

ATV MAINE NEWS

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Maine All-Terrain Trail System

NEW ATV TRAIL MAP IN MAINE

In 2014, Last Frontier Riders in Bowerbank, ME provided an article about opening a new trail called Sonny's Loop which ATV Maine published and we saw an immediate increase in ATV riding on this trail.

For 2015, we teamed up with two other clubs and funded the professional publication of a trail map covering ten townships.

A new comprehensive and detailed ATV Trail Map has been created that covers ten townships in mid-Northern Maine. The map is in full color, folded and waterproof. Bodfish Riders, K.I. Riders and Last Frontier Riders teamed up to fund and create this ATV Trail Map that spans an east/west distance of 30 miles from Lake View Plantation through Bowerbank to Ellitsville Twp and north/south distance of 16 miles from T4 R9 through Lake View Plt and Brownville to Milo and Medford. The total trail mileage is in excess of 130 miles and the system provides a variety of trail terrains and beautiful views of lakes and mountains with a chance to see much of Maine's wildlife. This trail system also connects to the LaGrange Trail System and the Katahdin Region Northern Timber Cruisers Trail System.

Eighteen area businesses provided additional funding for this trail map project through advertisements on the back of the maps. You are urged to use these businesses as they are strong supporters and/or participants in ATV activities.

The maps were designed and produced by IFM, Integrated Forest Management under the direction of Aaron Drake www.ifmgt.com.

IFM worked with Last Frontier Riders president Kerry Israels, K.I. Riders president Mike Washburn and Bodfish Riders president Roger Ouellette along with Last Frontier trail master Jack Byrne and Skeet Ricker.

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The trail maps show parking and fueling locations as well as businesses for supplies, a good meal, lodging and shops that perform ATV repair and maintenance services.

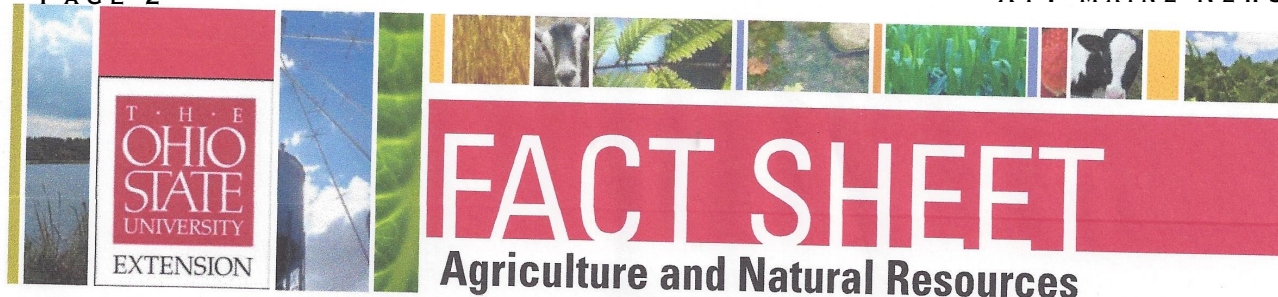
These maps are posted at trailhead kiosks and are available from sponsor ATV Clubs and businesses.

Most miles of ATV trails in Maine are maintained by local clubs. Please consider joining a local club to support ATV recreation! A list of many clubs in Maine and their contact information can be found at <http://www.atvmaine.org>

Ride safe, obey trail signs, stay on marked trails, carry in and carry out. Enjoy!

Chris Smith
Last Frontier Riders





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Safe Operation of Utility Type Vehicles (UTVs)

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Utility type vehicles are prominent pieces of equipment utilized in a variety of settings. The hauling features offered by UTVs have increased their popularity, availability, and use in work-related tasks in rural, suburban, and urban areas. Because of their hauling capabilities, they are helpful vehicles in residential, agricultural, construction, and industrial settings. There is a category of vehicles related to UTVs, with similar features and appearance, which is designed primarily for recreational use and known as recreational off-highway vehicle (ROVs). Both UTVs and ROVs have also been referred to as "Side-by-Side" vehicles.

Description of UTV

These vehicles can have four or six wheels and are powered by diesel, gasoline engines, electric or a hydrogen fuel cell. UTVs were designed for work purposes. Most models include a bed to enable the hauling of feed, mulch, or other supplies, which makes them convenient transport for small jobs. These utility type vehicles are available from multiple manufacturers and in a variety of models.

Utility type vehicles have a steering wheel, acceleration foot pedal, and a brake foot pedal. In addition, these vehicles are designed to carry passengers. Most UTVs have side-by-side or bench seating and are equipped with a seat belt for the operator and passenger. An occupant protective structure, which commonly includes a system of tubular bars, surrounds the space where the operator and/or passenger are seated. Other protective features could include: hard plastic doors, sturdy canvas netting, or handholds. Utility type vehicles by design are to be "driven" while ATVs are to be "ridden."



In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code [(4501.01 (B) & (VV)], a utility type vehicle is not a motor vehicle but a self-propelled vehicle designed with a bed for the primary purpose of transporting cargo. The utility type vehicle is also not classified as an All-Purpose Vehicle (APV), which are required to be titled in the state of Ohio.

Characteristics of UTV/ROV vs. ATV

| Characteristic | UTV/ROV | ATV |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Tire pressure | 20 psi or less | 2.7 to 10 psi |
| Steering | Steering wheel | Handlebar |
| PPE recommended | Yes | Yes |
| Designed for public roads/highways | No | No |
| Operation age | 16 years old | Varies upon model |
| Seating | Non-straddle seat | Straddle |
| Passenger | Yes | No, unless it is a 2-up |
| Seat belt | Yes | No |

Safe Operation of Utility Type Vehicles (UTVs)—page 2

Safe Operation

To safely operate a utility type vehicle, the operator must use similar safe work habits as used with tractors, skid steer loaders, and ATVs. A safe, successful driver should become familiar with the machine before using it. This can be done by reading the owner's manual and following safety labels found on the vehicle. A qualified operator (sales person) can also demonstrate the correct operation.

Here are additional safety practices to follow when driving a UTV:

- Keep legs and arms inside the vehicle at all times.
- Drive slowly and turn smoothly to avoid an overturn. When hauling cargo the vehicle's center of gravity is raised, increasing the chance of overturning.
- Drive completely up or down a slope or hill before making a turn. Do not turn the vehicle in mid-slope or hill as this increases the probability of overturning.
- Use the appropriate speed on rough terrain. Operators and passengers have been thrown from vehicles.
- Stay clear of ditches and embankments.
- Passengers must be tall enough to reach handhold while their backs are against the seat and their feet are flat on the floorboards.
- Each passenger must ride in his/her own seat, not anywhere else on the UTV.
- Operators must back up carefully. Look especially for children before backing.
- Operators should be free from the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Due to the hauling purpose of a UTV, special attention should be paid to making sure cargo or material is properly secured during transport.

Since UTVs are often used to tow implements, it is important to follow safety practices when towing a load. When towing a load, make sure the cargo box is loaded to assume good traction for driving and stopping. Be sure to tow load at a speed slow enough to maintain control. Remember, the stopping distance increases with speed and weight of a towed load. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for weight limits for towed equipment.

The safety practices, listed above, are recommendations of how to safely operate a UTV. As with all machinery, use the UTV as designed. Utility vehicles are tools, not toys and following the recommended safety practices will help ensure an enjoyable experience for both driver and passenger.

Additional Note for ROVs

ROVs are the recreational variant of Side-by-Sides. The same operational instructions and safety rules apply in a general sense. But since recreational use may occur at higher speeds and on more challenging terrain than utility use, the operator must be especially cautious and operate the vehicle at speeds appropriate for the terrain, use extra care in turning and crossing hills, avoid stunt-riding, and never operate under the influence of alcohol. Recreational use requires operators and passengers to wear a helmet and other protective gear, use the seat belts, and keep all parts of their bodies inside the ROV. A number of crashes, rollovers, injuries, and fatalities have occurred because ROV drivers have violated these common sense rules and driven aggressively.

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2nd ANNUAL



POKER RUN



SATURDAY JULY 18TH, 2014

RT 11 Park n Ride Mechanic Falls

REGISTRATION 8AM - 10AM

\$5.00 per hand

Play as many hands as you wish !

All proceeds to benefit local trail projects

CASH PRIZES FOR TOP THREE HANDS

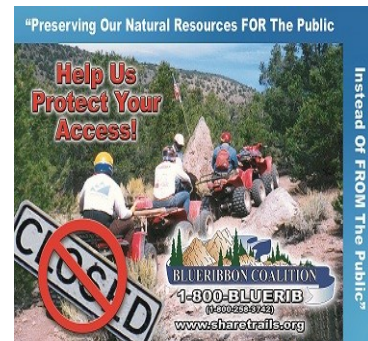
50/50 RAFFLE

RAIN or SHINE

7am BREAKFAST

11:30am LUNCH

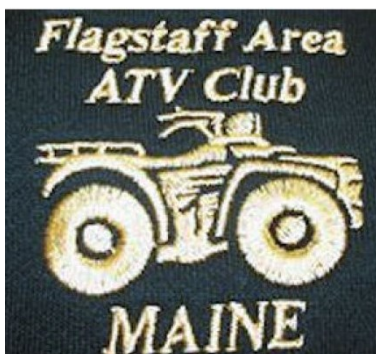




Hosting an ATV Maine meeting

- ◆ ATV Maine pays the hosting ATV club \$200
- ◆ Clubs usually try to get a local town building at no cost to hold the meeting.
 - ◆ Average number of people to expect is 55
 - ◆ Morning snacks and/or drinks are optional. Club provides lunch—typically the food is prepared by the members of the hosting club.
 - ◆ Hosting club provides door prizes, a 50-50, and sells club items if desired.
- ◆ Provide ATV Maine with directions to the meeting location and accommodations in the area at least one month prior to the meeting.

Thank You



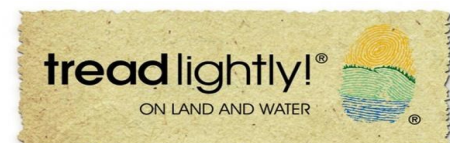
for hosting the June 2015

ATV Maine meeting

50 – 50 : Won By Mike Lee, donating \$21
back to Flagstaff ATV Club and \$25 to
ATV Maine



Western Power Sports -- Supplier of Chase Toys, Unity, ME, and Sponsoring the High Mileage Club



**ATV Maine, in order to promote safety while riding, will be awarding
a helmet or gift certificate
at the bi-monthly meetings.**



The certificate allows the recipient to purchase a helmet, encouraging all who ride that this is a very important piece of the equation while participating in ATV'ing.



(Must be present to win)

Helmet Winners

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Club</i> | <i>Gift Certificate or Helmet</i> |
|-------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2-21-15 | ~ | ~ | ~ |
| 4-18-15 | Cindy Laroue | Moose Alley ATV Riders | Bangor Motorsports |
| 6-20-15 | Real Deschaine | Madawaska Valley | Frechettes Skidoo |
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CURRENT OPEN POSITIONS

Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator

&

Governmental Relations Coordinator

If interested, email info@atvmaine.org
or call 207-754-2843

ATV Maine Club Liability Insurance

United Insurance

Tilton Agency

2351 North Belfast Avenue

Augusta, ME 04330



Event forms need to be mailed to:

ATV Maine

PO Box 14

Jefferson, ME 04348



Bombardier Pot-of-Gold

- Bombardier (BRP) will donate \$50 to a club at every scheduled meeting.
- The club will be chosen through a drawing during the scheduled meeting
- All clubs in good standing are eligible for the drawing.
- A Director, Alternate Director, or primary member from a club in good standing must be present in order for the club to win the monies in the pot. The membership will be verified by the business manager prior to issuing the winnings.
- If no member of the club is present, then the \$50 will be rolled over to the next scheduled meeting and another \$50 will be added to the amount.
- The pot will continue to grow until a winner is drawn and then the pot will start over again at \$50 –
Maximum payout is \$300.00
- The club's name that is drawn will be posted on the website.

All payments will be made by check and sent to the winning club officials.

Dan Vieten

District Sales Manager

Dist. S3A - ME, NH, & MA

www.brp.com

Pot-Of-Gold Results

| Date | Hosting Club | Club Name Drawn | Present | Amount |
|----------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------|--------|
| 2-21-15 | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ |
| 4-18-15 | Annual Banquet | Acadia Area ATV'ers | Yes | \$50 |
| 6-20-15 | Flagstaff Area ATV Club | Schoodic ATV Club | No | \$50 |
| 8-15-15 | | | | |
| 10-17-15 | | | | |
| 12-12-15 | | | | |
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TOPSHAM TRAILRIDERS ATV/SNOWMOBILE CLUB

**HELP FEED YOUR
NEIGHBOR FOOD DRIVE
SATURDAY AUGUST 22, 2015
TOPSHAM FAIR GROUNDS
TOPSHAM, MAINE**



PLEASE
BRING
NON PERISH-
ABLE FOOD
ITEMS ONLY!



ALL ITEMS
COLLECTED
WILL BE
DONATED TO
LOCAL FOOD
KITCHENS

REGISTRATION FROM
8AM TO 10 AM
AT THE
TOPSHAM FAIR GROUNDS
COST OF REGISTRATION
\$5.00 PER RIDER
(ALL ENTRIES WILL BE EN-
TERED INTO A DOOR PRIZE
RAFFLE)

AT DAVE'S
TRAINING SITE



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AVAILABLE AT A
LOW COST



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If the unfortunate happens and you have an accidental death of a club member, please have the club president notify ATV Maine to ensure all necessary paperwork is processed for the AD&D benefit.



Your ATV Maine membership

includes \$3,500.00

Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance

Any questions or concerns about letters or phone calls from AIL agents, feel free to call Shane Knowles,

207-318-9572

ATV MAINE

Current 2015 -2016 affiliated club members

1. Abbot Explorers ATV Club
2. Airline ATV Riders
3. Airline Snackbar ATV
4. Aroostook Riders ATV Club
5. Aroostook Valley ATV Club
6. Big 13 ATV Club
7. Bog Hooters Tri-Town ATV Club
8. Borderline ATV Club
9. Breakneck Mountain ATV Riders
10. Buxton Trailblazers
11. Caribou ATV Club
12. Central Maine ATV Club
13. Central Maine Trail Blazers
14. China Four Seasons Club
15. Cochnewagan Trailblazers
16. Down East Trail Riders
17. Endless Season Riders ATV Club
18. Flagstaff Area ATV Club
19. Grand Isle ATV Club
20. Haynesville Woods Trail Riders ATV Club
21. Island Falls Free Wheelers
22. Katahdin Valley Wheelers ATV Club
23. Last Frontier Riders
24. Madawaska Valley ATVenture Club
25. Massabesic ATV Club
26. Messalonskee Trail Riders ATV Club
27. Moose Alley Riders ATV Club
28. Moosehead ATV Riders
29. Narraguagus ATV Club
30. Narrow Gauge Riders ATV Club
31. Northern Timber Cruisers
32. Outdoor Explorers ATV Club
33. Over The Hill ATV Riders
34. Patten ATV Club
35. Penobscot Off Road Riders ATV Club
36. Portage Lakers ATV Club
37. Robbinston Bushwackers ATV Club
38. Rockwood Blue Ridge Riders ATV Club
39. Rocky Mountain Trail Riders
40. Sandy River Riders ATV Club
41. Seboeis Stream ATV Club
42. Sinclair ATV Club
43. Sly Brook Trail Blazers
44. Southern Maine ATV Club
45. St. Agatha ATV Club
46. Standish Gorham ATV Club
47. Star City ATV Club
48. Temple Trail Riders
49. Topsham Trailriders ATV/Snowmobile Club



Bethel Moose Festival and Lottery - June 13, 2015



Message Board



State Safety Courses:

<http://www.maine.gov/ifw/education/safety/atv.htm>



ATV Maine offers the Youth ATV
Safety Trailer to our members



If possible, have a
bullhorn at your events to
announce the
importance of safety
before a ride begins and all events
are chem-free.



We encourage our members to join OP -
Outdoor Partners -



http://www.maine.gov/ifw/aboutus/commissioners_office/OutdoorPartnersPgrm/index.htm



Next ATV Maine Meeting
August 15, 2015
Hosted by Buxton Trailblazers



From all of us at ATV Maine



Have a Fun and Safe Labor Day!

Ride with us on Facebook!

We hit 2,000 likes on July 8, 2015



Pine Grove Program is having their free annual ATV ride on September 20th with Moose Alley Riders; starting at Pine Grove Lodge and ride to Breezy Acres Camps in Solon for lunch, and then back to Pine Grove Lodge again for dinner. Any veteran that would like a ride with someone can sign up and we'll match him or her with a volunteer driver. We also have veterans with their own machine ride along with us.

For more information, go to -- <http://www.pinegroveprogram.com/>
and click on the calendar of events for September.

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www.pinegroveprogram.com



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207-672-4011 info@pinegroveprogram.com



Hosting ATV Maine's Website



New contact person:

Cindy Weymouth

207-745-2128

Airline ATV Riders



Message from ATV Maine President: Many thanks to the Game Wardens who responded to the issue on the China Four Seasons' trail on 7/12/15. Their bridge damage is extensive and is currently being estimated for repairs. The bottom photo is a temporary repair so please use caution on this bridge in the meantime. We appreciate the endless efforts of the Game Wardens when the ATV clubs reach out for assistance.

<https://www.centralmaine.com/2015/07/12/china-man-charged-after-allegedly-damaging-atv-bridge-with-truck/>



Posted on ATV Maine's Facebook—
has reached over 17,000 people



**SPORTSMAN'S ALLIANCE of MAINE**

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Email: becky@sportsmansallianceofmaine.orgwww.sportsmansallianceofmaine.org**SAM'S 7th ANNUAL SAVE OUR HERITAGE BANQUET AND AUCTION****SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015**** WATERVILLE ELKS LODGE**

On Saturday, September 12, 2015, SAM will be hosting its 7th Annual Save Our Heritage Banquet and Auction at the Waterville Elks Lodge located at 76 Industrial Street in Waterville. We are expecting approximately 350 guests including state outdoor leaders, state and federal legislators and dozens of active SAM members from all over the great state of Maine. The banquet will begin at 4pm with the annual membership meeting followed by a reception with light Hors D'oeuvres at 4:30pm, the Jason Jewett Memorial Youth Lifetime License Ceremony at 5pm, a buffet dinner at 6pm and the live and silent auctions at 7pm.

Tickets are available for \$40 per person, \$75 per couple or reserve a table of 8 for \$300. Purchase your tickets by calling the SAM office or mailing in the form below with your payment to SAM, 205 Church Hill Road, Augusta, ME 04330.-----

We hope you will consider joining us on September 12th to help support our special projects to protect and enhance our hunting and fishing heritage. If you have any questions or would like to purchase tickets, please contact the office at 623-4589 or becky@sportsmansallianceofmaine.org.

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2015 SAM BANQUET TICKET RESERVATIONS

Name: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip: _____

Tickets Options: ____ 1 ticket for \$40 ____ 2 tickets for \$75 ____ Table of 8 for \$300

Payment (Please Check One): ____ Check or ____ Visa/MasterCard/Discovery

Credit Card#: _____ Exp: _____ 3 digit code: _____

TOTAL TICKET PURCHASE: \$ _____

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the SAM Banquet.

Please mail this form and payment to
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