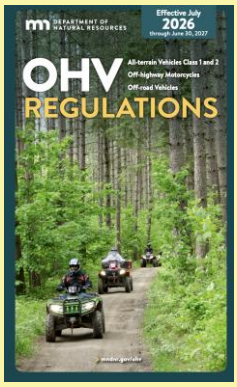


ATV Minnesota

"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"

Member Newsletter

November 6, 2026



Reminder: Deer Hunting Season Opens Saturday, November 7th.

All State OHV Trails are closed during deer season. Season dates vary by region, and include muzzleloader season. ATV use while deer hunting has time-of-day and other restrictions.

State Forest roads remain open to ATV use. Recreational riders are encouraged to wear blaze orange for added safety. See the MN DNR ATV or hunting regulations online for more details.



Registration Now Open!

ATV MN Legislative Summit
December 5th in Wahkon

The legislative landscape in Minnesota dramatically changed after this week's election.

Jeff Anderson, ATV MN lobbyist, will be giving an informative update at the Summit. Be sure you're there to hear it, and work with the statewide board of ATV clubs to form an action plan for our 2027 legislative initiatives.

Club presidents and representatives: watch for the meeting agenda and resolution forms, being sent to all clubs this week.

(Please note: a November 4th newsletter included a helpful, post-election report from Jeff. For some reason, on some smartphones the copy was all squeezed together. If you had trouble reading the report, please try again on a computer.)



An important meeting, in preparation for the 2027 Legislative Session

Plan now for your ATV club to be represented at this important meeting, in preparation for the 2027 Legislative Session, which begins January 12, 2027.

When: December 5, 2026, from 8 a.m. to noon

Where: The meeting room in the Tulibee Tavern, 235 Main Street, Wahkon, MN 56342 (320-495-3318)

Why attend? It's your ATV club's opportunity to help give ATV Minnesota and its lobbyist direction and priority on what Legislative issues and policies will be pursued during the 2027 Legislative Session. All ATV MN member clubs are encouraged to send representatives. **Our objective this year is to have clear**

and concise legislative objectives, and an action plan that we can all rally around to get it accomplished.

Registration is required, use this link to register: **https://membership.atvmn.org/summit/**. A $20 fee per person covers morning snacks, coffee, juice, water, lunch, and printed handout materials.

Pre-Summit meetings to streamline the meeting - The ATV MN executive board and regional directors are working to discuss the key agenda topics prior to the Summit, to streamline the meeting, including further discussion on the ATV definition, and a discussion on creating new revenue streams for Grant-in-Aid.

Thanks to Robb Dubbs, owner of Tulibee Tavern — an ATV MN business member — for providing the meeting room at no cost. Rob is an active member of ATV MN, and president of the Mille Lacs Drift Skippers Snowmobile and ATV Club. His club maintains trail sections on the South Soo Line, Foxy Loop, and Red Top trails. The location of this meeting will be in Mille Lacs County and in the ATV MN Central Region.

The future of ATV riding in Minnesota starts at the Legislative Summit. We hope to see you there!



Announcing!

Save The Dates For ATV MN 2027 Rides

May 22, 2027

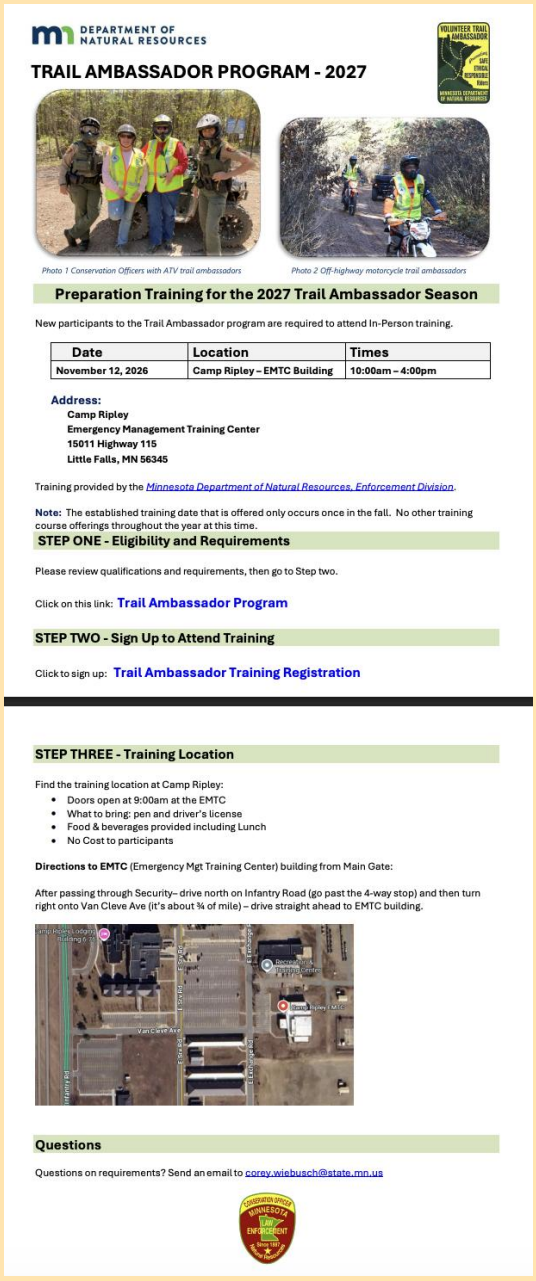
ATV MN RIDE & ROAST IN HILL CITY

Hosted by the North Woods Quads, Hill City, with assistance from the Northwoods Regional Trail Alliance. This year, held at Trails Inn Quadna Mountain Motel & RV Park, Hill City. More details and online registration coming soon. *Flyer by Dean Schliek. Please copy and post it on your club's newsletter or Facebook page.*

September 17-19, 2027

ATV MN RIDE & RALLY IN AITKIN

The 2027 ATV Minnesota State Convention/Ride & Rally will be in Aitkin, MN, hosted by the Northwoods Regional ATV Trail Alliance. Six of its 13 member clubs have organized and hosted Ride & Rally in the past. The NWRATA has received support and approval from Aitkin County, the City of Aitkin, and from the Aitkin County Fairgrounds, which has buildings to host rider registrations and the Saturday evening banquet, plus rest rooms, parking and on-site camping. More details coming soon.



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

TRAIL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM - 2027

Photo 1 Conservation Officers with ATV trail ambassadors

Photo 2 Off-highway motorcycle trail ambassadors

Preparation Training for the 2027 Trail Ambassador Season

New participants to the Trail Ambassador program are required to attend In-Person training.

Date	Location	Times
November 12, 2026	Camp Ripley – EMTC Building	10:00am – 4:00pm

Address:
Camp Ripley
Emergency Management Training Center
15011 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN 56345

Training provided by the *Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Enforcement Division*.

Note: The established training date that is offered only occurs once in the fall. No other training course offerings throughout the year at this time.

STEP ONE - Eligibility and Requirements

Please review qualifications and requirements, then go to Step two.

Click on this link: **Trail Ambassador Program**

STEP TWO - Sign Up to Attend Training

Click to sign up: **Trail Ambassador Training Registration**

STEP THREE - Training Location

Find the training location at Camp Ripley:

- Doors open at 9:00am at the EMTC
- What to bring: pen and driver's license
- Food & beverages provided including Lunch
- No Cost to participants

Directions to EMTC (Emergency Mgt Training Center) building from Main Gate:

After passing through Security– drive north on Infantry Road (go past the 4-way stop) and then turn right onto Van Cleve Ave (it's about ¾ of mile) – drive straight ahead to EMTC building.

Questions

Questions on requirements? Send an email to corey.wiebusch@state.mn.us

Trail Ambassador Training: November 12 and January 9, 2027.

Safety Instructor Training Dec 5th.

(From the DNR, please share with your ATV club's members)

To: Grant Managers,

Attached is the 2027 Season Announcement for our upcoming Trail Ambassador training.

Training date is November 12, 2026 (10am-4pm) at Camp Ripley – EMTC Building.

This training is for any new volunteers that would like to participate in the 2027 TA Grant Program.

(Another TA training course is scheduled for January 9, 2027. There is also a class to be a Certified Volunteer ATV Instructor on December 5, 2026.)

To register for these classes, tap this link:

https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/training.html

For more information:

Veronica Schilling

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Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

The Safety Training Office

15011 Hwy 115 – Camp Ripley (2-202)

Little Falls, MN 56345

Phone: 320-412-1175

Email: veronica.schilling@state.mn.us



Bob Meier Retiring From Minnesota DNR

Bob Meier, the Minnesota DNR's longtime lead legislative liaison, will step down as assistant DNR commissioner November 11. On November 12, he'll begin work as executive director for government relations at Minnesota State, the state system of colleges and universities.

Meier has been a familiar face at the State Capitol going back to 1990 when he began as an intern in the office for then-State Sen. Bob Lessard. Over the years, he has worked closely with ATV Minnesota on a wide variety of ATV legislation. "Bob was someone you could call if you had a question or needed to know what the DNR's position was," said Ron Potter, ATV MN State Director and former ATV MN president. "He was always honest and didn't always tell you what you wanted to hear, which was always appreciated. He leaves some big shoes to fill and will certainly be missed by ATV Minnesota."

Thanks Bob, for your cooperation and assistance, working on behalf of motorized recreation in Minnesota. All the best in the next chapter of your career. *Photo by ATV MN lobbyist Jeff Anderson, taken at the ATV MN Ride & Rally in Park Rapids in September.*











A Few More Photos Of Myles Hogenson, Trail Administrator for Roseau & LOW Sportsmans Club

In the November/December edition of our Minnesota Wheelin magazine, we featured Myles Hogenson in the Wheelin Spotlight column. We only had room for a couple photos, so we are sharing a few more of Myles, as he has been working to advance ATV and snowmobile trails in northwest Minnesota for many decades. Building new trails, restrooms and trailheads, working with state representatives, the DNR, county and state land managers, the Beltrami Historical Society and many others, as well teaching youth at ATV Safety classes, and much more. Thanks Myles for everything you do!







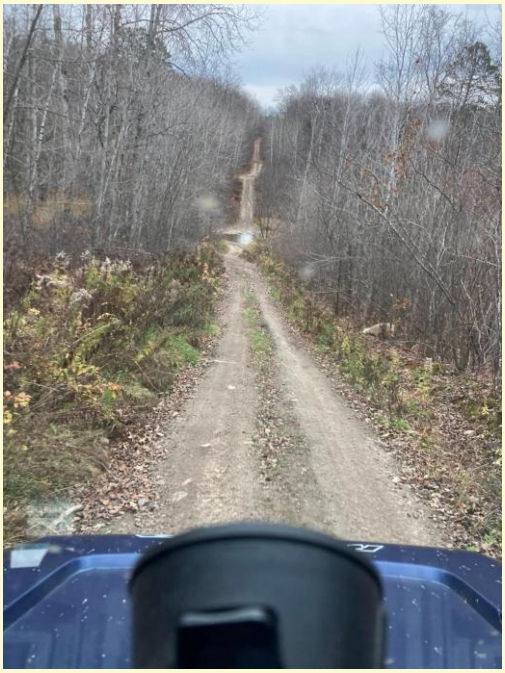


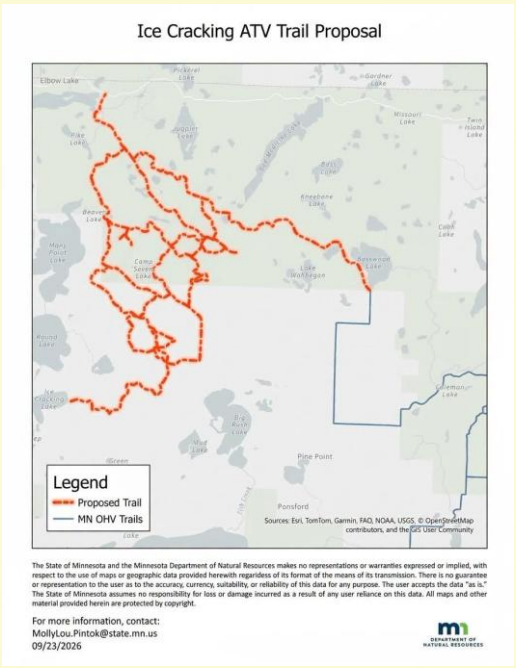
A New Day Camp In Honor Of Daniel Williams

Congratulations to the Carlton County Riders on a successful Halloween FUNdraiser ride, held on October 24th. During the ride, everyone stopped to see the new Daniel Williams Day Camp area, created to honor Daniel for over 30 years of dedication and volunteer work. "Daniel is always a show-up kinda guy to all of our events and ATV MN activities and rides," said Eric Senarighi, CCR president. Deaf since birth, Daniel shows up at many club rides and work days out on trails, always with a smile and a big hug for everyone. He also shares many photos he takes at club and ATV MN events on social media. Thanks Daniel for all you do! *Photos from Facebook posts.*

See the CCR Facebook page for more photos. Here is a link to TV news coverage of the event, with Eric giving an on-camera interview in a unique and tasty costume!

https://www.northernnewsnow.com/.../carlton-county.../





Reminder: Deadline is November 13th

To Comment On The Ice Cracking Trail Proposal.

(From a DNR press release. Please share with your ATV club members and comment in favor to the email address listed below, with specific details on what this trail brings to riding opportunities in the area…thanks!)

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is accepting public comments on a proposed off-highway vehicle trail in Becker County submitted through the state's grant-in-aid program. The OHV grant-in-aid program is a cost-share partnership between the DNR, a local government sponsor and a local club. The program funds the development and maintenance of trails for all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles and off-road vehicles.

Ice Cracking ATV Trail proposal: The Woods and Wheels ATV Club, with Becker County serving as the local government sponsor, is proposing to enroll approximately 57 miles of existing roads and trails in the GIA program. No new trail construction is proposed. Enrollment in the GIA program would provide funding to maintain the existing trail system. The proposed route would provide

a connection from Two Inlets State Forest east toward White Earth State Forest, connecting to a broader network of OHV trails. The DNR will accept written comments on the proposal through 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13, 2026.
Comments may be submitted:

Via email to OHV.Planning.DNR@state.mn.us (please indicate the name of the proposed trail being commented on in the subject line and email body)

Via mail to Molly Lou Pintok, principal planner, Minnesota DNR, Parks and Trails Division, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155

A map of the proposed trail segments is available on the DNR's OHV trail plans and proposals webpage, at: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/mgmtplans/ohv/plans/plans.html.

For more information, call Molly Lou Pintok, 651-259-5095



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-Twice-monthly newsletter by email with the latest news.

-Membership card and ATV MN logo sticker for your ATV.

-Invitations to events, including our Legislative Summit, Vision Conference, "Ride & Roast" in spring, and State Convention "Ride & Rally" in the fall, as well as membership meetings.

-A full-time lobbyist at the State Capitol, helping create pro-ATV legislation, and moving forward bills to provide funding for new trail systems.

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