

Full Throttle Fellowship

Organization Policies, Trail Etiquette & Rider Courtesy/Safety

Here are our organization policies, suggested riding courtesies, safety tips, trail etiquette that we have compiled for our members. Of course, it would be impossible to follow each of these perfectly. But at some point we hope each member will at least briefly familiarize themselves with these suggestions and take them to heart.

Rider Safety & Courtesy

The more people you are riding with, the more considerations you must take to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience. Here are some guidelines that each person in the group should keep in mind:

- Always wear a helmet and other adequate protective gear.
- Avoid riding “hot laps” around campsites and parking areas; this causes unnecessary dust and noise that may be a nuisance to others in the area.
- Make sure that your dirt bike is well maintained. Riding a poorly maintained dirt bike endangers not only you – but also those riding in your proximity.
- Know the weather forecast and plan and/or dress accordingly.
- When available, carry a map of where you are going and be sure each rider understands the group’s course.
- Agree on a plan in case of separation. Lost riders should generally stay where they are until the group can find them. Stranded or abandoned riders should go to where they last saw the group.
- Start every ride with a full fuel tank. Unexpected circumstances could easily turn a short ride into a long one.
- Know your own limitations, and be aware of the limits of your companions.
- Never ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Know the affects of any over-the-counter drugs you are taking.
- Maintain a safe following distance between riders.
- Carry and drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration.
- Carry adequate tools and supplies to service your dirt bike in case of a superficial breakdown.
- Don’t be too proud, and don’t expect other riders to question your limits. Asking for help or a break will be much less convenient to your group than if you crash and get injured.
- Riding alone is never recommended, but if you do, here are some worthwhile safety considerations:
 - Let someone know where you are going, when you expect to be back, and leave them a map if possible.
 - Always ride well within your limits, and only ride areas that you are familiar with.
 - Plan for the worst – carry extra fuel, water and tools.
 - Carry a cell phone in case you are lucky enough to find reception.
 - Carry cash in case you need to pay for food, fuel or other help.

Family Friendly Environment

At Full Throttle Fellowship, we strive to provide a family-friendly environment at our rides and events. To that end, please follow these simple guidelines:

- Alcoholic Beverages & Smoking
 - Please refrain from bringing alcoholic beverages to “Family Day” and “All Ages/Skill Levels” rides/events where kids are likely to be present.
 - If you bring alcoholic beverages to rides or events without children, please do not drink enough to become intoxicated, whether before or after the ride.
 - If you smoke, please do so away from children.
- Foul Language
 - Please try to refrain from using foul language at Full Throttle Fellowship rides and events.

Policies for Children

The safety of minors is extremely important to Full Throttle Fellowship, therefore please ensure these policies concerning children are always upheld:

- All D2D website account/profile holders must be at least 18 years old.
- Anyone under 18 shall be accompanied by a parent or guardian at D2D rides or events.
- At no time shall minors attending D2D rides or events be left unattended, and if temporarily supervised by anyone other than a parent or guardian, must be supervised by at least 2 adults.

Website Policies

- Full Throttle Fellowship reserves the right to cancel any membership, at any time, for any reason.
- Website account holders shall be 18 or over, use their first and last names on their account, upload at least 1 photo, and respond to any profile questions that apply.
- Please do not send unsolicited spam or advertisements to anyone in the club.
- Please use particular discretion when posting information to our website, including your profile, the photo albums, shared files or other areas of the website. Please ensure your uploads are respectful of the general Christian principles that Full Throttle Fellowship was founded upon.
- Full Throttle Fellowship is not a dating website, therefore please do not send unsolicited flirtatious or romantic email correspondence to any member.
- To the extent you receive other members' personal information (address, email, phone, etc.) through Full Throttle Fellowship, please use your best efforts to keep it confidential and use it only for club purposes.
- Please note, Full Throttle Fellowship has no control and is not responsible for what Meetup.com does with anyone's' contact information.

Organizing Rides Through Full Throttle Fellowship

Before you organize a ride through our club, please familiarize yourself and adhere to the following guidelines:

- Any adult member can organize a ride and invite other members to join them through the Full Throttle website.
- The ride organizer is the ride leader, unless otherwise agreed to by the the ride organizer and delegate.
- As ride organizer and leader, you should know your venue and course, and it is your responsibility to clearly and accurately define the ride in your submittal to the Full Throttle calendar.
- Before the ride, the ride organizer should make sure the guests have met and that the group understands generally accepted trail etiquette and rider courtesies. The ride planner/leader should also state any unique guidelines or considerations for the ride.
- Ride organizers are asked to please bring the group together for a brief prayer before each ride.

Attending Rides Through Full Throttle Fellowship

Before you attend a ride through our club, please familiarize yourself and adhere to the following guidelines:

- Rides are organized according to the organizer's specific preferences. Please respect the ride organizer's desired ride time, trail difficulty, skill level of attendees invited, and total number of riders allowed to RSVP.
- Always RSVP for rides you attend. If the RSVP list is full, contact the ride organizer ahead of time to see if additional riders can be accommodated. If not, then please organize your own ride and invite as many members as you prefer.
- Anyone attending a ride understands that dirt biking is an inherently risky sport. Therefore each person shall ride at their own risk and neither Full Throttle Fellowship or any ride attendee or organizer shall be liable for the actions or consequences of any other rider.
- If your ride organizer forgets, we ask you please consider bringing your group together a brief group prayer before you hit the trail.

Compliance with the Law

Always comply with federal, state and local laws governing your riding areas, including but not limited to the following for riding in Idaho:

- Ride only where legally permitted.
- Use a spark arrester where required by law, as well as anywhere fire is a threat.
- Register your motorcycle and obtain an off-highway sticker.
- Believe it or not, during fire season in Idaho, the law requires every rider to carry a 24" long shovel with 6" blade, and 1 gallon bucket – your helmet qualifies as a bucket.

Environmental Stewardship

Practicing environmental stewardship is good for the earth, and it helps maintain our rights to ride on public land. Here are a few easy ways that every rider can make a huge contribution to protecting the sustainability of the environment and our sport:

- Make sure your engine and exhaust system are well tuned. Your vehicle will run smoother, quieter and more efficiently.
- Ride on established trails unless cross-country travel is both authorized and necessary.
- Pack out at least as much as you haul in.
- When hauling your dirt bikes off-road, watch out for brush that could ignite from your vehicle's undercarriage.
- Consider car-pooling to the trailhead to save fuel and reduce emissions.
- Cross streams at fording points or other designated crossings only.
- Ride when the soil is reasonably firm to prevent unnecessary ruts and erosion.

Respect the Rights of Others

By respecting others, you will spread goodwill and help maintain a positive image for dirt bikers. You will also contribute to others enjoyment of the outdoors, which belongs to everyone. Here are some important courtesies to remember:

- When you encounter ATVs or other dirt bikers, slow to a reasonable speed, yield to the uphill rider, and let each member of the opposing group know (usually hand signals are sufficient) how many riders in your party are behind you.
- If you encounter people with pack animals or pets, unless signaled otherwise by the handler, stop to ask them how to proceed. If signaled past, move to the edge of the trail and don't make sudden movements or noises that may startle the animals.
- If you encounter hikers or mountain bikers:
 - Motorcycles are powerful and intimidating, therefore unless signaled otherwise, yield to hikers and mountain biker whenever possible; and always yield to uphill mountain bikers (and they should do the same for you).
 - When passing hikers or mountain bikers, idle or cut your engine if possible, and create a safe distance before creating excessive roost or dust.

Acknowledge Property Rights

Many public trails cross private land. Respecting the rights of property owners, you can help ensure that trails stay open for the enjoyment of yourself and other dirt bikers.

- Comply with all signage.
- If you encounter a gate on public or private land, leave it as you found it unless otherwise posted.
- Avoid spooking livestock you might encounter.