

ATV MAINE NEWS

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GROUNDS KEEPER: ARNOLD YORK



Maine All-Terrain Trail System

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New mailing address for ATV Maine:

ATV Maine PO Box 923 Augusta, ME 04332



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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

ELECTIONS WERE HELD THIS MONTH, THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE ELECTED:
PRESIDENT: RICHARD HOWLETT
TREASURER: TRACY LEVEQUE
TRAILMASTER: ARNOLD YORK
VICE PRESIDENT: WAYNE KIASER
SECRETARY: KATHY HOWLETT
ASST. TRAILMASTER: LUC LEVEQUE

THE DATES FOR THE ULTIMATE EVENT WERE SET AS JULY 8-9-10, MORE DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED SOON.

THE CITY COUNCIL RENEWED OUR 5 YEAR LEASE AT ARNOLD BROOK LAKE

THE CITY COUNCIL ALSO APPROVED A MUNICIPAL GRANT FOR \$43,000. THIS GRANT MONEY WILL BE USED TO GRADE & DO SOME DITCHING OF THE WASHBURN TRAIL TO THE CROUSEVILLE BRIDGE, SOME WILL BE USED FOR THE CAVENDISH TRAIL TO WIDEN AND TO BUILD UP TRAIL IN SOME PLACES AND THE REST OF THE MONEY WILL BE USED FOR GENERAL MAINTENCE ON THE TRAILS.

THE CLUB VOTED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE MAP OF THE CENTRAL AROOSTOOK ATV TRAIL SYSTEM. THIS MAP WILL BE A 24"X36" FOLDED MAP WITH ALL TRAILS GPS, ROUTE# ON TRAILS, NAMES OF EACH TRAIL, LENGTH OF EACH TRAIL, GAS STATIONS, CAMP GROUNDS, HOTELS, RESTAURANTS & MUCH MORE. EACH CLUB IN THE SURROUNDING AREA THAT DONATES \$200 TOWARDS THE MAP WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE ALL THERE MEMBERS A FREE MAP. THE MAPS WILL BE SELLING FOR \$5.00 & BUSINESS WILL BE ABLE TO BUY THEM FOR \$2.50.

BUSINESS CAN BUY ADS FOR THE BACK OF THE MAP FOR \$35 A BUSINESS CARD SIZE AD OR \$50 FOR A DOUBLE SIZE AD. YOU CAN CALL DICK AT 540-2152 OR E-MAIL dickhowlett@yahoo.com FOR MORE DETAILS.

NEXT MEETING IS 3-2-16 AT THE OTC GYM ON LOMBARD ST. STARTS AT 6:30PM

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Be present for your trail work recognition from DACF



Great Door Prizes!

ATV MAINE'S

A gift for the clubs!

Representing ATV Clubs in Maine

April 16, 2016 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Jeff's Catering 15 Littlefield Way Brewer, ME 04412





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Please submit with the names of guests who will be attending, and the total amount at \$15.00 per guest, to:

ATV Maine

PO Box 923

Augusta, ME 04332

RSVP by April 2, 2016 ***** No refunds after April 1st

ATV Club:	 	
Guest names:	 	
Total amount enclosed: \$		

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Dear Club Members

As I write this newsletter I'm very proud of our club. I just spent the day with many of our members giving ATV/UTV rides to a number of people from the Independent Association of Topsham on the Topsham Fair Grounds. Although we did have one little incident, the day as a whole went wonderful! Rocky League our VP was able again to get Dunkin Donuts to donate Hot Choc/Coffee and Donuts to the Event which was enjoyed by all. By the smiles on every one's face it went very well! Thanks to all that helped make this event happen. We normally do this when there is snow on the ground but it was still fun with out that white stuff I was told. I would recommend reaching our to some of your local Independent Association to see if your group could sponsor a day like we had with these special people..



I also have some news from the Landowners relationship struggles. We were able to report some violators of our trails (M/C and under age driver of an atv) to our local warden for our area Bob Decker and he was able to catch them and they have now been dealt with properly, hopefully they have learned a lesson. One of these I believe was one of the ones that caused us to lose the Charron property (the connector trail). Also In the Baypark area two young men where given tickets for being on our trails with M/Cs. And not being registered. Thanks much to Warden Bob Decker for his quick response in both cases. I know one of our land owners was very happy!

Because our club is an ATV/Snowmobile club, we have many events including Bean Suppers each winter for money raising to support our trail system. We are very luck to have that key group of volunteers each month to make these suppers go well. Thanks to all that make these events possible.

Dan Parlin

President



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Twin County Wheelers

ATV club winter raffle at The Molunkus Stream Tavern in Macwahoc We have our raffle drawing winners and here they are: The first place prize was a new ATV passenger seat and was won by Dwight Osgood, second prize was a large cedar log moose won by Mary Cray, the weekend stay at the Benedicta Lodge was won by Louis Day, local aerial drone footage/pics won by Tony Rachuba. the Finns and Antlers guide course was won by Ruth Muise, the Finns and Antlers \$35 outdoor course was won by Tamie Holmes.

Thank you to the Molunkus Stream Tavern for hosting us and thank you to everyone who has participated in this event! It's been a blast!







LD 1567

Summary

- ** Allows the Commissioner of
 Transportation to permit the construction of
 all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile trails within
 the right-of-way limits of controlled access
 highways in areas of new construction.
- ** Permits the operation of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles on those trail segments.



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The Importance Of Hodgdon, Island Falls, and Mattawamkeag

Terry Sinclair

Travel between the Downeast Sunrise Trail system and the Aroostook County is becoming more common during the ATV riding season. There are three places that are very important to the completion of the ride; Hodgdon, Island Falls, and Mattawamkeag. All three are important fuel stops depending on which trails you decide to travel between the two systems. Either way, you should never make any ride without extra fuel.

Mattawamkeag is the last fuel stop in the Downeast Sunrise Trail system if you are traveling north to the Aroostook County trails system. It is the first fuel stop in the Downeast Sunrise Trail system if you are traveling south from the Aroostook County trails system.

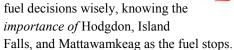
Island Falls and Hodgdon are the first fuel stops in the Aroostook County Trail System if you are riding south to the Downeast sunrise trail system. They are the last fuel stop locations if you are riding north from the Downeast Sunrise Trail System. Riding between

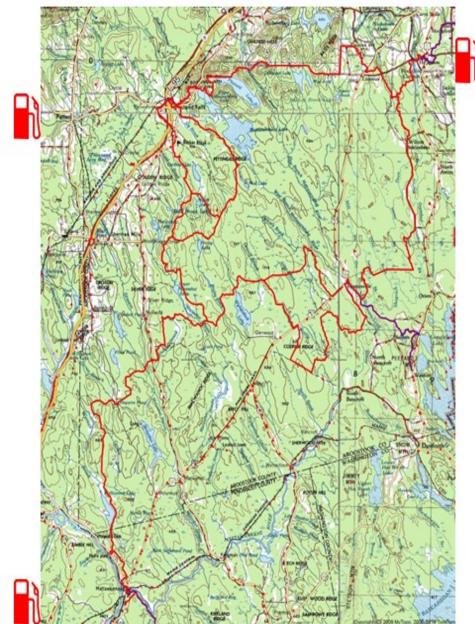
Mattawamkeag to Island Falls or Island Falls to Mattawamkeag can be accomplished on one tank of fuel. It is the ride from

Mattawamkeag to Hodgdon, or Hodgdon to Mattawamkeag via Haynesville which is the challenge without extra fuel; you will not get to either location. This fact has been proven several times by riders who had to use their extra fuel to get to their destination.

These three fuel stops are the key to a successful ride between the Downeast Sunrise Trail System and the Aroostook County Trail System whether the ride is made between Mattawamkeag and Houlton via Island Falls, or Mattawamkeag and Houlton via Haynesville depending on whether you are riding north or south.

If you make the decision to travel between the Downeast and the Aroostook trail systems, make your fuel decisions wisely, knowing the importance of Hodgdon, Island





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Safety Instructors Wanted

Are you an experienced and passionate outdoorsman or woman? Do you enjoy teaching others and sharing your love for the Maine outdoors? The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is looking for volunteer instructors to assist with the delivery of our safety programs.

We annually offer safety classes to approximately 10,000 students statewide in the following disciplines:

Firearms Safety Bow Hunter Safety Trapping Crossbow

ATV Safety Snowmobile Safety Watercraft

Interested ethical sportsmen or women who have the desire to keep the Maine tradition alive, promote a safe outdoor experience, and deliver a well structured basic safety class with other team members, should apply. Giving back to the sport that you have a passion for is a major part of being a true, ethical, sportsman or woman.

We have a growing interest from the public in all of the above disciplines, with major growth in Firearms Hunter Safety and Bow Hunter Safety. The increase in youth and women in these programs over the last few years has been tremendous.

If you are interested in becoming an instructor, please visit: (Ctrl + click link) http://www.maine.gov/ifw/education/safety/index.htm#instructor

To apply, contact the local Regional Coordinator in your Area. Regional Coordinators are listed on the IFW website. http://www.maine.gov/ifw/education/safety/coordinators.htm (Ctrl + Click link)

Passionate for Outdoor Activities and Maine Traditions to continue – Be Part of the Team to make it Happen

Hosting an ATV Maine meeting

- ♦ ATV Maine pays the hosting ATV club \$300
- 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
 - 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.



Garden Pens for trail signs



https://www.dpind.com/productcart/pc/Garden-Pens-c6.htm

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MID COAST ATV CLUB

ANNUAL CHARITY RIDE

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POKER RUN

TO BENEFIT

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SILENT AUCTION

(MANY GREAT ITEMS TO BID ON!)

~AFTER THE RIDE~



SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH 2016
(RAIN OR SHINE)

8 A.M - REGISTRATION
(\$10 DONATION PER RIDER - \$5 DONATION FOR POKER RUN)

9 A.M - RIDE ON FRYE MOUNTAIN
(OFF 220 IN MONTVILLE)



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT~ ADAM HILLS 323-5667

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



LUNCH WILL
BE AVAILABLE

FOR A \$5

DONATION

Ride with us on Facebook!



Message Board



Provide landowners with your ATV club's contact information —

http://www.buildasign.com/fridge-magnets





State Safety Courses:



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



Support local businesses who support ATV'ing in Maine



Take the time to read this article



Federal & State Workers Give Back To OHV Recreation http://www.atvrider.com/federal-state-workers-give-back-to-ohv-recreation



Please remember -



Do Not Use atvmaine@roadrunner.com AND atvmaine@gmail.com

These email addresses are being used by individuals for non-ATV MAINE purposes. If you've sent an email to ATV Maine and have not heard back, please check the email address you sent it to.

Please use info@atvmaine.org OR info@atvmaine.org OR info@atvmaine.org OR info.atvmaine.org

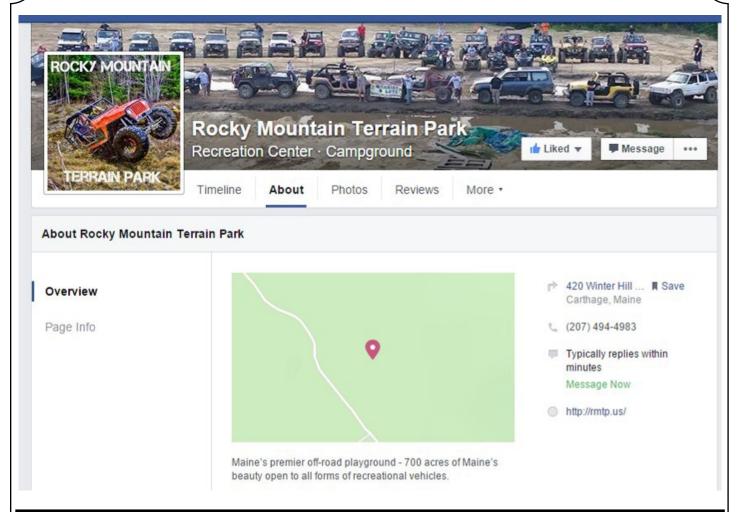




We encourage our members to join OP - Outdoor Partners -



http://www.maine.gov/ifw/aboutus/commissioners_office/ OutdoorPartnersPgrm/index.htm PAGE 10 ATV MAINE NEWS



The above information was from one of our Facebook friends who told me about this place. It looks like a fun place to visit not just for ATV/UTV but M/C and Trucks and other 4 wheel vehicles.

Because many people have asked about legal places to ride, even in Mud Season, I thought I'd pass this information on.
I'll be checking it out this summer! Submitted by Dan Parlin President Topsham Trailriders



CALLS AND E-MAILS ARE COMING IN ASKING IF TRAILS ARE OPEN

REMINDER—TRAILS ARE CLOSED

TRAILS ARE USUALLY SCHEDULED TO OPEN EACH YEAR, THROUGHOUT THE STATE, BY MAY 15TH. HOWEVER, THE WEATHER, MUD CONDITIONS OF THE TRAILS, LANDOWNERS AND LOCAL CLUBS MAKE THE DECIDING FACTOR FOR THIS DATE TO BE EITHER EARLIER OR LATER. PLEASE OBEY POSTED TRAIL SIGNS.

WITH THE TRAILS CLOSED, THE ACCESS ROUTES ARE AS WELL.

CURRENTLY, THE DOWN EAST SUNRISE TRAIL IS CLOSED FOR MUD SEASON.