



**The  
Tread Lightly!  
Guide To  
Responsible**

# **ATV Riding**

**With  
Minimum Impact  
Camping Tips**

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.

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# THE TREAD LIGHTLY! GUIDE TO RESPONSIBLE ATV RIDING

WITH MINIMUM IMPACT CAMPING TIPS

## INTRODUCTION

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

-Native American Proverb

For many of us, enjoyment of the outdoors is the main reason we recreate – "to get away from it all." Hunting, fishing, camping, trail riding, photography, canoeing, hiking, biking – you name it – are very popular.

Access to trails on an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) provides the opportunity to bring out the Lewis and Clark in all of us – to explore and enjoy. But we have a responsibility to our outdoor "home," to keep it neat and orderly, just as we would our own homes.

Throughout this *Tread Lightly! Guide to Responsible ATV Riding*, we will help you prepare for an enjoyable outdoors experience on an ATV, and still be a responsible, positive influence on nature, and those around you.

Now...off to the wonderful world of responsible ATV riding, the *Tread Lightly!*<sup>®</sup> way.



## WHAT IS TREAD LIGHTLY!?

*Tread Lightly!* is an educational program dedicated to increasing awareness of how to enjoy the great outdoors while minimizing impacts. 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, information program to increase the public's awareness that recreationists must exercise special care of the outdoors if opportunities to recreate are to continue, with the quality of experience maintained and enhanced.

*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 not-for-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 and U.S. Fish and Wildlife 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, restoration and research *Tread Lightly!* empowers generations to enjoy the outdoors responsibly, ensuring future use of the land and water.

*Tread Lightly!*'s message now reaches an international audience of outdoor recreationists. Through the services of *Tread Lightly!*, recreationists learn that opportunities to use the outdoors tomorrow depends on how they recreate today.

The message is simple. Conserve our environment! Make the commitment to follow *Tread Lightly!* principles as summarized in the *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

## TRAVEL AND RECREATE WITH MINIMUM IMPACT

For over 25 years, riding ATV's has been a popular American activity and is now enjoying its second generation of enthusiasts. The first ATVs were simple machines yet provided their riders with fun and excitement.

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, 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 just 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, and check water depth carefully.
- ▶ Take it slow and steady. Try to identify big rocks or other obstacles before you begin crossing. 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 speed can also cause water to rush into your air box, drowning the engine.

## Logs

- ▶ Ideally, it is best to move a fallen log out of the trail but if you can't, you'll have to go over or around it. Riding around it merely makes another trail, which is undesirable. That leaves riding over it.
- ▶ First decide if your skill level and machine capability are up to such a maneuver. If unsure, turn off the engine, get off the ATV then have a fellow rider help you lift your ATV's front end, then rear end over the log.
- ▶ If you choose to ride over it, 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

- ▶ These are sharp, zigzag trails going up steep mountainsides that minimize grades while preventing the trail from becoming a miniature river during a rainstorm.
- ▶ Skilled riders work their way through these challenging features relying on weight shifts and smoothness to negotiate the turns while reducing wheel spin.
- ▶ When riding switchbacks, avoid roosting around the apex of the turn when climbing, or brake-sliding while heading down. Both techniques gouge out the trail, requiring increased trail maintenance.

- ▶ If the turn is really 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 the ruts may cause.
- ▶ Look ahead, and exercise smooth throttle control.
- ▶ Avoid digging the grooves 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 so don't go through them at all.
- ▶ Look for trails around the edges where the soil is more firm and dry. Ruts made in meadows leave a terrible impression on everyone who sees them.

## Rocks



- ▶ There's not much your ATV can do to rocks but it hurts when you fall on them!
- ▶ Ride loose rocks with your rear end slightly off the seat, looking ahead, easy on the throttle, and 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, making for a smoother ride.

- ▶ For big stationary rocks, rise farther off the seat, knees bent, feet high on the pegs, and pick your line very carefully.
- ▶ Again, a finger on the clutch lever can soften the blow when you hit a well-anchored rock at the wrong angle.
- ▶ Beware of large rocks on a tight trail that can damage the shift or brake levers, or worse yet, punch a hole in the engine case.



### Minimum Impact Camping

"ATV packing" applies equally to ATV's as it does to off-highway motorcycling, bicycling, or mountain biking. An "overnighter" or an extended trip will require proper preparation (see preparation tips). Here are some helpful tips to assist you in picking campsites and camping with minimum-impact to the environment.

- ▶ Use existing campsites whenever possible. Choose sites with durable surfaces such as sand, gravel, slick rock, or dry grassy groundcover.
- ▶ Set up your tent and cooking areas in places where vegetation cover has already been lost to minimize further disturbance. Remember, good campsites are found, not made.
- ▶ When camping in a remote area, select a campsite approximately 200 feet off the trail with boulders or vegetation to screen you from others.
- ▶ Also, camp 200 feet from water to avoid contaminating the water resources.
- ▶ Avoid camping at or near historical, archeological, or pale ontological sites or in areas of sensitive or critical wildlife habitats. Travel and camp away from other campsites. Respect the desire of others for solitude.

## RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS

By respecting the land and water resources, 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 be able to enjoy the great outdoors as well.

### Rules and Common Courtesy on the Road or Trail

Be considerate of others on the road or trail or 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. Ask permission first, landowners may allow you to cross their land.
- ▶ Keep the noise and dust down. Others 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 the engine off. 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

## STEP BY STEP

As this next generation of ATV riders discover the sport, we must remember that practicing good environmental stewardship will ensure that there will continue to be places to ride.

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

### **ATV RiderCourse**<sup>SM</sup>

Whether you have ridden most of your life or if 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 to ride with.

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 off-highway vehicle (OHV) use and if any special rules affect that area.
- ▶ Select a destination, and choose the best and safest route.
- ▶ 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 their permission.
- ▶ Check local regulations for sound levels, spark arresters, age limitations or training prerequisites for your 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 there 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, then let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back. Leave them 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.

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| Two-Wheel<br>Motor Vehicle             |  |  |  | Bicycles                               |
| High Clearance Vehicle<br>4x4 & Pickup |  |   |  | All-Terrain Vehicle                    |
| Snowmobile                             |  |   |  | Activity Not Allowed<br>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:

- ▶ Know your limitations.
- ▶ 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 case 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ If your ATV is equipped with a headlight, riding with it ON at all times will allow other trail users to see you sooner.

### **Minimum Impact Camping**

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Select lightweight equipment such as backpack stoves and collapsible water containers. These are easy to pack, take less space, save weight and help reduce impact on the environment.

- ▶ Consider selecting tents and camping gear with earth-tone colors that will blend into the surroundings.

## ALLOW FOR FUTURE USE OF THE OUTDOORS, LEAVE IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT

With the number of ATV operators rapidly growing every year, the repeated and often unintentional misuse by ATV's can quickly create environmental damage. By using common sense and taking a few precautions, ATV operators can assure that the backcountry they frequent will remain available and in good condition for future use.

- ▶ Always stay on designated roads and trails or other areas open for use (e.g. sand dunes).
- ▶ Avoid "spooking" livestock (horses, mules, cattle, sheep, llamas) you encounter. Slow down and keep your voices low. Range animals should be treated as you would an unknown dog – proceed with caution.
- ▶ Sensitive wildlife habitat (e.g. wetlands, streams, meadows, fields) should be avoided. Crashing through undergrowth, or across meadows can destroy nesting sites and other sensitive habitat. Stay on designated trails and roads.
- ▶ Ride in the middle of the trail to minimize widening it.
- ▶ Avoid sideslipping, which can start a rut, ultimately leading to erosion.
- ▶ Cross streams at fording points only. Driving up and down a streambed disturbs fish and other aquatic habitats and can damage your vehicle.
- ▶ Wilderness areas are managed to maintain their primitive character and to provide opportunities for solitude. These designated areas are solely for non-mechanized travel – by foot and horseback. Sorry, no OHV's or bicycles.



## DISCOVER THE REWARDS OF RESPONSIBLE RECREATION

- ▶ Riding your ATV provides the opportunity to get away from it all and builds family traditions.
- ▶ Remember – if you abuse it, you'll probably lose it! Careless operation of your ATV can cause damage and may result in closing of areas to ATV enthusiasts.
- ▶ 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 CHECK LIST

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, 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 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 ATV's 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 repackable 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.

## 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 multi-function. 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 - so keep that in mind. 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, & 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 & batteries
- Small first aid kit
- Water purification tablets
- Toilet paper (plain white, bio-degradable if possible)
- Portable CB radio or cellular phone

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

The following materials are available from *Tread Lightly!*, Inc.,  
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*Tread Lightly!* website at: [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org) or by calling 1-800-966-9900.

- Tread Lightly! *Guide to Leaving A Good Impression*
- Tread Lightly! *Guide to Responsible Mountain Biking*
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- Tread Lightly! *Guide to Responsible Snowmobiling*
- Tread Lightly! *Guide to Responsible Trail Biking*
- Tread Lightly! *Guide to Responsible Personal Watercraft Use*
- Tread Lightly! *Educational Tools for Hunters: Improving Choices* (ETHIC),  
Video and Curriculum
- Tread Lightly! Junior High Curriculum
- Tread Lightly! Science Manual
- "Where the Pavement Ends" video
- Decals – 4-Wheel Drive, ATV, Trail Bike, Hiking, Hunting, Horseback,  
Mt. Bike, Snowmobile, Cross Country Skier, Fishing, Camping, Boating and  
Personal Watercraft
- Apparel – T-Shirts, Polo Shirts, Sport Caps, etc.
- Vehicle Accessories – bumper & reflective stickers, key rings, Tread Lightly!  
logo decals
- Souvenirs – water bottles, travel mugs, litter bags, pencils
- Advertising Products – IBM and Mac Clip Art Disk, Counter Displays
- Pins – 4-Wheel Drive, Trail Bike, Hiker, Horseback, Mt. Bike,  
Snowmobile, Cross Country Skier
- Outdoor Products – banner, outdoor poster

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*Tread Lightly!, Inc.* is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to protecting the great outdoors through education. Your help through membership contributions enables *Tread Lightly!* to continue its educational mission. Become a member today. Individual Memberships can be obtained for a tax-deductible fee of \$20, renewable annually. *Tread Lightly!* offers Individual, Retailer/Outfitter, Dealer and Club memberships. Each category varies in benefits and contribution levels. Upon joining as an Individual Member, you will receive various membership items including a window decal, a product catalog, a copy of *Tread Lightly!* "Trails" newsletter, and recreational tips applicable to your top area of interest. For more information on other membership categories contact *Tread Lightly!*.

### **Individual Membership - \$20 Annual Contribution**

Please rank your top 3 areas of interest in numeric order:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking/Backpacking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country Skiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Biking     | <input type="checkbox"/> Four Wheeling    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ATV Riding           | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Watercraft  |   |   |

Name (individual) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (business or club name) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact individual for business or club \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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