

The Drop-Off System

The Drop-Off System is designed so a group of riders can make progress safely on an ATV/UTV trail ride without getting split up, lost and most of all, without putting pressure on the less experienced riders.

- There shall be a dedicated Lead Guide and a dedicated Tail Gunner or Drag.

During the ride these two riders do not change position in the group.

- The Lead Guide and the Tail Gunner or Drag will have on safety vests and be able to communicate by radio.
- All other riders within the group will rotate the position accordingly as follows:

When the group approaches a turn or junction, the Lead Guide will point down and indicate to the second rider to pull over safely to the side and stop, blocking the unwanted way. This rider then directs all subsequent riders in the correct direction. Once all but the Tail Gunner has passed them, they then rejoin the group taking up position in front of the Tail Gunner. The Tail Gunner will signal by a wave or blinking headlights to direct the rider back in line.

- This routine is repeated over and over without any of the group stopping.
- The group may be spread over a few miles but still be able to follow the Lead Guide with no problems. Do not worry as the drop-off system works and ensures that no-one is left behind.
- At no time should any rider be ahead of the Lead or drop behind the Drag.
- If a group is especially large there may be a floating Middle Guide to assist in emergencies and help with communications between the Lead Guide and the Drag.

Please have confidence in the system and under no circumstances must you rejoin the group before you see the Tail Gunner or Drag as it will split the group up.