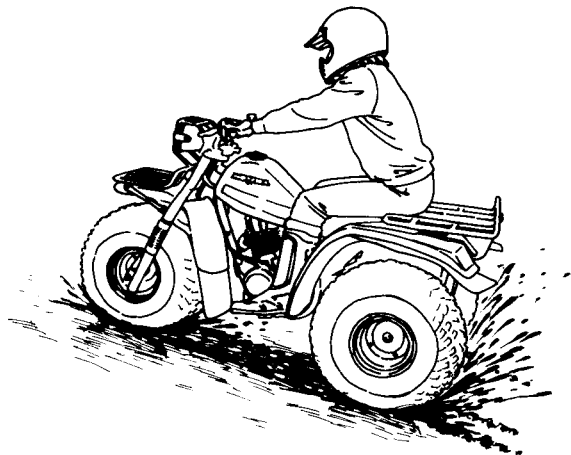


Climbing Hills



Practice climbing on evenly surfaced slopes of less than 20° . The ATC's capability in climbing hills or traversing any specific terrain is dependent upon rider skill. As you gain experience in handling the ATC, and learn the hazards to be encountered and your own limitations, you may then proceed to ride more challenging terrain. However, you must first be able to discern and avoid any hill or hazard that would cause the ATC to overturn.

The riding technique for hill climbing involves transferring your weight toward the front wheel to keep it in contact with the ground. This may be done by leaning forward or, for greater weight transference, by standing on the footpegs and leaning forward.

Take a running start, in the appropriate gear and speed for the ascent, and climb at a steady rate of speed.

WARNING

** Do not change gears or suddenly apply power by operating the throttle while ascending a hill or the front wheel may rise from the ground. If the front wheel lifts, rider control will be lessened and the ATC may overturn backward.*