



Emily Outing ATV Trail closes November 1st, 2018.

Another ATV riding season comes to an end to make way for the MN Big Game Hunting Season which opens November 3, 2019. During the "A" Deer Season, Off-Highway Vehicle trails and routes on state forest lands are closed to all recreational off-highway riding. If you are a licensed deer hunter, and within your licensed hunting area, you may operate and ATV 1/2-hour before sunrise, 1/2-hour after sunset, and between the hours of 11 am to 2 pm. Please check the MN Big Game Regulations for all of the regulations pertaining to ATV use during Big Game Season. MN Snowmobile trails are open from December 1 to April 1. Some trails may open or close earlier based on seasonal conditions. ATVs are prohibited from riding any designated Grant-In-Aid snowmobile trail even if there is no snow on the trail. We will look to reopen the Emily Outing ATV Trail in the Spring of 2019. The earliest we can open the trails is on May 1st, 2019, however, seasonal conditions will determine the exact opening date. We do not want to open the trails too early and have another occurrence of trail damage that we experience this year, which resulted in a lengthy closure of a section on the B trail.

Jim Remington Explores Colorado

OTHG Treasurer / Membership Director, Jim Remington took his Yamaha Class II ATV out to the Colorado and Utah Mountains in search of Elk at 9000 feet. Jim hunts in the far northwest corner of Colorado, on the boundary of Dinosaur National Park. Unfortunately for Jim and his hunting group, a severe drought had forced the Elk into an early winter migration that left the mountain tops vacant of any Elk. ATV riding in the mountains provides for beautiful vista's and challenging switch backs, as well as some unique road conditions



AUTUMN LOG-N-RIDE

Approximately 50 machines and 70 riders turned out for the first annual Autumn Log-N-Ride which was held at the Log Cabin Bar, Emily MN. on October 6th, 2018. Rides started after the October Club meeting which was also held at the Log Cabin Bar.

Specially crafted Emily Meats brats and smoked pulled Pork sandwiches were available all day with Chef's Dan and Fran Barrett grilling the Brats and stirring the hot apple cider. The Outing Chamber supplied fun with Video Racing and a Mega Meat Raffle .

Riding conditions were cold and Misty, but, fun was had by all Riders. We want to thank The Log Cabin Bar for their hospitality and putting on this first-time ride.



Partners at Work

Members from the Over the Hills Gang ATV Club and the Snow Birds worked together with the City of Emily to create and sign a dedicated ATV & Snowmobile route through the City of Emily. With the help of a \$5000 donation from the Outing Area Chamber of Commerce, the clubs will move forward with creating a concrete ramp off City Hall Drive that leads to the trail, along with making a couple of compacted gravel paths that guide riders off city sidewalks and onto dedicated routes. A City of Emily Route map is completed and will be available soon on club websites and at local businesses.

Emily Proposed ATV Route

Coming from the south by City Hall, ATV's will travel on the trail on the ditch along the west side of the sidewalk down to 3rd street where they will make a direct perpendicular crossing across MN Hwy 6. Once across the road they will drive down to Lake Street, and turn north all the way the County Rd. 1. The rider will then cross Cty. Rd 1, ride through the concrete entrance of the Log Cabin Bar, and jog slightly east to the west ditch along Bloomquist Drive. The rider will travel north and follow Bloomquist where it turns to the west and intersects with South Bay Drive.(Sweets and Such) The rider will turn north onto to South Bay Drive travelling on the pavement, and then enter onto the ditch trail.

Some Do's and Don'ts:

- **You cannot drive an ATV on any City Sidewalks**
- **You cannot ride on MN Hwy 6 road shoulders or road bed**
- **You can make a direct perpendicular crossing of MN Highway 6**
- **You can ride an ATV on Crow Wing Cty Rd 1 - Far right side of road surface**
- **You can Ride an ATV on designated City of Emily streets**
- **Mind your Speed, and Ride with Lights On**

Trail Updates

The riding season may be over, but the planning season begins. Our annual trail audit ride will be held on Sunday October 28, beginning at 12:30 pm. We will be begin the ride/audit at 12:30 pm with the hope to be finished by 4 pm. All members can attend the ride, as we look for areas of trail repair and improvement for 2019. This audit will be sent into our trail sponsor Cass County and to the MN DNR Parks & Trails Department which funds our trails though the Grant-In-Aid Program

Ben Allen and Perry May met with DOT personnel to discuss trail improvements along the MN Hwy 6 ditch between Emily and Outing. We want to coordinate our work with 2019 Hwy 6 planned road improvements, and culvert replacements. We need to move sections of the ditch trail east to the outward slope of the ditch to improve drainage and the damage being done to the inward slope that is close to the road surface. We will be contacting local residents living along the ditch trail to also gather input on improvements. We already know that we will have two to three priority areas in the ditch to repair and improve for 2019.

The Emily Blind Lake Trail continues to move through the approval process with the Central DNR offices in St. Paul. We are hopeful that we may receive funding approval yet this year to begin winter work on the new trail.

We made great progress in 2018 bringing in fill to remote areas of our trail and having various members come out with their personal equipment to repair trails. We will be setting up a time in the near future with all people interested in trail repair to discuss equipment rental needs, best practices for areas of fill, and discussing 2019 Trail Priorities. Stay tuned!



Thank You Rod Wegner !!!!

We are blessed to have our Trail Coordinator/Social Media Director Rod Wegner help our club achieve over 1000 Likes and Followers to our OTHG Facebook site. (Highlifter) Rod does a great job promoting safe, responsible, and ethical riding while sharing the fun our club members are having out on the trails. He is not shy about sharing great stories from other ATV clubs in Minnesota and information relevant to all riders. As Club President, I have had many people approach me to say how much they like our Facebook page. Rod and his wife Jessica are pictured helping out at Emily Day 2018. Both Rod and Jessica are very active in making many of our club events a success



Upcoming Events

October 28, 2018 - Trail Audit Ride -Begins at 12:30 pm at Granny's Bar & Grill Parking Area

December 8, 2018 -ATVAM Legislative Summit, 8:30 am-12:30 pm, Sawmill Restaurant & Bar, Virginia , MN (This is where ATV Riders get their voice heard for new or modified rules & regulation, along with potential bonding requests to the MN State Legislature) Contact Perry May for more information

February 2, 2019 - OTHG Club Meeting, 10 am - Meeting place TBD

February 23, 2019 - 5th Annual Polar Bear Ride - Time and Place TBD

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