

JEEPING SIDE BY SIDE

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Spring is here and one activity that will be picking up is getting together with a group of friends and, going out for a ride in your Jeep or Side by Side.

- 1. Ride only in areas you are legally permitted to ride; and stay on designated trails. Obtain prior approval of the landowner before riding on someone else's land. Keep in mind Indiana has a Purple Paint Law. If you see purple paint on a tree or post this means the same as a no trespassing sign. If you inadvertently stumble onto someone's land that you do not have permission to be on, remove your helmet, before speaking to the landowner. Wearing the helmet can make you appear to be intimidating and unfriendly. Be respectful and honest with the landowner about how you came to be on his land.**
- 2. Do not ride alone; have someone with you so that if something goes wrong there is someone who will be able to call for help. Let someone besides the people who will be with you know approximately where you will be going and an approximate time to expect your return.**
- 3. Carry a first aid kit on your ATV at all times, in the event of an emergency.**
- 4. Wear clothing, shoes and goggles that will adequately protect you from objects that you may encounter such as brush.**
- 5. Discuss safety with your children before allowing them to ride with you on a trail; such as keeping their arms and legs inside the vehicle.**
- 6. Never drive when you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.**
- 7. Eat before taking off on a ride; and pack food and drinks for the ride.**
- 8. Use common sense when riding. This includes riding at a speed appropriate for the terrain that you are riding in; especially at night.**
- 9. Approach wildlife and livestock on a trail slowly. If you startle them they may run directly into your path. Give them time to react and plenty of room.**

Keep in mind there are many great benefits that will be taking place as the weather is getting better. Grab some friends and show your support of those in our local communities.