

Trail Bike Riding in Pine Rivers District

Trail bike riding in rural areas is a popular pastime. However, with its growing popularity and the available land reducing due to urban growth, trail bikes are beginning to cause nuisance and environmental damage.

The law

The administration of laws regulating trail bikes is shared between the Queensland Police Service and Council.

The Queensland Police Service

The Queensland Police Service regulates all matters relating to illegal trail bike riding on roads, parks and other public places. The regulations include unlicensed and unroadworthy trail bikes.

Under the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* the Queensland Police Service also has powers to respond to nuisance complaints concerning noise from trail bike riding on private land. The Police may issue a 24-hour noise abatement notice where noise is found to be excessive.

The Council

Council is responsible for enforcing the provisions of the Town Planning Scheme relating to the establishment and construction of racetracks. Before you carry out such works on your property, you must ensure you comply with the Town Planning Scheme.

It is illegal to ride a trail bike in a park, easement, field or any other public open space. There are various organisations and facilities in and around the greater Brisbane area that cater for trail bike

riding. Please refer to the reverse side of this fact sheet for more information on where you can legally ride.

Nuisances

Trail bikes can be extremely noisy, particularly 2-stroke models. The best way to avoid a complaint being lodged with Council or the Police is to ensure your bike complies with the relevant noise standards.

Trail bikes being ridden on a circuit can cause problems with noise and dust and this can lead to strained relationships with neighbours.

It is important to maintain open communication with your neighbours. If your neighbours feel they can raise an issue with you, they will usually talk to you instead of calling the police. Remember, what you do on your property affects other people, so please be considerate.

Responsibilities

Trail bike riders are responsible for ensuring they comply with the relevant laws. Where a rider is a minor, the responsibility rests with the parent or guardian. To assist you with finding a suitable area to ride your motorcycle legally, a list of contacts is provided on the reverse side of this fact sheet.

Where to ride your trail bike.

Kilcoy MCC Inc.

Kilcoy
Contact: Jeanette Kersnovske
5494 7949
email: kilcoymcc@bigpond.com

Fort Lytton MX Club Inc

Lytton
Contact: Ken Herson
3393 4294

Suncoast Junior Motorcycle Club

Quanda Road – off the Coolum Yandana Road
Coolum Beach
5446 1588
www.suncoastjmc.com.au

Sunshine Coast Motorcycle Club

Conodale
Contact: Peter Bell
5494 7837
email: club@scmcc.org.au
www.scmcc.org.au

Gold Coast MCC (Motocross)

Reedy Creek, Gold Coast
5522 7755

Dalby Moto Trail Rides

www.dalbymoto.com.au
Contact: Craig Hartley
4662 1211

Reliability Trails Club of Brisbane

www.rtcbr.net
email: kent@rtcbr.net
Club organises trail bike rides on several properties in Brisbane.

Tivoli Motocross Raceway

Coal Road, Tivoli
5465 7314

For further information in relation to responsible motorcycle riding and places to ride please contact

Federation of Off Highway Vehicles

www.fohva.org.au

3807 8824

Motorcycling Queensland

3281 2255

www.mqld.org.au

Tread Lightly Australia

1800 650 881

www.treadlightlyaustralia.com.au

Other useful websites

www.dirtbikeworld.net

www.motocross.com.au

www.fullnoise.com.au

www.teammoto.com.au