

## **GOLF CARTS, UTILITY VEHICLES (UTV) and ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATV)**

In general, the operation of golf carts, utility vehicles and all-terrain vehicles in Department of Conservation and Recreation state parks and natural area preserves is prohibited by law.

While the use/operation of a golf cart by guests with mobility impairment is allowed on certain trails, as described in the exception below, the use/operation of golf carts on public roads/highways and in other areas of the park is prohibited.

Please review the following sections from the Code of Virginia and the Virginia Administrative Code.

§ 46.2-916.1 Golf cart and utility vehicle operations on public highways not otherwise designated for such operation.

<http://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title46.2/chapter8/section46.2-916.1/>

§ 46.2-916.3. Limitations on golf cart and utility vehicle operations on designated public highways. <http://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title46.2/chapter8/section46.2-916.3/>

4VAC5-30-290. Vehicles; where prohibited.

<http://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title4/agency5/chapter30/section290/>

### **EXCEPTION: AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Part 35 (Title II), a park visitor, with mobility impairment, may use/operate a golf cart (or other designated power driven mobility device) on approved trails. The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is conducting a system wide review to determine which trails are suitable for the use/operation of golf carts under the ADA. Currently New River Trail and High Bridge Trail State Parks are the only parks with trails that have been approved for golf cart use/operation under the ADA. Due to safety and terrain degradation concerns DCR will not have any trails approved as suitable for the use/operation of Utility Vehicles (UTV) or All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV). Please check back frequently to see what new trails have been added, we expect to have the assessment of our entire trail system completed by the end of 2018.