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November

Lewis County OHV Trails

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2025 OHV Permits - on sale now

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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

Become a Trail Ambassador! You'll play a vital role in the expansion and retention of our trails. Your responsibility would be to ride 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 Lewis County Trails are closed for the season, but maintenance still continues as weather and landowners allow.

The trail crew have been busy getting the Glenfield School Trail ready for the spring opening. See pictures on the left.



The trail crew has installed the sign posts that the Black River Valley Four Wheelers purchased from the Yamaha Grant. Trail name signs are in, 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.



The NYSDOT permits are in for the Ives Road, Glendale Road and Main Street. We will be working with the Highway Department and NYSDOT to install the trail crossing to NYSDOT standards.

CLUB MEETINGS

BLACK RIVER VALLEY FOUR WHEELERS: Next monthly meeting will be April 5, 2025 at the Brantingham Inn at 9:00 AM

Club Membership sold with permits on the Lewis County Website

BLACK RIVER VALLEY RIDERS: Next monthly meeting will be December 5, 2024 at Tuggers at 6:00 PM

HIGHMARKET WHEELERS: Next monthly meeting will be April 12, 2025 at Tug Hill Hideaway at 10:00 AM and every 2nd Saturday thereafter.

Tug Hill Adirondack ATV Association: Next monthly meeting will be March 17, 2025 at Towpath Restaurant at 9:00 AM and is the 3rd Monday of each month thereafter.

Tug Hill Wheelers: Next monthly meeting will be March 5, 2025 at Snow Pals Groomer Barn at 7:00 PM and the 1st Wednesday of the month thereafter.

CLUBS	OCT	YTD
BRVR	0	115
HMW	0	161
THAATVA	11	475
THW	4	252
BRVFW	7	534
TOTALS	22	1537

UPCOMING EVENTS

Black River Valley Riders Meeting: December 5th, 2024 at Tuggers at 6:00 PM

OHV Round Table Meeting: January 27th at conference room, 7356 East Road, Lowville and available remotely on Teams at 4:00 PM

Tug Hill Wheelers Meeting: March 5th, 2025 at Snow Pals Groomer Barn at 7:00 PM

Tug Hill Adirondack ATV Association Meeting: March 17th, 2025 at Towpath Restaurant at 9:00 AM

Black River Valley Four Wheelers Meeting: April 5th at the Brantingham Inn at 9:00 AM

Highmarket Wheelers Meeting: April 12th, 2025 at the Tug Hill Hideaway at 10:00 AM

FREE WEEKEND: August 1-3rd, 2025

Buck Run: September 20th, 2025

ROUND TABLE UPDATES

The next meeting will be January 27, 2025

ALL TRAILS CLOSED ON OCTOBER 15th

The meeting began with introductions. It was announced that the next meeting would be held on January 27th, following the cancellation of the November and December meetings. The agenda focused on club agreements and the ambassador program, with participants encouraged to provide feedback.

Kristen from Naturally Lewis discussed completing a SOAR analysis on the Lewis County Trail System. It is a strategic planning tool that helps organizations identify and assess their strengths, opportunities, aspirations and results. Attendees discussed the current assets of the trail system and community support and Kristen will finalize a questionnaire that can be sent out to the public with Facebook and emails. To encourage participation it was decided to do a giveaway of two permits from all participants of the survey.

Scott Simmons from Barnes Corners Sno Pals Snowmobile Club shared his vision for promoting Lewis County as a Motorsports destination and the need for collaboration between ATV and snowmobile clubs to enhance tourism and community engagement. Scott proposed the creation of project wish lists to inspire grassroots initiatives. The change in the SNIRT run was discussed with a change to a family-oriented snowmobiling event. It was also discussed, along with the need to define success and measure outcomes.

The meeting concluded with updates on ongoing projects, including NYSDEC permits for Lee Gulf and coordination with NYSDOT and the Highway Department for the road crossing permits. Discussions addressed the legality of using ATVs on snowmobile trails, ATV safety during hunting season, and the revival of community events. Consideration for an appreciation gathering for landowners and trail ambassadors was discussed. The focus remained on collaboration and future planning.

There will not be meetings in November and December due to the holidays but please maintain communication through email and share information.

ATV Round Table Meeting Recording is on the website.

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Proposed Signage

We would like your feedback on these signs as part of our safety awareness. We would like to post them on our trails near the parking areas.



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Please send feedback to sherrymerry@lewiscounty.ny.gov



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

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