

Motorcycling

in East Anglia Forest District

Motorcycling is only allowed in certain areas of the forest in specific situations and under licence

Motorcycling without a licence in non-designated parts of the forest is illegal. You could be prosecuted under the Police Reform Act 2002, the Road Traffic Act 1988 and the Forestry Commission Bye-laws 1994.

Under these laws you could:

- Have your motorbike confiscated, incurring heavy recovery costs.
- Incur a large fine.
- Be prosecuted if your bike is not roadworthy. This includes those using designated trails.

If you enjoy off-road riding, why not contact one of the following clubs?

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| ● Diss | 01379 643960 |
| ● Norfolk and Suffolk Juniors | 01603 715874 |
| ● Woodbridge and District | 07748 365806 |
| ● Sudbury MCC | 01206 531768 |
| ● Trail Riders Fellowship | www.trf.org.uk |
| ● Trail Bike Enduro Club | 01354 660688 |
| ● Auto Cycle Union | www.acu.org.uk |
| ● BMF | 01553 775650 |

Other contacts:

- For a forest based experience: Hit the Dirt, Swaffham (licensed by the FC) 07900 904920
- Wild track Motorcross, near Newmarket 01638 751918.
- Motor-land UK near Mildenhall 01638 718667 or 07815 826133.

The forestry Commission takes no responsibility for private motorcycling sites.

Illegal motorbiking causes:

Damage to the environment

Erosion of the forest floor damages tree roots, plants and insects. Within the East Anglia Forest District there are 16 nationally rare plants. Without the unique environment offered by the forest, many would not survive. The Forest is appreciated by many for its tranquillity. The noise of unwanted vehicles can destroy the quietness.

Harm to wildlife

Noise, pollution and speed put wildlife under stress. The forest is home to six species of deer, 25% of Britain's Woodlarks and about 20% of Britain's Nightjars.

Danger to other forest users

The forest is a recreation area used by families and people of all ages and abilities. The use of fast, noisy vehicles increases the risk of accidents and intimidates other forest visitors.

Injury to yourself

The forest is a working environment with constant timber operations. Operators of heavy machinery may not be aware of your approach. The forest covers a very large area, should you fall off your bike or hit a tree help may not reach you.

Useful contacts:

Forestry Commission: 01842 810271 or www.forestry.gov.uk

Crimestoppers: 0800 555111



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