

Ordinances and Statutes regulating

Use of County Administered Land and Forest Roads and Trails

Section 1105 of the **Cass County Land Use Ordinance** contains the following restrictions:

- B. It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person to operate a motor vehicle on County administered land within 50 feet of a lake, river or type 1-8 wetland except on County- Administered forest trails.
- C. It shall also be a violation of this ordinance for any person to destroy native aquatic or upland vegetation, create erosion problems, or cause an increase in sediment deposition into lakes, rivers, or type 1-8 wetlands.
- D. It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person to operate a motor vehicle on County Administered forest trails that are posted: "CLOSED TO MOTORIZED VEHICLES".

The following **Minnesota Statutes** also apply:

84.773 RESTRICTIONS ON OPERATION.

Subdivision 1. Restrictions. A person may not intentionally operate an off-highway vehicle:

- (1) on a trail on public land that is designated or signed for nonmotorized use only;
- (2) on restricted areas within public lands that are posted or where gates or other clearly visible structures are placed to prevent unauthorized motorized vehicle access;
- (3) except as specifically authorized by law or rule adopted by the commissioner, in unfrozen public waters, as defined in section 103G.005; in a state park; in a scientific and natural area; or in a wildlife management area; or
- (4) in a calcareous fen, as identified by the commissioner.

Subdivision 2. Wetland disturbance. A person may not operate an off-highway vehicle in a manner to:

- (1) indicate a willful, wanton, or reckless disregard for the safety of persons or property;
- (2) carelessly upset the natural and ecological balance of a wetland or public waters wetland; or
- (3) impact a wetland or public waters wetland in excess of the amounts authorized in section 103G.2241, subdivision 9, unless:
 - (i) sequencing of the impact is followed according to section 103G.222, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), and the impact is repaired under section 103G.2242, and rules adopted pursuant to that section; or
 - (ii) the activity is exempt under section 103G.2241.