What can be registered as an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)?

The definition of All-Terrain Vehicles is found in state laws [§340.01(2g)]. A vehicle must meet each legal specification in order to be eligible for registration with the Department of Natural Resources.

Definition: All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV):

1. Commercially designed and manufactured [not homemade];
2. Motor-driven device;
3. Travels on three or more tires;
4. Has a weight, without fluids [dry weight], of 900 pounds or less;
5. Has a width of 50 inches or less;
   - Width: measured laterally between the outermost wheel rim on each side of the vehicle, not including tires, mirrors, and accessories that are not essential to the vehicle’s basic operation.
6. Is equipped with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator.
   - Straddled: sit with legs apart; one leg on either side of the seat or motor [similar to riding a horse or bicycle].