



# LEWIS COUNTY

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October

Lewis County OHV Trails

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**RIDE 4 KEEPS.**

**KEEP IT SAFE.**

**KEEP IT LEGAL.**

**KEEP OUR TRAILS.**

**KEEP THE PRIVILEGE.**

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# What We've Been Up To

On September 11th we held the ribbon cutting for the Singing Waters Park. Thank you to all that attended, and we hope you will take time to stop in and visit. The Park is located at 7273 Fish Creek Road, in the Town of Greig



**From Left to right are Larry Dolhoff, Jackie Mahoney, Josh Leviker, Ryan Piche and Tim Hunt.**

For camping reservations, please go to the link posted below or use the QR code.

To reserve the pavilion, please call the office at 315-376-5972



<https://www.campspot.com/book/singing-waters-campground>

# Community Connectors

Paperwork has started on the Martinsburg to Glenfield Community Connection, with public hearings and SEQRs being scheduled to get the connections open this winter with the cooperation of the Town of Martinsburg.

We are also getting closer on our Town of Watson Community Connector, but we still need landowners on Number 4 Road, Pine Grove Road and Greig Road to allow trails on their property so we can open roads for the Community Connectors. We hope to establish a second Black River crossing on the Greig Road to ensure vital access between areas.

Community Connections will be an ongoing process so if you are willing to help, or know someone willing to allow trails, please help us out! This initiative is County wide and we would also like to get landowners to connect Osceola to West Leyden and Boonville!

## TRAIL AMBASSADORS

### **Join our team:**

Become a trail volunteer as an Ambassador, you'll play a vital role in the expansion and retention of our trails. Your responsibilities will include riding the trails at your convenience. By actively riding the trails, you'll help us identify areas in need of maintenance and repairs promptly, and help preserve our trail system, ensuring it remains accessible and enjoyable for generations to come.

Don't ride you can still assist in trail expansions by assisting in attaining new landowners willing to allow trails for our Community Connections. For more information or to get the application, please contact Sherry at (315)376-5972. (Volunteer Application is for one season and unactive members will not be renewed)

# TRAIL CREW UPDATES



**The trail crew has been busy grading and raking trails before the end of the season. Check out the railroad bed trail shown to the left. Enjoy the two weeks of riding we have left this year.**

**The trail crew has also started installing the sign posts that the Black River Valley Four Wheelers purchased from the Yamaha Grant. Trail name signs have been approved and ordered, so watch for the improvements on the Middle Road Trails and hopefully we can continue the sign initiative to name the trails and expand our signage.**

**Lee Gulf Reroute - we meet with NYSDEC and Lewis County Soil and Water to look at the four stream crossing permits needed. A new application with the new requirements requested is being worked on for a 2025 installation.**

**Ives Road Trails - we have the current permit from NYSDOT and are working with the Highway Department and NYSDOT to install the trail crossing to NYSDOT standards. We also have NYSDOT permits in for the Pioneer Cafe Trail and Glendale Trail on State Route 12. Hopefully they will be issued so that all three may be done consecutively and opened in 2025.**



# CLUB MEETINGS

**BLACK RIVER VALLEY FOUR WHEELERS:** This months meeting will be at the Glenfield Fire Hall on Saturday October 5th with a indoor picnic to follow.

**BLACK RIVER VALLEY RIDERS:** Monthly meeting is the last Thursday of each month at Tuggers at 6:00 PM

**HIGHMARKET WHEELERS:** Monthly meeting is October 12th at the Milk Plant at 10:00 AM

**Tug Hill Adirondack ATV Association:** Monthly meeting is the 3rd Monday of each month at Towpath Restaurant at 9:00 AM

**Tug Hill Wheelers:** Had their last meeting in September next one will be the 1st Wednesday in March .

## Club Membership sold with permits on the Lewis County Website

CLUBS	Sept	YTD
BRVR	2	115
HMW	3	161
THAATVA	17	464
THW	7	248
BRVFW	25	527
TOTALS	54	1515



### **Naturally Lewis Business and Community Leader Breakfast “What Makes a Good Place?,”**

The Naturally Lewis Team is turning your “best days” into itineraries on our tourism promotion website, [discovertughill.com](http://discovertughill.com)! We’re also starting the process of developing a Tourism & Recreation Plan that your insights are helping to guide. We’re so excited to continue these conversations moving forward!

**\*\*Naturally Lewis is looking for letters of recommendation for a Tourism Asset Grant!\*\***

## Events

**Buck Run will be on September 20th, 2025**

# ROUND TABLE UPDATES

ATV Roundtable: is the 4th Monday of each month (Open to the public) at Outdoor Services Building at 7356 East Road, Lowville, at 4:00 PM

## TRAILS CLOSE ON OCTOBER 15th

The meeting was held in the Recreation, Forestry and Parks break room due to the SBA taking over the outdoor services conference room. we would like to focus next months meeting on the club agreements, the responsibilities of trail ambassadors, and the importance of effective communication and participation among members. Ambassadors who are not active may risk being renewed for the following year.

The NYSDEC stream crossing permits now require the SEQR short form and verbiage for the crossings need and safety considerations. We plan to work with Lewis County Soil and Waters to get the 4 crossings at Lee Gulf completed for 2025 installation. Due to the time needed for permits, we will also be looking into the expansion areas needed for 2025 so the paperwork can be started sooner.

The Ives Road trail access permit with NYSDOT has arrived, we were hoping the permits for Thisse trail and Pioneer trails on state Route 12 would arrive so all three can be coordinated. These trails are part of the Martinsburg-Glenfield connection that we are hoping will be completed this winter. We are also working on legal access to Raven Acres and on the Town Line Road in the Town of Greig as well as other Community Connections.

Steve Cronk, President of the Oswego County ATV Club, discussed the county's interest in joining a regional permit program for ATV clubs and stressed the importance of collaboration among clubs for the program's success. Plans to connect various trail clubs and counties to create a comprehensive countywide trail system were discussed, aiming for collaboration among neighboring counties to expand the trail network. Tim Stahl was also in the meeting from Oswego County and Don Hilton the Oswego County Sherriff.

Updates on club activities included the Tug Hill Wheelers made a donation to the Carthage Food Pantry and Volunteer Transportation in Lewis County and the Ride for Ryan and the Cape Vincent Rides were successful. The Black River Valley Four Wheelers will have their annual meeting at the Glenfield Fire Hall. They have plans to enhance the club's online presence and will use their Yamaha Grant to improve signage on the Middle Road Trails. Concerns about off-road vehicles using public roads instead of designated trails were raised. Challenges related to trail navigation and GPS inaccuracies leading to illegal road use by riders were addressed, with a focus on the need for accurate information and clear rules regarding road and trail access. The Highmarket Wheelers will close all their trails on September 29th. They made donations Constableville Fire Department and the local food pantries. The future of the club's leadership was a topic of concern, as all officers plan to step down. The Tug Hill Adirondack ATV Association said that the Buck Run went well with the winner being from Pennsylvania. Next years Buck Run will be on September 20th, 2025 Sherry discussed the alignment of club memberships with permits and it was decided that all club membership will start with the sales of the 2025 Permit.

The next meeting will be held on October 28th at 4 pm in the conference room or online. It was requested that it is a public meeting and please feel free to invite more participants.

**ATV Round Table Meeting Recording is on the website.**

[HTTPS://LEWISCOUNTYNY.GOV/DEPARTMENTS/RECREATION-FORESTRY-AND-PARKS/](https://lewiscountyny.gov/departments/recreation-forestry-and-parks/)



# ***The 2025 OHV Trail Permits are here and on sale now!***

2025 Maps are currently being updated,  
thank you for your patience!

## **THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 SPONSORS**

Boondocks Restaurant	Singing Waters Campground
Brantingham Station	Snow Ridge
Beaver Creek Lodge	Snyder's Sugar Shack LLC
Dolhof Hardware	Terry Groff Auto Repair & Rides 4 Less
Flat Rock Inn	The Edge Hotel
Florissante The Mansion	The Depot Market (aka HumbleBee Farms)
Golden Shamrock B&B	The Lodge at Headwaters
Grant Island Rentals	Towpath Restaurant & Lodge
Kevins Tug Hill Hideaway	Timberview Resort/Adventures
Kovach Repair	Trailside Ranch
Lowville Sport & Farm Equipment	Tug Hill Hook & Ladder
Naturally Lewis	Tuggers Grill Bar & Campground
Raven Acres Campground	Worlds Famous Osceola Hotel LLC
	3 Willows Event Center

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