



One Boardwalk Closer

Taking advantage of the mid-December mild weather, another 300-foot long puncheon style boardwalk was completed on the days of December 15, 19th and 20th. This boardwalk was on the Aitkin County side of the new Emily Blind Lake ATV Trail. We purchased surplus lumber from the Voyageur Country ATV Club, which they sold at pre-Covid pricing to us. Club members Mike



Melberg and Terry Sewill unloaded and moved all of the lumber out to the boardwalk site, and 16 different volunteers, representing four different ATV clubs, came together to fasten the individual pieces into 10 foot long sections and place them in position. Thank you to the Cuyuna Iron Range Riders, Woodtick Wheelers, Carlton County Riders, and the Blind Lake ATV Club. We have one final 450 foot long boardwalk to construct in the Spring of 2021 before turning our attention to other smaller trail construction details. We are tentatively planning a mid-September 2021 grand opening for the new trail.

Getting Loose on the Moose is just what over 70 machines and 100 riders did on Saturday, January 16th, 2020. Mother nature served up 4 inches of new powder the day before, which made for great riding on the Moose River ATV Trails along with stunning winter photo opportunities. The Moose River Trails are open year-round except for big-game hunting, logging activity, and occasional seasonal closures for weather or soil related conditions. Jim Remington, Jim & Brenda Anderson, and Laurie Elsberry served up a hotdog picnic style lunch at the White Oak Lake Campground, while Rod Wegner had hot apple cider to share at the Cedar Lake Shelter next to a warm campfire. The Enbridge Pipeline Crews working in the area helped provide safe crossing in the areas where the trails crossed over the construction area. Winter ATV Riding is growing in popularity, and with the growth in side by side style ATV's, complete with heated cabs, the need for more open winter trails is a must. The OTHG club is researching grooming methods for these types of trails which are different than your typical snowmobile trail. The snow has to be compacted for wheeled vehicles, ATV trails wind through forests, and trail widths can be as small as 8-foot wide. On heavy snow years, ATV trails can become impassable, and without grooming, wheel ruts become icy compacted troughs which steer the ATV like a train on rails. Our club goal is to have a grooming method ready to go for the 2021-2022 winter riding season. This will provide added revenue for the local businesses during winter months from the rider who is looking for a place to stay and some warm food after the ride. Thank you to all of the riders who shared their pictures and videos on the OTHG Facebook page and came out to enjoy the day of Winter Riding.





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The **1st club meeting of 2021** will be held **virtually via Zoom Saturday February 6, 2021 beginning at 10am**. There will also be a call-in number for the meeting if you do not want to attend through your PC. If you wish to receive the zoom link, please email overthehillsgang@gmail.com directly and we will send you the link

Call-In number is:

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This is our kick-off meeting to set goals, rides, and events for 2021 and to catch up on things since our last meeting in October 2020.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You. The OTHG ATV Club wants to thank all individual, family, and business members along with those who who contributed above their normal membership dues with gifts of time, talent and donations in 2020. We could not have accomplished so much without your support. We apologize if we have missed someone from this list.
Incredible gifts by all!

- 336 volunteer trail hours on Emily Outing ATV Trail
- 633 volunteer trail hours on Emily Blind Lake Trail
- 91 hours as MN DNR Volunteer Trail Ambassadors
- \$1830 in business donations or gift cards
- \$4527 in individual donations
- \$15,000 Polaris T.R.A.I.L Grant
- \$30,000 in Emily Blind Lake ATV Trail, Minnesota Trails Assistance Program /Grant-In-Aid
- \$35,000 in Emily Outing ATV Trail, Minnesota Trails Assistance Program /GraCAMPIONnt-in-Aid
- 232 Individual or Family paid Memberships (estimate 500 total club members)
- 52 Business Memberships

2020 Business Donations by:

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2020 TRAIL VOLUNTEERS:

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thank you!

ATV Safety Training

- As we get closer to the 2021 riding season it is important to get trained!
- Anyone born after July 1, 1987, who is age 12 or older, must have a valid ATV Safety Certificate to operate on public lands, trails, frozen waters, and when crossing road rights-of-way
- Visit www.dnr.state.mn.us and click on the Education and Safety Tab to find Minnesota Requirements for ATV Safety Training , and for ATV safety classes. Training requirements are different for each age (under 10, ages 10-15, and ages 16 and over.
- If you feel you are not in need of training, at least be informed on the latest ATV regulations, which can change each year. Read, download or pick up a 2020-2021 OHV Regulations booklet at www.dnr.state.mn.us/regulations/ohv/index.html



The OTHG ATV Club will be sending out information in our next newsletter regarding 2021 Youth ATV Safety Class

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