

## Experience the Thrill of Winter's Chill

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While the winter season often tempts us to stay indoors, basking in the warmth of a fireplace, recent changes in ATV/UTV laws provide a compelling reason to venture out into the crisp winter air. Now you can fully embrace the winter wonderland from the cozy cab of a UTV.

On July 1, 2022, the state of Iowa enacted a new law granting ATV/UTV enthusiasts the opportunity to explore any of its 99 counties. Gravel roads are fair game unless explicitly marked as closed. State highways, on the other hand, are off-limits to ATVs and UTVs. They are also prohibited on four-lane or interstate roads. Safety is paramount, and ATV and UTV users are strongly urged to operate their vehicles with caution, treating them like automobiles when on public roads. You can find other details of these rules and regulations online with a quick search.



*UTV users enjoying  
the snow*

Embark on a journey through the Raccoon River Valley and visit our wildlife areas and parks. Please make sure your off-roading adventures stay on the road, as we do not allow motorized vehicles in our parks and wildlife areas. However, you can park in our parking lots and explore all of our recreational areas in other ways:

- Kuehn Conservation Area - Seek hiking adventures throughout the park's trail system. Printed trail maps are available at the front of the nature center near the parking lot, or you can access them with a QR code provided on the front of the trail map holder.
- Voas Nature Area is another user-friendly destination in the winter. Unlike Kuehn's hills, Voas offers flat trails perfect for snowshoeing or even cross-country skiing throughout the complex. A parking lot is located at the main entrance.

This winter, take to the roads and embrace Mother Nature's beauty.