

What can I do to Maintain Riding Access?

On those days when you can't find a riding buddy

- Get involved, it takes co-operation to be most effective
- Join a local club and or advocacy group, membership numbers are important. (See bottom of page one for clubs) People gather strength from each other's enthusiasm.
- Write that letter to your M.L.A.
- Be present at and actively participate in public consultations
- You can find out about consultation/forum dates and locations through the local newspapers, clubs and government web sites
- Educate yourself on the issues affecting riding access
- After informing yourself, spread the word
- Let your passion for riding show, just remember to be reasonable and honest

I've joined the club, written my letter, it's time to work on my bike

- Primary Expenses.
 - License, Insurance, Spark Arrestor, Headlight, Taillight.
 - Helmet and riding gear.
 - Hurricane lighter or matches.
 - GAS. Go riding and take a friend
- Secondary Expenses
 - Bark Busters.
 - Skid Plate/Guards.
- You want your bike to be all that it can be.
 - Tires are in good shape and properly inflated. Generally front 12-14 psi. Rear tires with stiff side-walls can be run as low as 4-6 psi for maximum traction. Low pressures and heavy tubes are the best combination.
 - Suspension is properly maintained and adjusted for your weight and ability. MX suspension generally needs to be softened for effective off-road use.
 - Fork seals cleaned? Required for proper suspension operation and no leaks.
 - There's an air filter somewhere under your seat. If it's a colour other than brown you can move on, otherwise clean it for proper jetting and longer engine life.
 - Carb jetted for local elevation? A properly jetted bike can put you a tire ahead of your buddy for a change, saves gas and reduces smoke.
 - Lights are working?
 - Check the fluids are topped up and no leaks.
- If your stock pipe is smashed, aftermarket pipes are a good value, consider a "Q" (quiet) silencer.
- Aftermarket reeds and reed blocks or carb intake mods are effective and are good values.
- When choosing a new bike, seriously consider the off-road models, CRF-X, WR, EXC. These models are sold with head/tail light, kickstand, spark-arrestor and quiet exhaust.
- Clean your bike and wash your gear. Our image is one of our problems.

It's Time to Ride

- Do ride safely. Know your limits.
 - Do stay on the trails
 - Do respect the environment
 - Do ride with a buddy (mutually encourage good behaviour)
 - Do respect other users. Slowing to 20 kph is not enough when passing hikers. Idle in 1st gear shows respect. Instead of leaving them swearing in a cloud of dust, stop, have a drink and say "hi". Be an ambassador for our sport.
 - Do leave the alcohol until you are finished riding and in an appropriate place.
 - Do work on your riding skills. Better riders are easier on trails.
 - Do use environmentally friendly mix oils.
 - Do speak up when you witness behaviour that damages our image or the environment. Stay calm, be polite and most people will listen to what you have to say.
 - Do have fun
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- Do not participate in irresponsible trail use
 - Do not LITTER! In fact, pick up after those who do.
 - Do not think that you have exclusive use of trails
 - Do not leave anything other than your tracks behind.

THANK YOU AND SEE YOU OUT ON THE TRAILS.