

Where to RIDE

Various Areas Brighton, Vermont

When it comes to choosing a location for "Where to Ride" in Vermont, it's a little difficult to decide which area to tell you about first. In Vermont there are no state or federal riding areas, so all riding is on private property.

Currently riders can choose from 19 riding areas on private property that are open to members of the Vermont All Terrain Vehicle Sportsman's Association (VASA) and local club members.

Local ATV clubs have worked closely with private property landowners to create and maintain ATV trails. Vermont has very good liability laws to help protect landowners, but liability insurance is the best way to go.

Insurance is expensive and individual clubs couldn't afford the insurance. As a result, clubs organized together to form the Vermont All Terrain Vehicle Sportsman's Association.

By organizing together, like ATVA members, this allowed VASA to negotiate better insurance rates, create a unified voice with state agencies and develop trails on private property for riders to enjoy.

The list of trail systems is growing every year as more clubs are formed, new trail systems are created and current trails expanded.

We chose to highlight the Brighton trails,

managed by the Tri County ATV Club (TCATVC). The trails are very close to the village of Island Pond, where there are several choices for spending the night: motels, cabins and full hookup campgrounds. You can also get groceries or eat at restaurants, so you can have a great weekend of riding.

Another reason we started with Brighton is because the trails are purpose-built ATV trails. There are more than 36 miles of trails with more under construction.

Most trails are in heavily wooded areas with areas of rock outcroppings to make riding challenging in places.

The trails eventually take you to scenic vistas.

There are two different trail heads where you can park and unload your ATVs. To the south is the Rosebrook trailhead. Take Rt.

114 W to the Rt. 105 intersection, then go half a mile south to Rosebrook Hill Road. The trailhead will be .2 mile on your left.

To the north is the Route 111 trail head in Morgan. From Island Pond, go 2.8 miles north on Rt.114, then left on Rt. 111 for 1.8 miles. Parking is on the left.

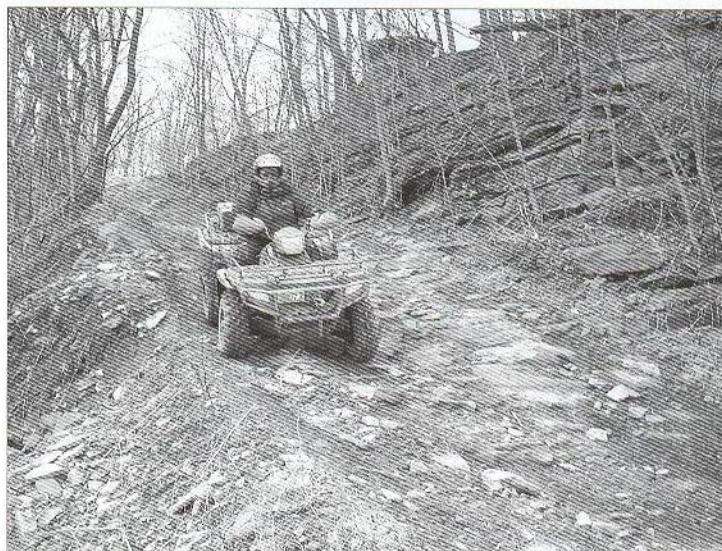
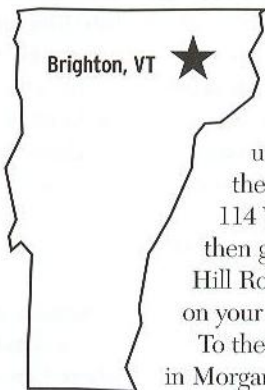
To be able to ride any of the 19 different trail systems legally, and for insurance purposes, you must be a member of VASA for \$35 and a local club member for \$20. Your ATV must be registered in Vermont, which costs \$45, or properly registered in New

York, New Hampshire or Pennsylvania.

The riding season normally begins in June and ends November 1, depending on the weather.

Vermont has very few ATV laws, and doesn't require helmet use. But VASA and the ATVA strongly recommend riders wear a helmet and not ride two-up.

For information on VASA call (802) 229-2997 or log on to www.VTASA.org. 🍄



Vermont offers some great places to ride for novices and experts alike.