

SUPPORT THE OKANAGAN TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION!



The Okanagan Trail Riders Association (OTRA) has recently partnered with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts

(MTCA) to become the Stewards of this outstanding Recreation Site and OHV trail system.

We encourage you to join up with OTRA to show your support for the work they are doing at Bear Creek. Memberships are inexpensive and also provide members with various retail and service discounts. Members of BCORMA (British Columbia Off-Road Motorcycle Association) affiliated Clubs can acquire an OTRA Membership for reduced costs.



For more information on the changes and improvements to this Recreation Site, or to join the Okanagan Trail Riders Association visit:

WWW.OKANAGANTRAILRIDERS.COM

MAKE THE RIGHT IMPRESSION

By following these other basic basic guidelines you can help protect your riding area:

1. MINIMIZE SOIL DISTURBANCES

Stay on established trails and routes. Respect road, trail or area closures. Tread lightly!

2. AVOID WETLANDS AND MARSHY AREAS

Stay on established trails and routes.

3. GARBAGE

Pack out what you pack in, don't leave garbage behind.

4. WASHROOMS

Where washrooms are provided, use them. If facilities are not available make sure you are far away from streams, wetlands and lakes. Bury solid wastes.

5. LIVESTOCK / WILDLIFE

Lower your speed and use caution to avoid spooking cattle or wildlife.

6. SAFETY

All trails are two-way. Ride defensively and do not ride at speeds excessive to your skill or the conditions. Use hand signals to indicate the number of riders behind you.



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Welcome to



BEAR CREEK RECREATION SITE

Kelowna, BC

ADMINISTERED BY:

**THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM,
CULTURE AND THE ARTS**



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This newly created motorized recreation site covers 35,000 hectares and is the largest Recreation Site in British Columbia.

Bear Creek has historically been open to unrestricted OHV use, however this has led to a variety of issues involving:

Water Quality, Erosion, Noise, Esthetics, Safety, Liability, Social Conflicts, Timber Production, Range and Wildlife

To address and mitigate these issues, the Bear Creek OHV Trail System is being created. This designated, managed trail system will be designed to provide quality trails for motorcycles and ATV's less than 50" in width. The system will eventually provide loop trails identified by difficulty level and user group.

To develop a quality area and perpetuate this trail system, some changes are needed and we need your help!



ONLY YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR RIDING OPPORTUNITIES

SIGNS OF CHANGE

Our goal is to provide a high-quality trail system that is sustainable and provides environmental protection. This is a trail system, not a riding area, so riding off existing routes is prohibited.

By sharing our vision and complying with some simple rules, you, your children, and your grandchildren will have a safe and enjoyable place to ride.

Please read and heed all signs and posters. Help us help you. Please talk to your fellow riders. Their activities may be jeopardizing your trail system.



SUPPORT YOUR SPORT!

- Join an OHV Club
- Follow the area rules
- Consider applying to be a Bear Creek Trail Ranger
- Ride Responsibly
- Respect the Land, the Water, the Wildlife, and the Rights of others



SOUND & SPARK ARRESTER TESTING

We have implemented complimentary sound and spark arrester checks.

In the first phase, testing will be educational but there will be enforcement in the future.

When the **TECH CHECK** sign is posted we encourage you to stop by to find out if your OHV is legal. We have decals for the legal OHVs – be the first one in your group to get one!



96db or less

LIABILITY INSURANCE

If you do not have liability insurance you could face a fine for riding **Bear Main or any FSR** (Forest Service Road). Ask your local OHV Club for further details on Insurance programs.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

The Bear Creek trails lie within two community watersheds that supply drinking water to over 30,000 residents. To maintain water quality and reduce the risk of nutrient loading, please ride responsibly and stay on designated trails. ***The future of this trail system depends on you!***