

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

October 2025

ALL TRAILS CLOSE OCTOBER 14TH

As we move into the fall, it's important for riders to be aware of upcoming trail closures across the Lewis County ATV Trail System.


- **Areas J and F have already closed for the season.**
- All other trails will remain open until **October 14, 2025.**

Seasonal closures are a vital part of protecting the trail system. They allow crews time to perform necessary maintenance, prevent long-term damage to the terrain, and respect agreements with private landowners who generously allow access to their property.

We ask all riders to follow posted closure signs and avoid entering closed trails. Riding on closed sections not only risks damage to the system but could also jeopardize access to private lands in future seasons.

Thank you for doing your part to keep the Lewis County ATV Trail System strong for years to come. Let's finish the 2025 season safely and responsibly!



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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

October is a time of winding down, trails closing and final maintenance to be done prior to hunting season for our department, but it is also the last hoorah for our riders to get in some mileage in before the season ends.

The private landowners that graciously allow trails on their property are vital to our trail system. We appreciate all of our landowners, it doesn't matter if they have 100 feet of trail or 8 miles, they are all needed to grow and expand to new Lewis County Communities. It is important that we recognize that we would not have a successful Trail system with out the landowners.

The landowner appreciation dinner held at the Tug Hill Hideaway was a great succuss! Thank you to the Highmarket Wheelers who sponsored the event as well as all of the clubs that participated. Lewis County presented banners to recognize the importance of the local clubs to our trail system. The clubs then honored our landowners with door prizes from local businesses. Our Trail system works best when we all work together and we are proud of our landowners, clubs and local businesses.

As the season closes, our work does not end. We will continue our public outreach for community connections. Our next public meeting will be October 22nd at 6 pm at the Tug Hill Hideaway. To keep legal access in that area, while trying to attain new connections due to loss of trail access is important and we hope to see you there.

We will continue to work on our community connections and expanding our trails throughout Lewis County. If you would like to allow trails on your property, or know landowners willing to help us expand, or just want to become a trail ambassador, please contact our office at 315-376-5972.

Thank you!

Jackie Mahoney

Landowner Event

We had our first Landowner Appreciation lunch on Sunday, September 28. We recognized all of the landowners who graciously sign agreements with the County to allow trails on their land.

We also recognized the trail ambassadors for their dedication to helping improve the trail system. Thank you to everyone who came!





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Singing Waters Park



As the riding season winds down and cooler weather approaches, the bathroom facilities at Singing Waters will close for the season on October 14, the day after Columbus Day. This seasonal closure helps protect the facilities during the winter months and ensures they are ready for use again when the trails reopen in the spring.

Riders are encouraged to plan ahead and make alternative arrangements while enjoying the trails in this area. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we take steps to maintain and preserve our facilities for future use.



Changes to Event Permit Law

We would like to issue a correction regarding recent misinformation about the revised event permit law that was posted on the Lewis County ATV Trail System Facebook page. To ensure clarity for event organizers and participants, the following guidance applies:

- Any outdoor special motorized event held on a County or opted-in Town road with an expected attendance of 2,000 or more people must file for an event permit with the Lewis County Recreation, Forestry & Parks Department prior to the event.
- If attendance for a motorized event exceeds 2,000 or more people, all participants will also be required to purchase an annual Lewis County Trail Permit.
- While not required under Local Law, prior notice to the Director of Recreation, Forestry & Parks for motorized events expecting 250 to 1,999 participants is greatly appreciated.

Our department remains committed to supporting successful community events while ensuring compliance with county regulations. We apologize for the earlier miscommunication and appreciate the community's understanding.

ATV CLUB UPDATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

SCAVENGER HUNT - Saturday, October 4th

Highmarket Wheelers Scavenger Hunt that's all about teamwork, exploration, and fun.

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In-person registration: Starts Friday, October 3 after 6:00 PM at the Hideaway.

We'd like to share an important update with our riders — Highmarket Wheelers memberships are now \$20. Thank you for being a part of the Highmarket Wheelers and for helping us keep the trails open and enjoyable for everyone!

SCAN ME



PUBLIC MEETING OCTOBER 22nd at 6:00 PM at the TUG HILL HIDEAWAY

Lewis County will be hosting a public meeting to discuss off road trail access and the potential road openings regarding portions of Fish Creek road and Byrons Corners Road. Landowners and the public are encouraged to attend.

ATV Roundtable Meeting

Join us at our next round table meeting where we discuss upcoming changes, events, and any updates from Lewis County ATV Clubs and the Recreation Department, and our partners. All meetings are recorded and available on the County's YouTube channel afterwards if you are unable to attend. All are welcome!

The next meeting is Monday, October 27 at 4:00 PM at Outdoor Services Building, 7356 East Road, Lowville NY.

If you would like to join virtually, please contact the office at 315-376-5972

TRAIL PERMITS

Permits for the 2026 season are available and can be purchased online for your convenience. The receipt can be used for two weeks to allow time for your permit stickers to arrive! 3-day-passes are also available by visiting our website!

📱 Scan the QR code below to buy your permit online instantly

Or visit one of these local businesses to purchase in person:

- Brantingham Station
- Edge Hotel
- Kovach Repair
- Osceola Hotel
- Recreation, Forestry & Parks Office
- Terry Groff Auto Repair & Rides 4 Less
- Timberview Resort/Adventures
- Waite Motorsports
- Flat Rock Inn



Having a valid permit is required to ride the trails — make sure you're ready before you roll!

2025 Sponsorship

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their continued support. Your contributions help us continue to grow and improve the trail system.

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EXPLORING THE ATV TRAIL IN LEWIS COUNTY

A note from Senator Walczyk's weekly newsletter



What an incredible experience at the Lee Gulf Trail with Assemblyman Blankenbush and the dedicated leadership from Lewis County!

The Lee Gulf Trail is a vital part of the Lewis County Trail System, serving as the main OHV trail network in the Turin area of the Tug Hill Adirondacks. The recently completed OHV trail in Turin plays a crucial role in connecting our county's OHV system. We hopped in a SxS ride to explore the stunning southern Tug Hill region and its remarkable trails. With a 144-acre play area and over 84 miles of motorized trails linked to 450 miles of seasonal roads, this system is continuously evolving and expanding.

It's inspiring to see our community come together to enhance outdoor access! Riding in a UTV with Turin Mayor Josh Leviker was definitely a highlight of the day.

A heartfelt thank you to Timberview Resort for being an outstanding host — your delicious food and great humor made our time there truly enjoyable! Let's continue working together to promote our outdoor recreation opportunities!