

## **Beaver Lodge / Little Pend Oreille Lakes Area**

According to state law, cities larger than 3000 population are not accessible for OHV services. Therefore, until such time as different arrangements can be made, roads in and around the Colville area are not available for OHV travel. In this area then, either trailering in, or riding around the area is the only alternative. Interestingly, on Hwy 20 is located Beaver Lodge, which is a recreational focal point. This is 25 miles northeast of Colville, and is an excellent site for all types of motorized recreation. It is a designated OHV use area, and also a snowmobile zone. Therefore, routes will concentrate on accessing the Beaver Lodge area, focusing on the various routes providing access that direction. DNR lands are more prevalent in this entire region, however, the Colville National Forest predominates the region for recreational opportunities.

**Old Dominion Road (Map page 58).** This gravel road originates at the four corner area in Prouty Corners. It accesses DNR lands and USFS lands, eventually reaching the top of Old Dominion Mountain, giving a great view of the Colville Valley and other areas. It is approximately five miles in length from the 4 corner intersection, with less than 5 vehicles per hour expected. Parking areas are alleged to be difficult to find. Use caution so as not to upset private land owners or other users of the road when parking and unloading your vehicles.

**South Fork Mill Creek (Map pages 87, 73 and 59).** This major gravel road transits the USFS forest region on an east-west axis. It is thirteen miles from its beginning point on Aladdin Road to its terminus at Beaver Lodge. Less than 2 vehicles per hour are expected and the road serves as a jumping off point for access to many forest service roads. It is not designated a primitive road, however, little traffic accesses it. On the west end of this road, some private lands are transited before joining Aladdin Road, a paved road with heavier traffic.

**Middle Fork Mill Creek Road (Map pages 59 and 73).** Moving north from Old Dominion, this gravel road intersects with the South Fork Mill Creek Road. Almost five miles in length, the vehicular traffic is very low. It provides access to forest service roads in the area, allowing for loops and other routes to generate recreational access and experience. Except for one small parcel, the road lies within USFS boundaries. It is a designated primitive road.

**Joe Creek Road (Map page 59).** This short 1.75 mile long primitive road has very little travel with less than 1 vehicle per hour frequenting this road. It accesses forest service roads to the west side of Aladdin Road. 2.1 miles to the south is the South Fork Mill Creek intersection. Aladdin Road is authorized for transit between these two intersections for this two mile segment of paved road.

**Spruce Canyon Road (Map page 72).** This short road provides access to DNR lands to the regions north of Hwy 20. Updated information needed regarding potential parking and camping areas on the DNR lands for OHV users.

**Pend Oreille Lake Road (Map pages 87 and 87A).** OHV users are restricted to Pend Oreille Lake Rd only, to access the ORV area. Use caution transiting the Princess Pine Camp area due to heavy foot traffic, during the camping seasons. Speeds must be held to 5-10 mph. Less than 10 vehicles per hour are expected in this area. It is the residential areas of the lakes, so expect to see walkers, bikers, and other traffic hazards requiring close attention. Speed should be held to a minimum to avoid complaints. The designated LPO ORV #149 route is accessed from Pend Oreille Lake Rd. This lies in the mountain due east of Lake Thomas and is signed. Visit the Beaver Lodge area for directions to other trails and rides to such places as Radar Dome, a former Air Force radar installation, now abandoned. The view is great, and you can expect to share it with others in the area like motorcycles and sport ATV's.

**Sherry Drive and Young Road (Map page 87A).** These short gravel roads access residences located on Lake Sherry and Lake Thomas. Less than 10 vehicles per hour are expected in the area. It is the residential area access zone of the lakes, so expect to see walkers, bikers, and other traffic hazards requiring your undivided close attention. Keep speed to a minimum to avoid disturbing the neighborhood. The designated LPO ORV #149 route is accessed for Pend Oreille Lake Road, just east of Lake Thomas. Signage is present. Visit the Beaver Lodge on Hwy 20 for directions to other trails and rides to such places as Radar Dome, a former Air Force installation, now abandoned. This entire region is a popular OHV riding area, and, unfortunately, parental supervision is often lacking. Help inform enthusiasts in the area to ride legally – wear helmets, driver's license on their person, or be supervised by someone of proper age. Respect the residential area by staying out of their driveways – stay on the access routes to the ORV trails. The area is patrolled by law enforcement, especially on holiday weekends.

**Thomas Mountain Road (Map pages 87 and 87A).** Just north of Beaver Lodge is a short section of primitive gravel road which leads into other USFS roads. It is only accessible from Hwy 20, a state highway from which OHV is prohibited. A roadside trail may exist to access this road; however, it is uncertain as of this printing. Little vehicular activity will be noticed on this road.

**Lakeview Drive, Tamarack Drive and Lake Thomas Drive (Map page 87A).**

These short gravel roads access residences located on the northwest end of Lake Thomas, on the east side of Hwy 20. These are not primary access roads to other routes. Less than 10 vehicles per hour are expected in the area. It is the residential area access zone of the lakes, so expect to see walkers, bikers, and other traffic hazards requiring your undivided close attention. Keep speed to a minimum to avoid disturbing the neighborhood. The designated LPO ORV #149 route is accessed from Pend Oreille Lake Road, just east of Lake Thomas. Signage is present. Visit the Beaver Lodge on Hwy 20 for directions to other trails and rides to such places as Radar Dome, a former Air Force installation, now abandoned. This entire region is a popular OHV riding area, and, unfortunately, parental supervision is often lacking. Help inform enthusiasts in the area to ride legally – wear helmets, driver's license on their person, or be supervised by someone of proper age. Respect the residential area by staying out of their driveways – stay on the access routes to the ORV trails. The area is patrolled by law enforcement, especially on holiday weekends.

**NOTE: Beaver Lodge (Map for Pend Oreille Lakes [Little Pend Oreille Lakes] pages 87 and 87A).** Located at marker 379, this quaint little site hosts a great variety of activities. Abundant trails embark from this site, and a huge OHV parking area is located nearby on South Fork Mill Creek road for unloading and day travels. Camping at Beaver Lodge is reasonable, and year round camping is available. Hiking, biking, cross country skiing, motorcycle trails, ATV trails, all are available. Fuel, food, restaurant, and lodging are available at Beaver Lodge.