



ATV ORIENTATION

On the tour we GO, STOP and LOOK. We do not advise doing all of this at the same time. You will find your ATV in single file, in neutral gear, parked and with the parking brake locked. This is how your ATV should be whenever you are ready to go which means that you must leave it like that when you stop.

All of the controls for the ATV are on the right side – right hand brake, right foot brake, right handed accelerator. Your right hand will do everything. Your left hand is only for engaging the parking brake.

GO: **THINK PIG..... P.I.G.**

Squeeze **P**arking brake with your left hand, disengaging the lock. Continue squeezing until ready to depart. Turn the key on and push the **I**gnition with your right hand. Your ATV must be in neutral to start. If it is not in neutral it will not start.

Once the engine is running smoothly, put the ATV into forward **G**ear, apply some pressure to the accelerator as you release the parking brake. You are now moving. Let go of the gas. You are now not moving. The ATVs have tremendous inertia and will not move unless you apply the gas. This is very important as the natural braking of the engine is **IMPORTANT** for you to understand as that is the key to their safe operation in hilly terrain.

We only go forward; we never go in reverse. We are set up to leave when we arrive at any of our stops. Again, we never go in reverse.

STOP: **THINK PIG..... P.I.G.**

As we slow down by removing our thumb from the accelerator and applying pressure to the foot brake or to the hand brake the ATV will stop. At this point, squeeze and lock the **P**arking brake with your left hand, turn the **I**gnition key off and put the ATV in neutral **G**ear with your right hand. You are now assured that the ATV will not roll away or into another machine and that it is ready to start when you leave. To go, read the preceding paragraph again.

LOOK:

Our stopovers are breathtaking. While taking in the sights you must be aware of your step. All of the terrain is natural, irregular, and oftentimes slippery. It is possible to slip unless you have your body weight squarely over your feet. Precautions have been taken to reduce slipping however, the hazard still exists. Sturdy shoes, as recommended, help greatly in this regard. Water slippers, reef shoes are suggested for the folks who care to wade in under the waterfalls as the smooth river rocks are slippery. At the valley lookouts, safe distances from the edge of the valley rim are clearly demarcated. Please respect these boundaries.

TERRAIN:

We travel over plowed and groomed trails through forests of ginger and eucalyptus. Some of the trails are rocky and we will encounter puddles. All of the puddles are shallow and we generally go through the **MIDDLE** of the puddles. We also stay in the middle of the trail as there are oftentimes drop-offs immediately at the edge as this area is a watershed area for Waipi'o Valley. These drop-offs are usually quite shallow but will create difficulty if your tire goes over the edge and we are faced with having to extract it from the depression. So, to repeat, stay in the middle of the trail.