

ATV Minnesota
"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"
May 3, 2021
Newsletter

*Over 400 new members this year!
Welcome!*

**ATV Clubs Dedicated
To Certifying Young Riders,
Meeting High Demand Due To COVID**



Hundreds of young riders are getting their ATV Certification, thanks to the dedication and hard work of ATV clubs across the state. Riders age 12-15 will be some of safest on the trails now and in the future. Year after year, the success of the DNR ATV Safety Training program is crystal clear. The vast majority of accidents that result in fatalities fall outside the range of riders who need ATV Certification to legally ride on Minnesota's great State ATV Trails (most fatalities are younger than 12 and older than 34).



Here are a few recent photos of the 80+ classes organized by ATV clubs this year, and taught by club volunteers, DNR Conservation Officers and County Sheriff's Deputies.

Top: Over The Hills Gang. Above: CC Riders. Left: DNR CO Mitch Lawler honors Earl Anderson for 40 Years of volunteering as a safety instructor at a Runestone Off-road ATV Riders class. Below: instructors, lineup at ROAR class.

ROAR class.





**ATV Clubs
Prepare For
A
Busy
Summer
Across
Minnesota, in
addition to
safety training,**

ATV clubs are holding meetings and club rides, building and maintaining trails, cleaning highways, volunteering on county Search & Rescue ATV Teams (photo), organizing charity rides and veterans rides and more. Seventy ATV clubs work hard for their members and the riding public.

Save The Dates!

Details for events below are on club websites or Facebook pages. Send us your club rides and events to be listed here.

Reaching Out To New Members With A Fresh ATV Minnesota Ad



ATV MINNESOTA
YOUR VOICE FOR ATV RECREATION IN MINNESOTA

Representing 70 ATV clubs that build and maintain our trail system.

\$20 MEMBERSHIP

Membership includes subscription to Minnesota Wheelin magazine.

Join today at atvam.org or call 800-442-8826.

SCAN ME

FOR MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

QR code to scan for membership details.

Over 400 new members joined ATV Minnesota in the first four months of 2021, in large part because of our new magazine.

To keep that momentum going and reach out to the riding public, we worked with Pro Print, our new publishing partner, to create a new website and Facebook page focused on the magazine, and a new ad (above). Watch for it in the new Explore Minnesota off-road tourism magazine, inserted in the July/August issue of Minnesota Wheelin and distributed far and wide by Explore Minnesota.

Volunteers Wanted For Two Big Events



May 22 - ATVMN "Ride & Roast"
This fun annual event is at McQuoid's Inn, Isle, Minnesota. It starts with a pancake breakfast by the Isle Fire Department, followed by guided rides at 10am, with a trail-side box lunch on the Red Top, Foxy Loop and Solana trail systems. A hog and turkey roast dinner rounds out the day. All for just \$20 a rider (children 10 and under free). Register at atvam.org. McQuoid's Inn is located at 1325 State Hwy 47, Isle, 320-676-3535. Rooms are sold out for this event. More lodging and camping options are listed on the Isle Chamber of Commerce website.

May 8 - Roseau/LOW Sportsman Club - Fish Fry & Membership Drive, 4-8pm. Details on club Facebook page.

May 8 - Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club - Spring Meeting & Club Ride, 9 am Hackensack Theater parking lot. Ride to Whipholt Beach.
See club website for more details.

At ERX Motor Park

Sign up to volunteer at one or both.



OffRoad Rally June 9-13

High Lifter has moved to ERX, with a sled pull, obstacle course, SxS short course...and more.

ERX needs time slots filled during all days. They are available for "Help Set Up Grounds" Monday and Tuesday (June 7, 8), "Crowd Monitoring" Wednesday through Saturday (June 9-12, a variety of assignments as needed), and "Clean Up and Teardown" Sunday (June 13).

Sign up as a family or with other members of your ATV club! See how to reserve your shifts today at ATVAM.org, and plan to bring your ATV. Get free entrance, a meal during your shift, a T-shirt designating you as a volunteer and free camping (one night per shift you assist).

Event 1: High Lifter

May 12 - Central Lakes ATV Club - Club Ride

6 pm at Fort Ripley Trail.
May 22 - 10 am at Miller Black Bear Trail. See Facebook page for all 2021 club rides.

May 21 - South Metro ATV Club - Spring Ride, 10 am at Pine Center Trails. See club website for details.

May 22 - Carlton County Riders - Vintage Ride, 10 am at Docs Bar & Grill, Sturgeon Lake.

June 19 - 5th Annual Pig Roast, 3pm, Nemadji State Forest. Details for both on club Facebook page.

May 22 - Rapids Riders ATV Club Spring Ride & Membership Drive, UPM-Blandin Trail. Groups leaving every 30 minutes starting at 9am. See Facebook page for details.

May 22 - Lake Country ATV Riders - Spring Ride at Spider Lake Trails. See Facebook page for details.

May 22 - Northern Traxx ATV Club - Spring Ride on Chisholm Trail. See Facebook page for details.

June 9-13 - ERX High Lifter OffRoad Rally

July 7-10 - ERX Off-Road National ATVMN members are invited to help at both events; a fun ATV Minnesota fundraiser. Details at atvam.org.

June 19 - Over The Hills Gang ATV Club - Annual Pork-N-Ride, Log Cabin Bar, Emily. 8 guided rides, BBQ, raffles. Details on Facebook.



EVENT 2: ERX OFF-ROAD NATIONAL JULY 9-10, 2021

Again this year, ATVMN is partnering with ERX Motor Park for the ERX Off-Road National, July 9-10. ATVMN members will be invited to assist, and given free passes, camping and more.

More details and a sign-up calendar coming soon at atvam.org.
Learn more about both events at erxmotorpark.com

SAFETY FIRST: ALWAYS YIELD TO HORSES

A reminder as summer riding kicks off: Wherever you ride your ATV, dirt bike or off-road truck, always yield to riders on horseback. Stop at a distance, shut off the engine and take off your helmet so the horse knows what you are. Visit with the rider, and wait until they safely pass before firing up your engine.

There are some sad stories of ATV/horse encounters, especially in Montana and other mountain states where a lot of the trails are multi-use. Have fun! Ride safe!

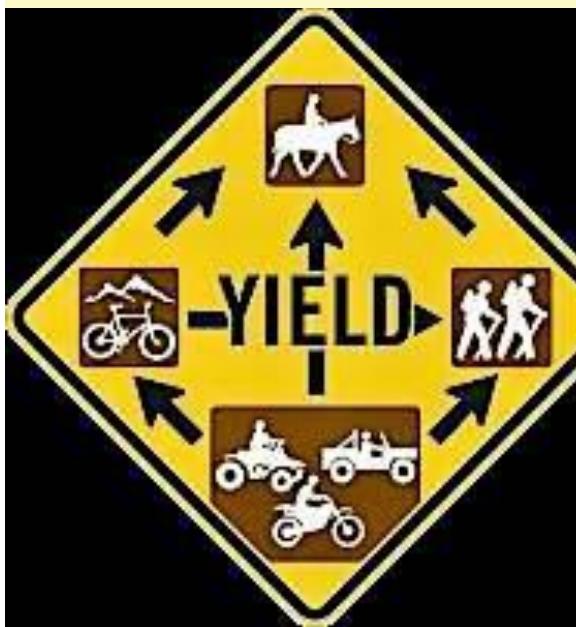
June 26 - White Pine Riders - 12th Annual Fun Run & Raffle, Denham Run Bar & Grill, Sturgeon Lake. See Facebook page for details.

June 26-27 - Minnesota ATV Riders - "Ride The Shore", 10 am, Silver Bay. Details on Facebook page.

September 17-19 - ATV Minnesota State Convention. This year our "Ride & Rally" returns to the Ely area with a fun 3-day schedule, guided rides, our banquet, raffles and the ATV Big Air Tour. It's hosted again this year by the Prospector ATV Club. Details, sponsorship opportunities, and registration now open at atvam.org.



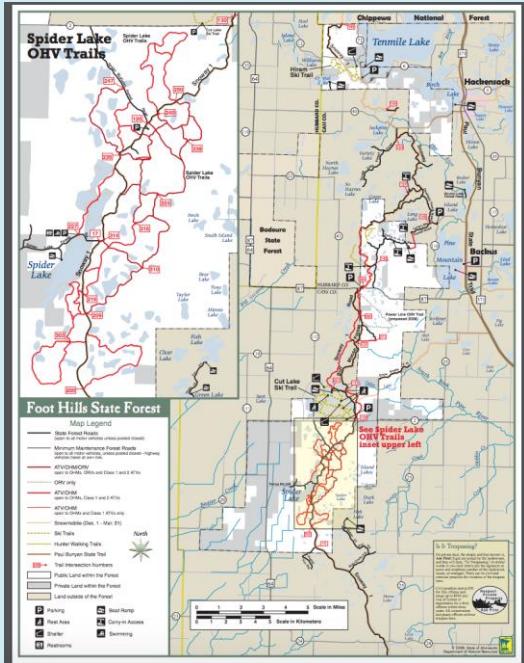
Did You "Like" Our New Facebook Page?



In addition to our new, printed magazine Minnesota Wheelin, you'll find even more news and information on ATV-ing in Minnesota at the website MinnesotaWheelin.org and on our new Minnesota Wheelin Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MNwheelin>



Reminder to take survey:
**How Can The Spider Lake
and Foot Hills Trails Be Improved?
Comment Today On A 3-Question Survey
(Link at bottom of article)**



The Minnesota DNR invites public comments, announces April 26th meeting on recreational trail revisions within the Foot Hills State Forest.

The DNR encourages people to learn about and comment on potential trail revisions within the Foot Hills State Forest in Cass County during an online public meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 26. Comments and ideas may also be submitted by 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 14.

As part of its Minnesota State Forest Trail Revision project, the DNR is considering a number of measures to improve trail sustainability and enhance user experience for both motorized and

non-motorized uses within the Foot Hills State Forest. Potential measures include adding connections to facilities and amenities, adding new trails, and rerouting or closing unsustainable trails.

The Foot Hills State Forest is popular among off-highway vehicle users, hunters and cross-country skiers. Existing trail opportunities include the 26-mile Spider Lake OHV Trail System and 25 kilometers of cross-country ski trails. The potential revisions do not involve changes to forest-wide motor vehicle use classifications, other state forest recreation facilities like campgrounds or day-use areas, or state corridor trails specifically authorized in statute.

During the April 26 public meeting, DNR Parks and Trails staff will present a summary of the project, answer questions and take written and oral comments. Meeting participants are encouraged to use the comment form (link below).

Visit the Minnesota State Forest Trail Revision Project webpage for links to information on the project and meeting details. Meeting attendees are encouraged to submit questions in advance by emailing foresttrailplanning.dnr@state.mn.us.

For those who cannot attend the meeting, comments and ideas can be submitted via fax to 651-297-1157, by email via the online comment form or by mail to: Joe Unger, Parks and Trails Division, Minnesota DNR, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4039. For more information, contact Dave Schotzko

(david.schotzko@state.mn.us), area supervisor, Parks and Trails Division, 218-308-2367, or visit the Minnesota State Forest Trail Revisions Project web page. People who require a special accommodations to attend the meeting should contact Joe Unger by April 21- joe.unger@state.mn.us .

Link to the 3-question survey:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RrAU68QkGUWPJricIVmCjF7evxRKA_FKoBdGep5LYVUNTdYRVJSMEIzVVdaMkVBSlJTUIRBRklQWS4u

From the ATVMN Communications Team:

- Send your comments, club news, photos and article ideas to: d.halsey@atvam.org
- Forward this email newsletter to club partners and business sponsors if they aren't ATVMN members already.
- All members should receive this newsletter and Minnesota Wheelin magazine. Let us know if you're not. Please note: ATVAM is also referred to as ATV Minnesota.
- Send member renewals to: ATVAM, PO Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079. E-newsletters are now archived on atvam.org to refer back to on topics.



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Ride"*

Dedicated Volunteers
Building Fun &
Sustainable
ATV Trails
For The Riding Public

<<White Pine Riders ATV Safety Training Class

Invite friends and family to join today. Gift memberships available!
See the mailing label on your Minnesota Wheelin magazine for the renewal date of your membership. Be sure to include your email address on the renewal form to receive newsletters. And send renewals to ATVMN's mailing address: PO Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079.

Belonging to ATV Minnesota, you join thousands of riders throughout the state, have fun, and help create a positive future of ATV riding in Minnesota.

As a family or individual member for just \$20 you receive:

- A subscription to Minnesota Wheelin magazine (6 issues per year)
- Twice-monthly newsletter by email with the latest news and information
- Membership card and bumper sticker
- Invitation to events, including our Legislative Summit in winter, Vision Meeting and Ride & Roast in the spring, and State Convention "Ride & Rally" in the fall, as well as general membership meetings
- Discounts with many of our business members
- A full-time lobbyist at the State Capitol, helping create pro-ATV legislation, and moving forward important bills that help provide funding for new trail systems

As a business member, for \$75 you receive:

All of the above, plus:

- Your business name, address, phone number, email address and website listed in Minnesota Wheelin magazine and on the ATV Minnesota website
- Discounts on advertising in Minnesota Wheelin
- Opportunities to reach more customers by sponsoring or donating to our events
- An official ATV Minnesota membership certificate for display in your business

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