this popularity is that off-highway vehicles (OHVs) have made even remote areas of the country accessible.

The off-highway backcountry has brought out the Lewis and Clark in all of us – to explore and enjoy. But we have a responsibility to our outdoor home. We need to keep it neat and orderly, just as we would our own homes.

Throughout the *Tread Lightly! Guide to Responsible ATV Riding*, we will help you prepare to responsibly enjoy your off-highway outdoors experiences and to be a positive influence on nature and those around you.

Now, off to the wonderful world of responsible ATV Riding, the Tread Lightly![®] way.

WHAT IS TREAD LIGHTLY!?

Tread Lightly!, Inc. is an educational program dedicated to increasing awareness of how to enjoy the great outdoors while minimizing 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. It is a long-term, informational program designed to increase public awareness that special care of the outdoors must be exercised by recreationists if opportunities to recreate are to continue.

Tread Lightly! was launched in 1985 by the USDA Forest Service to help protect public and private lands. Shortly thereafter the USDI Bureau of Land Management adopted the program. To maximize its effectiveness, program responsibility was transferred to the private sector in 1990, making Tread Lightly! a non-profit 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. These changes brought the USDI Bureau of Reclamation and USDOD Army Corps of Engineers on board as additional federal partners. Most recently, the USDI National Park Service joined in partnering with Tread Lightly!.

Tread Lightly!, Inc. unites a broad spectrum of federal and state government 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 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
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TRAVEL AND RECREATE WITH MINIMUM IMPACT

For over 25 years, riding ATVs has been a popular American activity and is now enjoying its second generation of enthusiasts. Because of the sport's popularity, it is essential that ATV rider's minimize their impact.

Remember to always ...

- Travel only in areas that are open to your type of recreation.
- Travel only on routes designated for motorized use.
- Don't create new routes or expand existing trails.



- Avoid sensitive areas such as wetlands, meadows, and certain desert soil types.
- Cross streams only at fords where the road or trail intersects the stream.

By understanding and practicing proper ATV riding techniques you will be reducing the impact you might otherwise have on the environment. The following are techniques to assist you in proper ATV riding and to help you travel and recreate with minimum impact.

NEGOTIATING TERRAIN

ATV riding is a wonderful way to see the outdoors, and if done properly, is an environmentally sound way to experience the backcountry. Here are a few tips to help you negotiate the terrain and enjoy your ATV experience while protecting the environment.

Anyone can ride fast, but it's the skilled rider who can ride slowly over challenging terrain with minimal impact to the ground. Using skill and common sense, not speed, will help you get there smoothly, safely, and in style.



Slick Trails

Please restrict use during periods of wet or muddy soil conditions to reduce damage to the route surface. Many riders think that using more throttle will get them through slick or wet trails better. Usually, the opposite is true, because high wheel spin merely turns your drive tires into "slicks." It is much better to finesse the throttle for maximum traction. If your ATV has a manual clutch, you can also use it to feel for traction. The goal is to maintain forward motion while minimizing wheel spin.

Stream Crossings

- ▶ Cross only at established fording points, where the trail intersects the stream. Check water depth carefully.
- ▶ Take it slow and steady. Try to identify big rocks or other obstacles before you begin to cross. If you spill or drop into an unexpected deep hole, shut off the engine quickly to prevent water from being drawn past the air cleaner.
- ▶ Blasting through streams is bad for fish and other aquatic life, not to mention your engine. Stirring up the sediment in the stream bottom makes it harder for fish to breathe and find food.
- ▶ Crossing streams at high speeds can also cause water to rush into your air box, flooding the engine.

Logs

- ▶ Ideally, it is best to move a fallen log off of the trail, but if you can't, go over it. Riding around logs destroys vegetation and can widen the trail.
- ▶ First decide if your skill level and machine capability are up to riding over a log. If unsure, turn off the engine, get off the ATV and have a fellow rider help you lift your ATV's front end then rear end over the log.
- ▶ If you choose to ride over a log, approach the log slowly, standing on the foot pegs, and lean back to lighten the front end.
- ▶ Just before the front wheel(s) touch the log, blip the throttle to lift the front end onto the log with just enough momentum to get the rear tires over the log. Here again, speed and wheel spin won't help – timing and technique are everything.

Switchbacks

- ▶ Switchbacks are sharp, zigzag turns in trails going up steep terrain. They are there for a reason: to keep grades low and to prevent trail erosion during storms. Skilled riders work their way through these challenging features with minimum wheel spin.
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- ▶ When riding switchbacks, avoid roosting around the apex of the turn when climbing, or brake-sliding while descending. Both techniques gouge the trail.

- ▶ If the turn is tight, stop with the front wheel touching the inside (apex) of the turn, place the transmission in neutral, set the parking brake, and get off the machine.
- ▶ Pull the rear end to the outside of the turn, remount and resume riding.
- ▶ Using this simple but safe technique can help you get your ATV around the tightest switchback.

Ruts

- ▶ Stay loose over the ATV to allow for any sudden directional changes ruts may cause.
- ▶ Look ahead, and exercise smooth throttle control.
- ▶ Avoid digging the ruts deeper than they already are, and be wary of slippery tree roots or rocks spanning the ruts.

Meadows & Marshy Areas

- ▶ These areas deserve special protection; it is best not to go through them at all.
- ▶ When you cross a meadow, stay on the existing trail. 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 (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 loose rocks with your rear end slightly off the seat. Look ahead, ride easy on the throttle, and ride in one gear higher than you would normally use.
- ▶ If your ATV has a clutch, a slight pull on the clutch lever softens the power delivery to the ground, providing a smoother ride.



WINCHING

- ▶ Whether you are clearing the trail of fallen trees or recovering another vehicle, a winch can be an invaluable tool and can help reduce the potential for environmental damage.
- ▶ Practice using your winch before you go out on the trail. Make sure you know how to use it before you need it.
- ▶ Take your time assessing the situation and plan your pull carefully. Analyze the situation and make any decisions necessary for the proper use of your winch.
- ▶ Use leather gloves to protect your hands. Never let the wire rope slide through your hands.
- ▶ A good, secure anchor is critical for winching. Examples of secured anchors are trees, stumps, rocks, and other natural anchors. Make sure the anchor is strong enough to hold while winching. Use a Trunk Protector when anchoring to living trees to help protect the tree.
- ▶ Never winch with less than five wraps of wire rope around the drum.
- ▶ Use the right equipment for your situation. Know how much your winch can handle and never exceed that limit.
- ▶ Inspect all your winching equipment before and after each winching operation. If the wire rope has become frayed or kinked, it needs to be replaced.
- ▶ More specific information on using your winch can be found in an ATV Owner's Manual.

MINIMUM IMPACT CAMPING

An overnighter or extended trip requires proper preparation. Here are some helpful tips to assist 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 your camp 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(s).

PROTECTING THE SOUNDSCAPE

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

- ▶ Check with land manager(s) 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 if it is well tuned.
- ▶ Avoid revving your engine or running at full throttle, which 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 land and water resources, and wildlife and the rights of others you ensure that not only will you be able to continue to go ATV riding, but that others will also be able to enjoy the great outdoors.

Remember to always ...

- Respect and be considerate of other users so that all can enjoy a quality experience in the outdoors.
- When driving, yield to horses, hikers, and bikers.
- Respect wildlife. Be sensitive to their life sustaining needs by keeping your distance.
- Comply with signage.
- Always obtain permission to cross private land.

RULES AND COMMON COURTESY ON THE ROAD OR TRAIL

Be considerate of others on the road or trail and those camping in the area. Be cheerful and pleasant. A friendly "Hi!" goes a long way to building a positive image and relationship with other trail users. Be a goodwill ambassador for OHV riders.

- ▶ Ride only where permitted; stay on the trail or road. Don't make your own short cuts, switchbacks, or trails.
- ▶ If you encounter a gate on public land, leave it as you found it unless posted otherwise.
- ▶ Respect private land. Many landowners will allow you to cross their land, but only if you ask permission.
- ▶ Keep the noise and dust down. Other land users will appreciate it.

- ▶ Yield the right of way to mountain bikes, horses, and hikers. When encountering pack animals, stop and ask the handler how to proceed. Do not make sudden movements or noises, which may startle the animals. Move to the edge of the road or trail and stop. If possible, shut off the engine, and remove your helmet. Be courteous and helpful.
- ▶ If you brought it in, bring it back out. Don't litter on the trail. Do more than your share. If you see litter or repairable damage on the road or trail, pick it up or fix it as best you can. Bring plenty of garbage bags; don't leave anything behind.
- ▶ 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.

EDUCATE YOURSELF, PLAN AND PREPARE BEFORE YOU GO

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

Remember to always ...

- 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.



ATV RiderCourseSM

Whether you have ridden most of your life or it's your first time on the trail, it is recommended that you take an approved ATV RiderCourse before you operate an ATV. The ATV RiderCourse 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.

Bring your friends and family and meet new friends at the riding range. Call the ATV Enrollment Express toll-free at 1-800-887-2887. They can tell you where the nearest ATV RiderCourse is and enroll you on the spot.

Preparing for Your Trip

- ▶ Obtain a travel map of where you're going, and determine which areas are open to OHV use and if any special rules affect that area.
- ▶ Select a destination, and choose the best route for your ability.

- ▶ Contact the managing agency for additional information such as seasonal closures or special permit requirements.
- ▶ If you will be using private property, contact the landowner(s) to get permission.
- ▶ Check local regulations for sound levels, spark arresters, age limitations, or training prerequisites for young riders, and necessary registration. Some states may require a temporary user permit for out-of-state visitors.
- ▶ Make sure your ATV is mechanically up to the task and will get you to your destination and back.
- ▶ Refer to the Tread Lightly! ATV Checklist later in this booklet for useful tips.
- ▶ Make a realistic trail plan and stick to it. Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back. Leave a map and trail itinerary in case of an emergency.
- ▶ Expect the unexpected. Know what the weather forecast is for your destination, and dress accordingly. ATV riders are exposed to the elements and a great ride can turn miserable if you are caught unprepared. It's always better to have more clothing than less.
- ▶ Be familiar with the different signage that you will see on the trail and proceed accordingly.

Two-Wheel Motor Vehicle			 Bicycle
High Clearance Vehicle 4x4 & Pickup			 All-Terrain Vehicle
Snowmobile			 Activity Not Allowed or Recommended

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:

- ▶ Pace yourself. ATV 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. Know your limitations and keep your body "fueled-up" at regular intervals throughout the day. Don't be too proud to take a less challenging route if you feel tired.

- ▶ A multiple use road or trail is not a racecourse. Aside from the potential for creating environmental damage, reckless driving endangers you and others sharing the road or trail.
- ▶ Don't drink & drive! ATV riding requires a high degree of skill and judgment. Using drugs or alcohol will impair your skills and can lead to an accident. If you are taking any over-the-counter or prescription drugs with "vehicle operation" warnings, don't ride.
- ▶ Don't overextend daylight hours. Plan your riding schedule to allow being back at the base, campsite, or designated meeting place at a predetermined hour.
- ▶ Ride with a partner. Riding solo can leave you vulnerable in the event of mechanical problems, an accident, or illness.
- ▶ Always wear a helmet, eye protection, long-sleeved shirt, sturdy pants, over the-ankle boots, and gloves. Specialized riding jerseys and pants can keep you cool yet dry to combat premature fatigue while a chest protector and knee pads can be cheap insurance against injuries.
- ▶ Be certain each rider in your party has a map and knows where the group is headed. Select predetermined rest stops and designate meeting places in case you become separated. If you become separated, stay on the correct trail and let the group find you. Taking different trails could result in you becoming lost.
- ▶ Go prepared in case you breakdown and have to spend the night.
- ▶ Avoid running your ATV completely out of gas.
- ▶ Be sure you know the location and operation of all the controls your ATV may have: brakes, engine stop switch, throttle, shifter, clutch, and parking brake. Learn how to find and use the controls without looking down at them. You will not have time to look for controls when riding or during emergency situations. Control locations may vary from model to model. If you switch to another vehicle, take the time to familiarize yourself with its controls.
- ▶ Always maintain a safe following distance between riders. Tailgating cuts down on reaction time and can lead to collisions and injuries.
- ▶ If your ATV 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

With more and more riders enjoying ATVs each year, the increased use and sometimes-unintentional misuse by riders can create environmental damage. By using common sense and taking a few precautions, ATV operators can help assure that the backcountry they frequent will remain available and in good condition for future use.



Remember to always ...

- 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.

ATV RIDING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

With the number of OHV operators increasing every year, the repeated and sometimes unintentional misuse of OHVs can create environmental damage. By using common sense and taking a few precautions, OHV riders can ensure that the backcountry areas 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 OHV and all of your gear right after every ride to prevent the spread of noxious weeds. Weed seeds can be very small and can easily hide in parts of a bike or stick to your gears.
- ▶ 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

If you act responsibly, and do everything in your power to protect the land and opportunity to use it, chances are the land will remain open for you to use. Following the TREAD principles provides you with the knowledge to do your part.

Remember to always ...

- Do all you can to help preserve the beauty and inspiring attributes of our lands and waters for yourself and future generations.
- Remember – if you abuse it, you'll probably lose it! Careless operation of your ATV can cause damage and may result in closed areas.
- 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! ATV CHECKLIST:

Use the following list as a guide. Always consult your owner's manual for information specific to your ATV.

Frame and Suspension

- Check for cracks, loose bolts, and sloppy steering. Tighten to specification. Are the handlebars straight with the grips securely fastened?
- If your ATV has lights, do they work? Are the lenses free of cracks? Is the headlight aimed correctly?
- Check suspension for smooth operation. When bouncing the ATV up and down, you shouldn't hear any clunks indicating loose or worn suspension joints. Try this at both the front and back ends of the ATV.
- Check for any fluid leaks from the fork or shocks. If they are the rebuildable type, replace seals and fluid as required. If they are not rebuildable, the leaking fork or shock must be replaced.
- On ATVs with adjustable suspension, are the settings (rider sag, compression and rebound damping) set to your weight and riding style? Suspension settings greatly affect traction and handling.

Wheels and Tires

- Check condition of tires; see your owner's manual for tire wear limits. ATV tires are difficult to change and best done by a dealership. Always check for correct tire inflation pressures before a ride.
- Check wheel bolts/nuts for tightness, and check for cracks or dents in the wheel. Check that the cotter key(s) securing front wheel spindle or axle nut is intact and undamaged.
- 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.
- If so equipped, check the oil level in the final (gear) drive at the rear axle.

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 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 gaskets or seals. Change engine/transmission oil if needed. Is the jetting adjusted for the altitude of the riding area? Rejetting for high altitude is especially critical on ATVs with 2-stroke engines.
- Check to ensure 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 plug(s) for carbon buildup, proper heat range, and gap. Replace if necessary.
- Check coolant level on liquid-cooled models. On air-cooled models the fins on the cylinder and cylinder head must be free of any dirt or mud.
- 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. On models with repack able mufflers, excessive oil around the tailpipe means the packing is soaked and must be replaced; running without packing will break the muffler. With new packing, your ATV will run smoother and much quieter. Some models have a carbon clean out plug; follow instructions in your owner's manual to decarbon. Exhaust system maintenance is especially critical because excessive noise can cause open trails to be CLOSED TO ANY RIDING.

THE TREAD LIGHTLY! SAFETY EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

Without a basic tool kit, a minor problem can mean an end to your trip. Many innovative aftermarket products are available: compact tool packs, fanny packs with special tool holders, and even tools designed for compactness and multifunction. You can't 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. Start by examining your ATV for bolt/nut sizes. Only carry wrenches that will fit fasteners on your ATV!

If your ATV is equipped with a utility rack(s) or storage compartment, this is the ideal place to secure tools. Tools should be in a tight bundle, padded to prevent damage to the surrounding bodywork. If securing to a rack, use straps not bungee cords; bungee cords will stretch and allow heavier items, such as tools, to work free.

Always balance loads between front and rear without exceeding the ATV manufacturer's load recommendations. Check your owner's manual for more detailed information.

Tools

- Open end or box wrenches of appropriate sizes
- Combination screwdriver with different tips
- Spark plug wrench
- Pliers or small Vise-Grips
- Multi-function pocket knife
- Low pressure air gauge
- Hand (tire) pump or CO2 cartridges

Optional Tools

- Compact chain breaker with chain repair kit (for chain drive models)
- Hex key (allen) wrenches (if applicable to your ATV)
- Coiled cable saw or folding saw (for cutting deadfall)
- Camping shovel with folding handle

Supplies and Spares

- Tire repair plug kit
- Nylon zip ties & safety wire
- Spark plug (taped into original box to prevent damage)
- Hose clamps (1 small, 1 large)
- Headlight bulb (wrap in foam rubber for protection)
- Master link for chain (for chain drive models)
- Nuts, bolts, cotter pins common to your bike
- Clutch and brake levers
- Silicone or quick-set epoxy cement
- Duct tape (small roll)

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 and piece of paper
- High-power penlight or flashlight with spare bulb and batteries
- Small first aid kit
- Water purification tablets
- Toilet paper (plain white, bio-degradable if possible)
- Portable CB radio or cellular phone

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

The following materials are available from Tread Lightly!, Inc., 298 24th Street, Suite 325, Ogden, UT 84401 or can be ordered on the Tread Lightly! website at www.treadlightly.org or by calling 1-800-966-9900.

- *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 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*
- *How To Tread Lightly: A Guide to Responsible Recreation*
- *Tread Lightly! Junior High Curriculum*
- *Tread Lightly! Science Manual*
- *ETHIC - Educational Tools for Hunters: Improving Choices manual/video*
- Decals – Four-Wheel Drive, ATV, Boating, Camping, Cross Country/ Backcountry Skiing, Fishing, Hiking, Horseback, Hunting, Mountain Bike, Personal Watercraft, Snowmobile, and Off Highway Motorcycle
- One-Page Tips—Camping, Cross Country/Backcountry Skiing, Fishing, Geocaching, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Hunting, Hunting with ATV, Water Recreation, Youth Sand Duning, ATV, Off Highway Motorcycle, PWC, Snowmobiling, Mountain Biking, Four-Wheeling
- Coloring/Activity Book
- 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
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