

Shift Lever

The shift lever is used to select the next higher or lower gear in the transmission. To operate, raise the shift lever (after closing the throttle) to engage the next higher gear or depress the shift lever to engage the next lower gear. See *Shifting Gears*, [page 36](#).

Rear Brake Pedal

The rear brake pedal is used to slow or stop your motorcycle. To operate, depress the pedal. For information on braking techniques, see [page 38](#).

Kickstarter

The kickstarter is used to start the engine. To operate, swing the kickstarter out from its stored position and depress it through its entire stroke. See *Starting Procedure*, [page 32](#).

Side Stand

The side stand is used to support your motorcycle while parked ([page 39](#)). To operate, use your foot to lower the stand. Before riding, raise the stand.