

# John Deere Gator XUV 625i 4X4

UTV review

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I have 2011 John Deere XUV625i UTV. It is used as a fire pumper, herbicide sprayer and for various other duties around TNC preserves. It has held up well and I haven't had any major problems with it.

## Pros:

- Well constructed and fairly heavy duty compared to some other sports-based UTV's
- Reliable Kawasaki 625 V twin. Plenty of power for all the jobs of a preserve.
- Radiator seems to stay fairly free of grass seed and debris, a problem our Polaris Rangers had.
- Aggressive tires, do well in mud
- Parking brake is in oil to cool it, and it has an alarm if you try and drive with the brake on. Parking brakes get burned up on many UTV's.
- Good ground clearance.

**Cons:**

- Limited seating in the regular version. 2 with bucket seat, tight 3 with bench seat. They do make a 4 seat version, but it is pretty long.
- With fire pumper in bed, it squats pretty badly in the rear. I added heavy-duty aftermarket rear springs and it fixed this problem.

**Specs:**

- 2011 John Deere UTV 625i XUV
- 617cc Kawasaki 23hp V twin engine. Seems to be plenty of power for preserve jobs.
- 4x4 with locking rear differential
- Top speed 30mph. Plenty fast enough for driving around a preserve.
- 16.4 cu ft bed and 1000# capacity. Just big enough for a fire pumper. Better with aftermarket rear springs.
- Also available in 3 cylinder 50hp and diesel models

**Recommended Accessories:**

- Roof. Keeps sun off of you.
- Half windshield for cold days
- Front mounted winch.