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Matt Abbott



Work done on the East side of town replacing culvert. Thanks go out to Vertical Excavation for their help and all the volunteers!



Hello Trailriders,

The time of year our ATV members have been waiting for is finally here! The club has had great support from volunteers at trail parties so thank you! There is always more work to be done but I know we all want to ride too. With that said, this year TTR has a BUSY riding schedule thanks to our Ride Coordinator Mike Little. Our events page on Facebook and website list all the rides.

This year we're riding in town, out of town, out of state, single day trips, and multi day trips! You don't have to be a member to ride with the club so tell your friends if they want to come along on a good group ride they should come with us. All we ask is that you come with a good attitude and follow all state laws/regulations for your safety.

If you want more information than this newsletter, please check out our Facebook page, website, or come to our monthly meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone on the trails!

Ride safe!

Our Social Night is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:00pm ..ish. This Month (JUNE) 8th it will be held at the former President Dan & Linda Parlin's home at 41 Middlesex Road Topsham. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be served with whatever you bring!

Come and enjoy a night on the town with family and friends!

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TTR NEWSLETTER CORNER

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If you didn't get a Newsletter this month you didn't **PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE**. Our membership year expires **April 30th** so please have your annual membership dues paid by then. You can find our new forms (regular and business) on our website under the "Club Documents" section.

The form is fillable and we have a PayPal donation link on our website so you can fill out your form, make your donation, and email the form directly to info@topshamtrailriders.com. We hope this will make it easier for our members.

<https://topshamtrailriders.com/club-documents>

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This Month I've included several images of the Trail crews working plus events to fix many hot spots on our trails!

Thanks All!

EVENTS

ATV'ING/SNOWMOBILING ADVENTURES THIS YEAR

May 31st - Memorial Parade

May 31st - TTR Regular meeting at 6:30pm and Board meeting at 6pm —at the Topsham Fairground Exhibition Hall.

June 1st - Over the Hill Meeting at MidCoast Pizza, Bath at 6:30pm

June 8th- Social Night – 41 BBQ Pot Luck at 41 Middlesex road, Dan & Linda Parlin's home

June 18th - Tara Crossman Benefit ride

June 27th - TTR Regular meeting at 6:30pm and Board meeting at 6pm —at the Topsham Fairground Exhibition Hall.

Mike Little our Trail Ride coordinator is posting on our Facebook page our next rides Drive safely when the trails open.

Trails on the East side of town are open for the season. The west side of town will hopefully be open for Memorial Day.



TTR BENEFIT RIDE FOR TARA

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SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022 AT 11 AM

TTR's Benefit Ride for Tara Crossman

The Crew working on the East Side trail system this past month! Thanks to all these Volunteers and the Machine operators especially!



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Operating an ATV in wetlands, marshes, rivers, and streams is illegal in Maine.

Please stay off the trails during and just after heavy rains. This cuts down on the damage that has cost our club a lot of time and money to keep the Land Owners happy. Please ride safe out there on or off our trails, fun is to be had without getting hurt. Enjoy the ride this summer and always respect the land to which you ride on and the landowners which allow us to ride.

Please stay on established trails if not we could lose the use of the trails all together. Please use Marked Bridges to cross WET, STREAM or Marsh areas on the trails. Failure to do so will result in sections of the trail being CLOSED permanently by landowners.

The Trails are going to need a lot of work in order to prepare them for the opening of the season this year. We will start doing trail work on the weekends weather permitting. All are welcome and encouraged to help the trail maintenance crew prep for opening day. We will have some working weekends over the next month so if you can spare some time, please give us a call.

THINK AND DRIVE

1. Make sure your registration is up to date. Properly attach your Registration stickers.
2. Check your helmet. Invest in a new one if it's damaged by any dents or cracks.
3. Give your ATV a twice-over. Check that all equipment, including brakes, lights, engine, and tires are in good condition and functioning properly.
4. Familiarize yourself with local regulations and bylaws regarding ATV usage.

5. Get your emergency kit ready to go, including any or all of the following: blanket, snacks/food, waterproof matches, a whistle, insect repellent and sunblock, a flashlight, spare fuel, tea or coffee, water/water purification tablets, duct tape, signal mirror, tool kit, first aid supplies, rope, flares, spare keys, a sharp knife, and/or compass.

6. If your children want to ride, ensure they have completed the ATV safety course. If you haven't ridden before or could just use a re-fresher, do the same. Don't let your children use adult-sized ATVs.

7. Consider taking a first aid course. It doesn't hurt to be prepared.
8. Get yourself in the mindset for a great riding season. Have fun!

Golden Rules for Safe ATV Operation

1. Always wear a helmet and other protective gear.
2. Never ride on public roads – another vehicle could hit you.
3. Never ride under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
4. Never carry a passenger on a single-rider vehicle.
5. Ride an ATV that's right for your age. The CPSC age/size guidelines are:

Age 6 and older	Under 70cc
Age 12 and older	70cc – 90cc
Age 16 and older	Over 90cc

6. Supervise riders younger than 16; ATVs are not toys.
7. Ride only on designated trails and at a safe speed.

8. Take an ATV Rider Course; to enroll call toll free (800) 887-2887.

Permission required. A person may not operate an ATV on the land of another without the permission of the landowner or lessee. Permission is presumed on designated state approved ATV trails or in areas open to ATVs by landowner policy. A landowner may limit the use of a designated state-approved ATV trail on that landowner's property through agreements with the State or an ATV club to address environmental, public safety or management concerns. Written permission of the landowner or lessee is required on cropland or pastureland or in an orchard. As used in this subsection, "cropland" means acreage in tillage rotation, land being cropped and land in bush fruits, and "pastureland" means acreage devoted to the production of forage plants used for animal production.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN, TIME TO REGISTER YOUR MACHINES.

The registration number in the form of stickers issued by the commissioner must be clearly displayed on the front and rear of the vehicle. A registration is valid for one year commencing July 1st of each year, except that any registration issued prior to July 1st but after May 1st is valid from the date of issuance until June 30th of the following year. A person may not operate an ATV that is required to be registered under this section unless registration numbers are displayed in these spaces or as otherwise required by the department.

Dirt bikes and UTV's over 65" wide are not allowed on CMP Property period. This is a CMP rule that the club has no control over. The following trails are on CMP property #1B, RACE TRACK, #1C, and #4 from RT.196 to RT.24. Any dirt bike or UTV over 65" caught on these trails will be charged with criminal trespass.

Landowners have the right to stipulate what can and cannot be operated on the trails that use their property. If these stipulations are not followed the club will lose the use of that land owners property. Individuals damaging or abusing their property will result in the loss of all trails for everyone.

The Speed limit is 5 MPH on the Trail behind Noria shell, this is to help the trail stabilize due to soft soil.

The Speed limit is 15 MPH in the power line behind the shop on rte. 196, if this speed limit is not followed the trail will be closed permanently.

The Speed limit in residential areas like Bay Park and Topsham Crossing is 15MPH to help keep dust and noise to a minimum. All ATV trails are operated on privately owned land, individuals damaging or abusing their property will result in the loss of all ATV trails for everyone.
TRUCKS AND CARS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ATV/SNOWMOBILE TRAILS IN THE STATE OF MAINE WITHOUT LAND OWNER PERMISSION.

RESPECT LANDOWNER'S - STAY ON MARKED TRAILS AND ONLY MARKED TRAILS AND OBEY ALL POSTED SIGNS. USE IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT.

RIDE AT OWN RISK.

While riding please wear proper protective equipment and keep speeds at a safe level. Ride Smart, Ride Safe, Ride Sober. Again, if you're out on the trail please bring a pair of clippers or even a small saw to help cut back the new growth from the trail. Every snip helps.



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The Board of Directors meet on the Last Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Topsham Fair Grounds

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This month at the Topsham Fairgrounds Exhibition hall, Elm Street Topsham at 6:30pm