



## Know Before You Go

The countdown to our Trail Opener has started, however, looking at current conditions, I would guess that we will be delayed at least two weeks. May 1st is the earliest date that our Emily /Outing and Moose River ATV Trails can open. Our trails are on public lands, and these are managed by Cass and Crow Wing Counties, along with the MN DNR Forestry and Park & Trails Division. Some of our trail segments are on State Forest Roads, so it is important that our trails open on the same date the Forest Roads open reducing confusion for riders. We work directly with all our land managers to coordinate the trail opening dates. Soil conditions are the best indicator, and new moisture such as April snowstorms will delay spring thaw and will keep riding surfaces soft. Trails in road ditches are even more susceptible to damage due to soft soil conditions. Please allow the ditch to firm up before riding and rutting the trails.

**The MN DNR website posts Trail and Forest Road Closures at:**

**[www.dnr.state.mn.us/trailconditions](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/trailconditions)**



## Spring Mailing

OTHG Club Members were busy preparing the spring mailing envelopes on Saturday morning April 13th at Diners Chicken Shack in Emily. All members will be receiving Pork N Ride Raffle Tickets, 2019 Rides & Event Schedule, a letter from Club President Perry May, and a membership renewal form. Members should expect the mailing during the week of April 15th. Thank you to the nine volunteers who stuffed nearly 300 envelopes and had a great breakfast at Diners.

## Clint Converse Campground

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is seeking comments on a proposal to allow off-highway vehicle access to certain areas of the Clint Converse Forest Campground in the Land O' Lakes State Forest and the Greer Lake Forest Campground in the Crow Wing State Forest.

The proposed change will provide OHV enthusiasts direct access from campsites to the



near-by recreational trails. Currently, OHVs must be trailered in and out of the campgrounds. This proposal will allow campers with OHVs to unload their OHVs at their campsite. Off-highway vehicle access will be limited to existing roadways and campsites.

The DNR will accept written comments until 4:30 p.m. May 7. Comments may be submitted:

- Via email to [wade.miller@state.mn.us](mailto:wade.miller@state.mn.us). or call Wade Miller at 218-203-4447
- Via mail to Wade Miller, area supervisor, Parks and Trails Division, Minnesota DNR, 1601 Minnesota Drive, Brainerd, MN 56401.

The DNR will also hold a public meeting from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23 at the City of Fifty Lakes Community Center, 40366 County Road 3, Fifty Lakes, MN 56448. Attendees will be able to discuss the proposal with DNR representatives and submit comments.

For more information, visit [mndnr.gov](http://mndnr.gov).

## New Recreational State Forest Maps



The MN DNR Forestry Division has completed two great maps for the Land O Lakes and Centennial State Forest in our area. The club will have some of these maps to hand out to members, and can order more if there is a demand. These maps are also geo-referenced and can be downloaded to use with the Avenza app on your smart phone. The app tracks you even when you are out of cellular range

## Trail Updates

### The Emily Blind Lake ATV Trail

- Application for DOT (Department of Transportation) Permit for work along MN Highway 6 is complete; Waiting for approval
- Perry prepared Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative Grant Application
- Wiseth Smith Nolting Environmental Engineering out of Baxter, MN is working on work scope document and cost estimate to help us apply for a MPCA Storm Water Pollution Protection Plan which is needed before we disturb any soils.

### The Emily Outing Trail

- 2019 Trail Map information and Business Member Advertisements are in the hands of Strateligent in Brainerd for final design proof. Many thanks to Jason Kawamoto, from Quality Assured Label, who lends his creative design skills to our map advertisements every year.
- Working with contractors to remove beaver dam that is causing flooding over our B Trail.
- Discussing Trail Volunteer Opportunities with Woodtick Wheelers

## Upcoming Rides and Events

April 27, MN ATV Association, Region 3 meeting, Ironton, MN Legion Post #443, 9am to 1pm  
A great chance to network with local clubs and hear about regional ATV plans

May 4, 2019 - OTHG Club Meeting, 10 am, Back Room at Diners, Emily MN. Room available for breakfast beginning at 9 am

May 4, 2019 - Adopt a Highway Clean -Up on Cass Cty 58. Weather dependent. Meet at Outing parking area across from Luschers park at 11:30am

May 25, 2019 - ATV Youth Safety Training beginning at 8 am at Emily City Hall. Flyer on OTHG web page, and also on MN DNR web page. **(Class is Full)**, contact Perry May at 612-919-5806

June 1st 2019--Pork and Ride, check Facebook for details and event flyer

**New Facebook Feature** -We continue to look for ways to advertise our great club business sponsors and Rod Wegner is continuing a series of posts on Facebook to highlight each of our business sponsors. Rod will be working his way through the alphabet, and Angells Resort was his next targeted post. We also advertise business sponsors on our Trail Maps and on our OTHG web page. Please patronize these businesses whenever possible; They are great ATV Recreation Partners

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