

# TOPSHAM TRAILRIDERS NEWSLETTER

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Our Social night is December 14th at 6 pm and is being held at the Topsham Fairground Café for the 15th year! During this social we will be holding our annual Christmas Yankee Swap (\$20 Limit). Come and enjoy a night on the town with family and friends.



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**Notes from our President - Jenny Little**

Hello Trailriders,

I hope everyone had an amazing Thanksgiving holiday! It's hard to believe we are entering into the last month of 2022!

As always, we continue to explore ways to improve and/or expand our current trail system. We recently attended the Town of Topsham Selectmen's Board Meeting to discuss our proposal of an ATV Access Route to be granted from our trail system to Rusty's using Tedford Road. This enhancement would add access to both fuel and not to mention good food. We hope to have an official update on this very soon so stay tuned!

The Topsham Trailriders would like to take the opportunity to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you on the trails!



Despite having to make a last minute location change for November's social it still turned out to be a great night! We cannot thank Pat's Pizza in Brunswick enough for immediately accommodating all of us! We enjoyed both our company and our food!

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EVENTS

ATV'ING/SNOWMOBILING  
ADVENTURES

Dec 10th—TTR Spreads Christmas Cheer in Downtown Bath

Dec 4th Snowmobile inspection see FB for Information!

Dec 14th – Our Social Night is December 14th at 6pm and being held at the Topsham Fairground Café

Jan 30th - TTR monthly meeting at 6:30pm and Board meeting at 6pm —*This month it's at the St John's Church basement, Pleasant Street in Brunswick at 6:30pm*

Mike Little our Ride Coordinator is posting on our Facebook page our next rides.

DRIVE SAFELY ON TRAILS



Ride Coordinator Notes

Great news! The 2023 ride calendar is complete! I pooled together all of your feedback and used it to help create the calendar. I really think a lot of folks will be very pleased and as always all are welcomed to ride with Topsham Trailriders. If you would like to help during one of these events please feel free and contact myself, Michael Little, Ride Coordinator, for Topsham Trailriders at 207-522-3780



Several members helped to repair the club's storage tent on Thanksgiving morning. During this work party some of the members were given their \$200 Trail Work Gift Certificates from Central Maine Powersports who is a TTR business sponsor!



October 30th marked the official end of the 2022 ATV riding season for Topsham Trailriders. We held our annual food drive event and our neighbors Bowdoin Outdoor Explorers were gracious enough to let us use their trail system. We appreciate it and had a great time on their trail system. We collected over 130 pounds in food and donated over \$300 to the local food bank. We would like to thank Tristan Graviett and his wife for leading around during this event! You both did an outstanding job!



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The trails on our East side are very wet and soft so exercise caution while riding.

Well fall is almost over, and the leaves are gone, the weather has turned cold, ATV season is coming to a close and it's time to start prepping for snowmobile season so get your riding in now before Mother Nature blankets us in white and its SNOWMOBILE season again.

Hunting season is in full swing so remember to **stay alert and wear orange when in the woods**. Please leave all hunting setups alone as they are on private property and may belong to the landowner.

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 Landowners happy. Please ride safe out there on or off our trails, fun is to be had without getting hurt. Enjoy the ride this fall and always respect the land to which you ride on and the landowners which allow us to ride.

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

**Permission required.** A person may not operate an ATV on the land of another without the written 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.

**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 landowner's 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.**

**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!

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 LANDOWNER 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 summer. Every snip helps.

**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.



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**The Board of Directors meet on the Last Monday of each month at 6:00 PM See our Facebook Page for Location!**

**\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\***

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**Our December monthly meeting and Christmas Party will be held on December 14th at 6 pm at the Topsham Fairground Café located in the Topsham Fair Mall!**