



Off-Road Regulations For GRDA Properties



SUBCHAPTER 23 FOUR-WHEEL VEHICLES, OFF-ROAD VEHICLES AND ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES

GRDA Officers will be patrolling and enforcing the following rules, as well as applicable State laws on the state properties below Pensacola Dam. Consumption of alcoholic beverages and low-point beer will not be tolerated while operating or riding in a vehicle, motorcycle, or ATV. Operating a vehicle, motorcycle, or ATV while under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be tolerated.

Helmets must be worn by all operators AND passengers who are under the age of eighteen (18) in any off-road vehicle, or vehicle being used for off-road activities, any motorcycles, and any ATV's.

Children who are required by law to be in a properly installed and secured child seat based on age and size, and are in a vehicle with a ROPS, may be properly secured in the seat without a helmet.

There are some areas of the GRDA properties that are restricted, such as immediately below the dam & spillways. Areas that are covered by Rip-Rap are also considered restricted areas, as well as areas marked by signs and barricades. DO NOT ENTER or attempt to drive in these areas. Patrons shall not cross the zones which are barricaded and marked off, or they will be subject to trespassing.

The following Regulations will be enforced on GRDA properties:

300:35-23-1. Designated areas

In the interest of public safety, there shall be no four-wheel vehicles, off-road vehicles or all-terrain vehicles on GRDA lands except in designated areas. Operators of such vehicles are subject to federal and state laws and GRDA rules.

300:35-23-2. Passengers prohibited

Passengers are only allowed on three (3) wheelers, four (4) wheelers, or motorcycles when the manufacturer has equipped the vehicle for such passenger which includes a separate seat and foot support.

300:35-23-3. Low gear required

Low gear only except on trails posted at speed limits in excess of five (5) MPH.

300:35-23-4. Racing prohibited

No racing on GRDA property is allowed except as permitted by a sanctioned event permit.

300:35-23-5. Lights required

All vehicles, including motorcycles, must be equipped with a working dimmable front headlight and working rear lights if operating between one-half hour before sunset and one-half hour after sunrise. Any vehicle utilizing light bars shall turn them off upon the approach of another vehicle.

300:35-23-6. Roll bar, helmet, and seat belt requirements

Dune buggies and 4x4 vehicles must have a ROPS sufficient to support the weight of the vehicle and must have a seat belt for each passenger. Helmets shall be required for the driver and passenger of motorcycles, ATVs or bikes.

300:35-23-7. No liability

GRDA shall not be liable and hereby disclaims any responsibility for any and all injuries and accidents, up to and including death, which may occur as a result of participating in off-road activities. Each driver and passenger rides at his/her own risk and assumes all risks of the activity.

300:35-23-8. Alcoholic beverages prohibited

Alcoholic beverages, including low point beer, are prohibited from areas in which off-road activities occur.

300:35-23-9. Signage

Drivers shall obey all signs posted on GRDA land including areas that are off limits and speed designations.

300:35-23-10. Penalty

(a) GRDA Police and Compliance Officers may verbally order any person that is violating these rules to immediately exit the lands of GRDA.

(b) Additionally, any person, after notice and opportunity to be heard in accordance with Subchapter 21 herein, may be banned from the lands of GRDA for a period of time up to, and including, ninety (90) days.

In case of emergency, call GRDA Police at 911.