

SECTION VI - CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ATV/UTV ROUTES

The following restrictions are placed on the use of the Town ATV/UTV routes designated by this Ordinance:

- A. Routes shall be marked with uniform ATV/UTV route signs in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code § NR 64.12(7). The local ATV/UTV club is responsible for all signage. No person may do any of the following in regard to signs marking Town ATV/UTV routes:
 - 1. Intentionally remove, damage, deface, move, obstruct, or interfere with the effective operation of any uniform ATV route or trail sign or standard or any uniform sign or standard for the operation of a UTV on an ATV route or trail if the sign or standard is legally placed by the state, the Town, or any authorized individual.
 - 2. Possess any uniform ATV route or trail sign or standard, or any uniform sign or standard for the operation of a UTV on an ATV route or trail, of the type established by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the warning, instruction or information of the public, unless he or she obtained the uniform sign or standard in a lawful manner. Possession of a uniform ATV route or trail sign or standard or uniform sign or standard for the operation of a UTV on an ATV route or trail creates a rebuttable presumption of illegal possession.
- B. Operation of ATVs and UTVs shall be subject to all provisions of Wis. Stat. § 23.33, which is adopted as a part of this Ordinance by reference, pursuant to the authority granted by Wis. Stat. § 23.33(11).
- C. A copy of this Ordinance shall be sent by the Town Clerk to the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department, the Department of Natural Resources, State Traffic Patrol, LCO Tribal Police, LCO Conservation Department, and the Sawyer County Snowmobile and ATV Alliance.
- D. Additional Conditions of Operation:
 - a. All ATV's/UTVs may only be operated on Town roads from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM, except ATVs/UTVs may be operated 24 hours a day on Sawyer County trails and the following previously existing Town routes:
 - i. Gurno Lake Road (approved November 13, 2017);
 - ii. Indian Trail Road (approved November 13, 2017);
 - iii. Rainbow Road to Old 27 Road, then South on Old 27 Road until Williams Road;
 - iv. All of Williams Road; and
 - v. That portion of Highline Road that is North of Williams Road until Kadlec Road, then West on Kadlec Road until Olker Road.

The purpose of this exception is to support businesses in Sawyer County, particularly businesses in the Town of Bass Lake and the Lac Courte Oreille Reservation.

- b. All ATV/UTV operators shall observe posted roadway speed limits on Town roads and 35 MPH on all County highways within the Town unless otherwise marked.
- c. All ATV/UTV operators shall ride single file.

ATV/UTV Route Ordinance # 2010-5-10

Amended on 11/13/17 as per Town Board Meeting
Amended on 02/12/18 as per Town Board Meeting
Amended on 06/11/18 as per Town Board Meeting
Amended on 09/10/18 as per Town Board Meeting
Amended on 10/08/18 as per Town Board Meeting
Amended on 12/18/18 as per Town Board Meeting
Amended on 05/10/21 as per Town Board Meeting
Amended on 07/11/22 as per Town Board Meeting
Amended on 03/13/23 as per Town Board Meeting

ATV (All Terrain Vehicle)/UTV (Utility Terrain Vehicle) route ordinance

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County

The Town Board of the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County, Wisconsin, hereby ordains the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County ATV/UTV Route Ordinance, Ordinance # 2010-5-10, amended to read as follows:

SECTION I - TITLE AND PURPOSE

The title of this ordinance is the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County ATV/UTV Route Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish ATV and UTV routes in the town and to regulate the operation of ATV (All Terrain Vehicles) and UTVs (Utility Terrain Vehicles) in the town.

SECTION II - AUTHORITY

The Town Board of the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority to adopt this ATV/UTV Route Ordinance under Wis. Stat. §§ 23.33(8)(b) and 23.33(11).

SECTION III - ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance adopted on proper notice with a quorum and roll call vote by a majority of the Town Board present and voting, provides the authority for the Town to designate ATV and UTV routes in the Town, to regulate the use of those routes and to provide conditions of use for the routes and all ATVs and UTVs in the town.

SECTION IV - OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 23.33(4)(d)4., except as otherwise provided in Wis. Stat. § 23.33(4), no person may operate an ATV or UTV on the roadway portion of any highway in the Town except on roadways that are designated as ATV/UTV routes by this Ordinance. Operation of ATVs and UTVs on a roadway in the Town that is an ATV/UTV route is authorized only for the extreme right side of the paved roadway, except that left turns may be made from any part of the roadway that is safe given prevailing conditions.

SECTION V - DESIGNATION OF ATV/UTV ROUTES

The routes set forth in Attachment "A" and the attached map are hereby the designated ATV/UTV routes in the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County. No ATVs/UTVs may be operated on roads identified as closed in Attachment "A" or roads not otherwise designated as ATV/UTV routes.

SECTION VII – JURISDICTION OF LAC COURTE OREILLES BAND OF THE LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS

Except for those roads west of Kidds Road, use of the ATVs and UTVs on roadways on tribal lands of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, even though such lands may be located within the Town, are subject to the laws and rules of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

SECTION VIII - ENFORCEMENT

This ordinance may be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the state of Wisconsin.

SECTION IX - PENALTIES

The penalties under Wis. Stat. § 23.33(13)(a) are hereby adopted by reference.

SECTION X - SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION X - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance is effective on publication and posting as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 60.80.

SECTION XI – SPECIAL PROVISIONS

The Town Board reserve the right to close a Town road to ATV/UTV traffic by an amendment to this Ordinance at a duly noticed Town Board meeting. The amendment to this Ordinance shall include a revised Attachment “A” and map showing the road closure. A copy of the amended ordinance, Attachment “A”, and map shall be sent by the Town Clerk to the Sawyer County Sheriff’s Department, the Department of Natural Resources, State Traffic Patrol, and the Sawyer County Snowmobile and ATV Alliance.

The Town Board reserves the right to rescind this ordinance at any time upon approval by the Town Board at a duly noticed Town Board meeting.


The Town Clerk shall properly publish this Ordinance as required under Wis. Stat. § 60.80.

Adopted this 13th day of March, 2023.

TOWN OF BASS LAKE

By:


Justin Hall, Chairman

Attest: 
Tammy Brown, Clerk

Published: March 27, _____, 2023

ATTACHMENT "A"

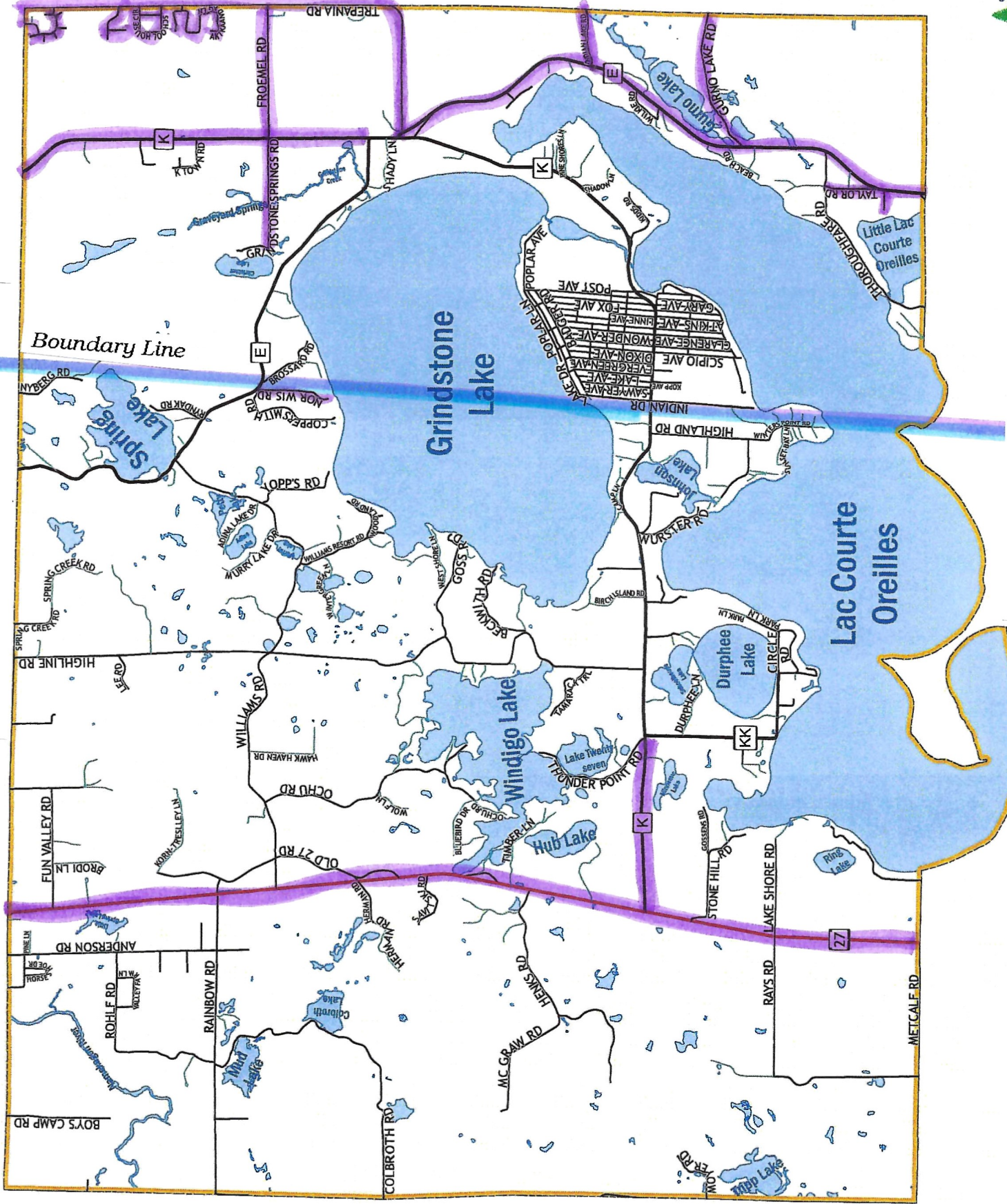
The following roads are designated as Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County, ATV/UTV routes:

1. All Town roadways and trails unless posted as closed or otherwise designated as prohibiting ATVs/UTVs. The following roads are closed to ATVs/UTVs:
 - a. Norwis Road
 - b. Froemel Road
 - c. Round Lake School Road
 - d. Mukwa Road
 - e. Bacon Square
 - f. Bacon Strip
 - g. Poppletown Road
 - h. Schoolhouse Circle
 - i. Akikaandag Lane
 - j. Taylor Road
 - k. Agency Road
2. All Sawyer County roadways within the Town that have a speed limit of 35 MPH or less and as otherwise designated by Sawyer County.

All Town roadways located East of Kidds Road on tribal lands of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians are subject to the laws and ordinances of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

Town of Bass Lake

LCO Reservation



Highlighted roads are CLOSED.