



# "Know Your Dunes Safety"



## 1. "Wrong Way"

There are directional traffic zones that you need to be aware of. You can find a map of the off-road vehicle area at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr). Please respect these areas and orient yourself prior to riding.

## 2. Topographical Changes

Silver Lake Sand Dunes can change drastically from day to day, even hour by hour, depending on the severity of the weather. Be on the watch for steep inclines, changing slopes, natural hazards and/or sudden drop-offs.

## 3. Where am I?

Review the ORV map prior to riding. Drive throughout the area and be sure to slow down as you approach the top of the hills. Travel the dunes in its entirety and get a feel for North, South, West and East. Do not park or stop your ORV on the backside of a hill.

## 4. Driving Alone

This one is simple; if possible, don't do it. Have someone accompany you so that if an accident occurs someone is there to seek help immediately. If you know a seasoned operator, have them take you up and show you around first.

## 5. Fast and Furious

The beach area has a designated speed limit of 25mph. Other areas do not. Exercising common sense and adopting an operating speed that you can control goes a long way. Extend courtesy to fellow operators and provide a safer environment for everyone involved.

## 6. Licensed

Driver's license or ORV Safety Training Certificate must be in operator's possession at all times. Persons may not operate any vehicles if license is suspended or revoked.

## 7. Busy, busy, busy

Just like with any major highway or roadway, generally speaking the more operators you have the higher the level of risk. You need to be more aware of your surroundings and drive defensively on major holidays and during the peak season, which is typically mid-June through Labor Day.

## 8. What to wear

We live in a world full of safety concerns. It is imperative that you follow strict safety measures when operating your ORV. General ATV and cycle riding gear includes: helmet, goggles, gloves, chest protector, riding boots, shoulder guards, elbow guards, long pants, knee pads, and shin guards. Click here for more on "what to wear". Full-sized vehicles require seat belts, roll bars, and eye protection.

## 9. Under the influence

Do not, at any time, operate your ORV under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Violation of this rule or any others may subject operator to court citation, eviction and/or vehicle(s) impoundment.

## 10. Know your Dunes

Do your homework. Challenge businesses in the community to help you with your experience or answer questions. Look for businesses that promote the "Drive Safe, Know your Dunes" campaign. Know the voucher system and what you need to drive the ORV area by visiting [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

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**ALWAYS REMEMBER TO PRACTICE SAFE DRIVING AND KNOW YOUR DUNES!**