

Restrictions on ATVs and Snowmobiles in Transmission Rights-of-Way



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Connecticut Light & Power
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Laws in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire generally provide that no person may operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or snowmobile on private property for recreational purposes without the written permission of the landowner.

Northeast Utilities, through its operating companies, Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P), Western Massachusetts Electric (WMECo) and Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH), manages nearly 1,900 miles of transmission rights-of-way throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The overwhelming majority of these rights-of-way are established through easement rights purchased from owners of the underlying land.

NU'S GENERAL POLICY IS NOT TO GRANT PERMISSION, WRITTEN OR VERBAL, FOR USE OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND SNOWMOBILES ON TRANSMISSION RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

CL&P and WMECo's general policy is not to grant permission, written or verbal, for use of transmission rights-of-way by persons on ATVs and snowmobiles. Our rights-of-way are marked and, where practicable, gates, fences and barricades are maintained to prevent access.

PSNH's general policy is not to grant permission for use of ATVs on transmission rights-of-way on land it owns. However, where PSNH owns only an easement and is not the underlying landowner, it may enter into agreements or relationships with the landowner who may allow use by organized ATV clubs, or trails designated as ATV trails by the New Hampshire Bureau of Trails.

As part of New Hampshire's statewide snowmobile trail system, PSNH has entered into an agreement with the New Hampshire Bureau of Trails to generally allow snowmobile use where PSNH is the landowner. Use of the property by persons on snowmobiles is only granted under the terms of this agreement and renewed on an annual basis.

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