

RIDERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

The following Code of Conduct has been developed for this area. Please observe this for the sake of your safety and the safety of others.

Respect the Car Park:

- ◆ No unnecessary riding in the car park.
- ◆ Keep speed to walking pace (1st gear only)
- ◆ No donuts or roosting
- ◆ Take your rubbish home with you

Respect the Trails:

- ◆ Stick to designated or existing trails
- ◆ Observe any one-way directional signage
- ◆ Don't cut up Junior Trails - take it easy

Respect your fellow riders:

- ◆ Take extreme care where trails cross
- ◆ Always watch for oncoming vehicles
- ◆ Ride slowly and carefully if children or novices are present
- ◆ No alcohol to be consumed within this area
- ◆ Ride at a sensible speed having regard to conditions and other riders in the area.

Respect yourself:

- ◆ Always wear an approved helmet (mandatory)
- ◆ Wear quality protective gear: boots, gloves, goggles, long pants, riding top, body armour
- ◆ Ride well within your own capabilities and those of your bike / quad.

Respect the neighbours:

- ◆ Stay within the gazetted area – in particular stay well away from the railway yards beyond the south west boundary.
- ◆ Don't ride an unregistered bike to and from this area—trailer it instead
- ◆ Keep your bike well muffled at all times. Remember: "Less sound, more ground".

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does my bike have to be registered?

A: Yes. If your bike is not road registered you will need Off Road Vehicle Registration which is available from any DPI Licensing Centre.

Q: Do I need a Drivers' Licence?

A: No. Anyone over 8 years of age is permitted to operate a motor vehicle within a gazetted Off Road Vehicle Area without having to hold a Drivers' Licence.

Q: Am I insured if I have an accident?

A: No. Off Road Vehicle Registration does not include any third party personal or property insurance. You could be liable for injury or damage that you cause to a person or property, as well as your own costs of injury including loss of income. It is strongly recommended that you seek insurance advice and cover (including Ambulance cover) to suit your circumstances.

Q: What are the requirements for safety gear?

A: A helmet, conforming to Australian Standards AS 1698-1980 must be worn at all times. Rangers will take a no-tolerance approach and a \$50 penalty applies. It is strongly recommended that you wear full protective riding gear including boots, gloves, goggles, long pants, riding top and body armour.

Q: Are there any noise limits?

A: Yes. The Off Road Vehicle Act prescribes a maximum permitted noise level, but more importantly, if this area is to continue to be used for riding it makes sense not to annoy surrounding residents. Keep your exhausts standard and there shouldn't be a problem.

Q: What types of vehicles are allowed?

A: Motorcycles and quad bikes of any engine size are allowed. Sorry, no cars or 4WDs allowed beyond the car park.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: You can stay up to date with developments at the area at www.rtra.asn.au/medina

MEDINA OFF ROAD VEHICLE AREA

**RESPECT IT,
ENJOY IT**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

AREA GUIDE AND RIDERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Welcome to the Thomas Rd Medina Off Road Vehicle Area

Trail and quad bike riding is a great way of enjoying the outdoors, getting the adrenaline pumping or just going for a cruise with mates or the family.

The Medina Off Road Vehicle Area is somewhere you can ride legally, even if your bike is not road registered or you don't yet have a drivers' licence.

Follow these simple guidelines and you'll be able to enjoy this area and help demonstrate that Off Road Vehicle Areas can be managed in a sustainable way.

RISK WARNING

Please read this bit, it's very important.

Motorcycle and quad bike riding exposes the rider or spectator to certain risks and dangers.

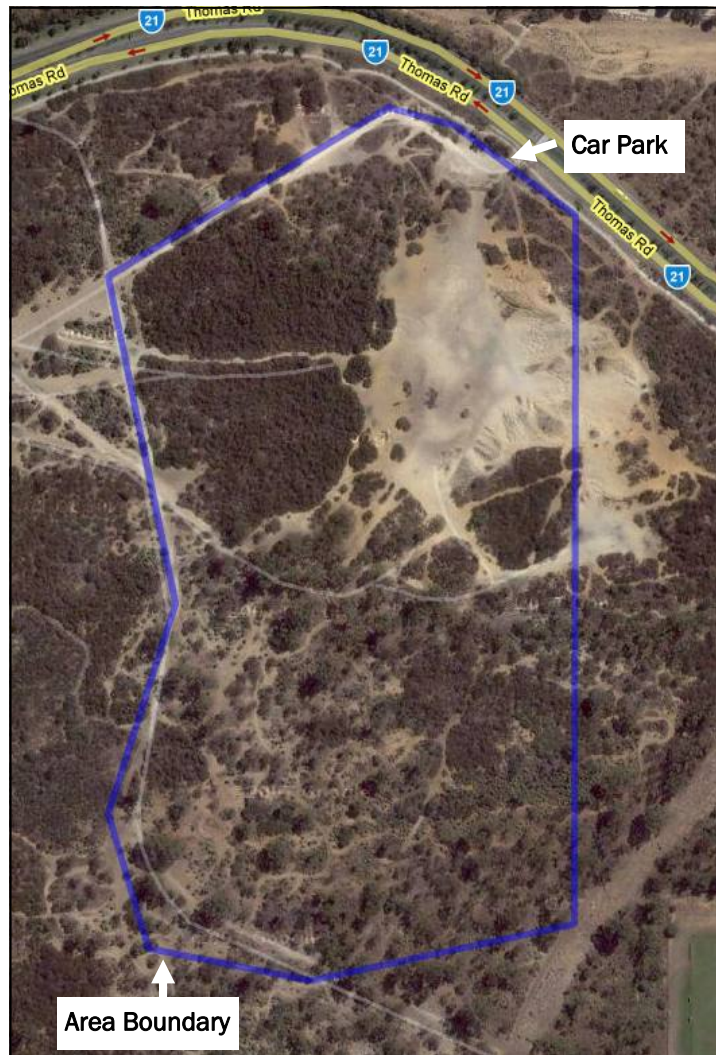
1. You may be injured, physically or mentally, and may even be killed;
2. There may be no or inadequate facilities for treatment or transport if you are injured;
3. Your machinery or equipment may be damaged, lost or destroyed;
4. Other riders may ride dangerously or with a lack of skill, and other vehicles (including 4WDs) may be encountered;
5. Track and trail conditions may be hazardous and may vary without warning or predictability;

As well as these general risks there are specific risks associated with the Medina Off Road Vehicle Area.



- Unmarked trail crossings
- Other vehicles, including 4WDs
- Limestone caprock
- Exposed tree roots
- Oncoming vehicles on trails.

You have the legal right to engage in an activity that has obvious and inherent risks, but if you choose to do so you accept all responsibility for those risks.



Area Boundary

The Medina ORV Area is approximately 25Ha. The area is not fenced, however boundary signs have been erected. Please stay within the designated area.



Designated Trails

The concept of designated one-way trails is being piloted in the area. Trails are marked with directional arrows. It is important that you only travel in the marked direction on these trails.



Area News

After an eighteen month closure, the Medina Off Road Vehicle Area was re-opened on July 1st 2008.

A long term management plan is being prepared for the area, and some interim work has been undertaken to define the area boundaries and erect necessary signage.

Pilot Trails

Rider feedback strongly supports the development of a network of one-way trails throughout the area. This will not only reduce the risk of head-on confrontations, but it will also enable trail rotation so that trails don't degrade too much from over-use and old trails can be rehabilitated.

Two pilot trails have been defined: A small trail marked with red arrows is close to the car park and has been created for junior riders, while a longer trail marked with blue arrows leaves the bowl area to the west.

Feedback on these trails is welcome!

Bowl Circuit

Riders suggested creating a small practice MX circuit in the old limestone quarry 'bowl' area. This has been roughly indicated with tyres, and will be progressively developed with proper road base materials subject to funding and rider input.

The circuit flows in a clockwise direction.

Car Park

The car park has been graded and extended. Please look after it by only riding in it to get to and from the trails, keeping the speed right down and not doing donuts or roosting.

Friends of Medina Group

If you are interested in joining a 'Friends of Medina' group to help look after and improve the area, and to provide assistance and information to new visitors, please see www.rtra.asn.au/medina for details.

Motorcycles & Quads only—sorry, no 4WDs