Enjoy Off-Tarmac Motorcycling?

Lots do, and cause no concern to anyone

Some do, and cause:

- Real concern to people quietly enjoying the beauty of the National Park, some bikes are too noisy and some riders ride too fast for the safety of other equally legitimate users of the tracks;
- Disturbance to livestock and damage to vegetation and soft surfaces;
- Frustration to representatives of motorsport and recreation who are trying to protect everyone’s interests

The North York Moors National Park Authority, the Auto-Cycle Union and the Trail Riders Fellowship want you to be part of the first group and to help reduce the second.

Both organisations are affiliated to LARA, the Motoring Organisations’ Land Access and Recreation Association, www.laragb.org.

In brief, the LARA code says:

- Use only known vehicular rights of way and keep to the defined track
- Travel at a quiet, unobtrusive pace in small groups - say not more than six
- Ensure you and your vehicle are fully road legal - Road tax, MOT, insurance, licence, helmet.

**Just want to ‘play on some lumpy ground’?**

Sorry, but motorcycling on open countryside and forest is not something you should be doing unless the land owner has given specific permission. It is anti-social, illegal, and harmful to legitimate motorsport and recreational activities. Parents, don’t buy your youngster a motorbike unless you know where it can be ridden legally.

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For advice on all sporting matters contact:
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General information on rights of way - Leo Crone on 01325 463815, daytime only 7am to 5pm.

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