



## All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and Off-Highway Motorcycle (OHM) Regulations

The Southern New England Trunkline Trail (SNETT) is fully owned by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). So, even though the trail runs through Bellingham, it is DCR's rules that govern the types of uses for the SNETT.

ATV and OHM vehicles are prohibited from the SNETT, however, OHM's are allowed in several state forests in the immediate vicinity:

- **F. Gilbert Hills State Forest, Foxboro, MA:** [www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/fgil.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/fgil.htm)
- **Franklin State Forest, Franklin, MA:** [www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/trails/franklin.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/trails/franklin.pdf)
- **Wrentham State Forest, Wrentham, MA:** [www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/trails/franklin.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/trails/franklin.pdf)

Please check the DCR Off-Road Vehicle policy for complete rules and regulations. They can be found at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/recreate/orv.htm>.

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The Town of Bellingham's By-Law Article 16.02 concerning Off-Road Vehicle Restrictions is provided below:

### Article 16.02. Off-Road Vehicle Restrictions

No person shall use or operate a motorized off-road vehicle, including, but not limited to, mini-bikes, all-terrain vehicles (ATV's), snowmobiles, or similar motorized vehicle which is eligible for registration under MGL Chapter 90B or any vehicle as described in MGL Chapter 90B section 20, on any Town owned property, except public roads and streets, or private property, without prior written consent of the Town authority or landowner having the responsibility for the management of such property. Any such consent shall be temporary in nature, shall specify the period of time during which it is in force, and shall be subject to the prohibitions, restrictions, and requirements of all Massachusetts General Laws, including, without limitation, MGL Chapter 90B section 26.

So while ATV and OHM use is not allowed in Bellingham, you can ride in three state forests in towns that border Bellingham.

**Thank you for protecting our natural resources!**