

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2026



FREE WEEKEND

August 7-9th

Are you new to riding and curious about Lewis County's trail system? The first full weekend in August is the annual Free Trail Weekend - no permit required! This special three-day opportunity is perfect for anyone who wants to come enjoy the scenic routes, learn the system, and get a feel for the sport, all without needing a trail permit. Whether you're considering becoming a regular rider or simply want to experience the trails for the first time, this is the time to ride!



LOOKING FOR TRAIL AMBASSADORS

Are you passionate about the OHV Trail System? Do you enjoy helping others, promoting safe riding, and supporting the community? If so, we want you on our Trail Ambassador team!

Trail Ambassadors play an important role in keeping our trail system welcoming, enjoyable, and safe for riders. With a growing trail network and strong community involvement highlighted in recent program updates, now is the perfect time to get involved.

Contact the office for more information about joining our trail ambassador team.

Upcoming Public Hearing

Lewis County will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 4 at 5:00 PM at the Courthouse (7660 North State Street, Lowville) to gather input on proposed updates to the OHV permit pricing structure. The current proposal sets the annual permit at \$70 each and the three-day pass at \$40.

This is the first increase in price since the trail system was established. Residents, riders, landowners, and businesses are encouraged to attend and share their feedback.

LEWIS COUNTY RAIL TRAIL MASTER PLAN

About the Study:

Lewis County and Creighton Manning Engineering are undertaking a transformative initiative to evaluate the conversion of approximately 25 miles of former railroad corridor, recently acquired from Genesee Valley Transportation, into a multi-use rail trail system connecting the Villages of Croghan and Lowville in Lewis County and the Village of Carthage in Jefferson County. The Rail Trail Master Plan will provide a comprehensive roadmap to guide the adaptive reuse of this corridor into a network of recreational and community spaces that celebrate the region's historic assets while supporting economic growth, tourism, and quality of life for residents and visitors.

Your feedback is extremely important to this study!

Visit the project website to learn more, stay up to date on the study, and discover additional opportunities to get involved.

Additionally, phone number, email, and mailing addresses are available below to collect your comments and concerns.

We look forward to connecting with you.



We want to hear from you!



Scan the QR code to take the survey.

Help shape the future of the Lewis County Rail Trail!

Scan the QR code or visit the project website to complete a survey and share your ideas.



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Stay Informed:

Phone #: 518-689-1801

Email: contact@lewiscountyrailtrail.com

Website: <https://lewiscountyrailtrail.com/>

Lewis County Rail Trail

Property Outreach

If you own property along the railroad corridor, we encourage you to attend one of our upcoming outreach sessions. These meetings are a chance to learn more about current planning efforts, ask questions, share concerns, and help shape the future use of the corridor. Your perspective as a landowner is essential, and we hope you will join us to stay informed and be part of the conversation.

Public Participation Plan

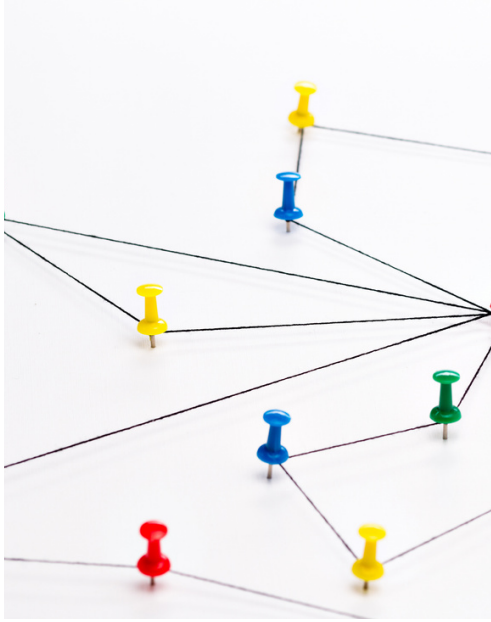
- Adjacent Property Owner Outreach
 - Lowville, Croghan, Castorland, and New Bremen Fire Stations
 - July 28 – 31, 2026
10:00 – 6:00 pm
 - August 2 – 5, 2026
10:00 – 6:00 pm
 - August 10 – 13, 2026
10:00 – 6:00 pm
 - Mailers

Date		Location
28-Jul	Tuesday	New Bremen FD
29-Jul	Wednesday	Castorland FD
30-Jul	Thursday	Croghan FD
31-Jul	Friday	Lowville FD

2-Aug	Sunday	New Bremen FD
3-Aug	Monday	Lowville FD
4-Aug	Tuesday	Croghan FD
5-Aug	Wednesday	Castorland FD

10-Aug	Monday	New Bremen FD
11-Aug	Tuesday	Croghan FD
12-Aug	Wednesday	Castorland FD
13-Aug	Thursday	Lowville FD

Community Connectors- Let's get Connected!



We've said it before, and we'll say it again, we're still looking for Community Connectors! Our goal is to build safe, legal access across the county. These connections help us improve recreational access, and the overall outdoor experience for residents, local businesses and visitors. If you know a landowner who might be open to a friendly conversation about participating in trail access, we'd love to meet them. Call our office anytime; together, we can connect Lewis County!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



If you're searching for a special way to honor a loved one or friend who cherished the outdoors, this is a wonderful opportunity to create a lasting tribute in their memory. Whether they enjoyed exploring nature, supporting local parks, or simply spending time outside, this gesture is a beautiful way to celebrate their life and love for the outdoors. To learn more about how you can participate, please contact our office.

 Call 315-376-5972 for more information!

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Timberview Poker Run Series:

August 8th September 12th
October 10th

For more information, please visit
their Facebook Page.

FREE WEEKEND

Free Weekend is always the
first full weekend in August:
August 7, 8, 9, 2026

HIGHMARKET WHEELERS

August 8th Family Pic-A-Nic
October 3- Scavenger Hunt

TUG HILL ADIRONDACK ATV ASSOCIATION

September 19- Buck Run

**Next ATV Round Table
Meeting is scheduled for
August 24 at 4:00 PM.**

Public Hearing

September 1st at 5:00 PM at the Lewis County Legislative Board Room, 2nd
floor of the Court House. To add .9 miles of the Miller Trail in the Town of
Osceola to the Lewis County OHV Trail System.

Rail Trail Master Plan Public Meetings

Creighton Manning will be hosting many property outreach events at
the end of July and throughout August. For specific dates and locations,
please see attached flyer!

Lewis County OHV Trail Partnerships and Ambassadors

Join a club, get involved become a trail ambassador



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 will be available once the trails open!

📱 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
- Squishy's BBQ & Catering
- Terry Groff Auto Repair & Rides 4 Less
- Timberview Resort/Adventures
- Waite Motorsports
- Flat Rock Inn

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2026 OHV TRAIL SPONSORS

Beaver Creek Lodge
Brantingham Station LLC
Dolhof True Value
Flat Rock Inn
Kovach
L n' R Rider's Retreat
Lowville Sport & Farm
Naturally Lewis
Montague Inn
Pine Tree Inn
Raven Acres
Ridge View Lodge
Singing Waters

Snow Ridge
Squishy's BBQ & Catering
Terry Groff Auto
The Edge Hotel Inc
The Lodge at Headwaters
Timberview Resort
Towpath Restaurant & Lodge
Trailside Ranch
Tuggers
Tug Hill Hook & Ladder
Turin Highland Lodge
Wicked Bad Apple
World Famous Osceola Hotel