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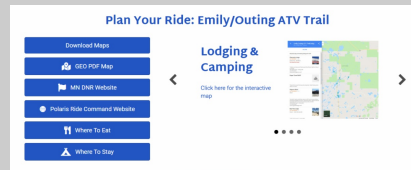
Winter Riding



The Moose River Trails are open for winter riding! 3 restaurants and a gas station are accessible by ATV right from the parking lot. 3 different parking areas offer numerous ways to plan your day. Come on up and play in the snow!

Plan your visit

Are you planning your first visit to ride our trails? Our [website](#) has ALL the info you need, where to park, where to stay, and where to eat, all in one convenient location.



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Events

2025 Event schedule is here! Go to our website and print out a copy for your fridge!
<https://overthehillsgang.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/OTHG-2025-Schedule.pdf>

These events don't happen by accident. They are planned, organized and staffed by volunteers. Like You! If you would like to get involved, check our website in the coming months, or email the club at overthehillsgang@gmail.com

March 1: Club Meeting 9:30am Log Cabin Bar, Emily

April 5: Club Meeting 9:30am Log Cabin Bar, Emily

Volunteers Needed!

Please email overthehillsgang@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Club Officer Position- Secretary

Ladies Ride Coordinator(s)

Log and Ride Event Coordinator(s)

Youth safety training course support- May 3

ATV MN Ride and Roast group ride sweep-

May 17

Check Out Our Events Calendar

2024 Safety Statistics Summary

Fatalities: Total – 29 ATV and 1 OHM

Ages:

- Under age 18 / 2 fatalities
- 18-36 / 10 /fatalities
- Over 37 /17 fatalities (*No safety certificate needed if born before July 1, 1987.)

Type:

Rollovers accounted for 14 fatalities

Striking a fixed object accounted for 6 fatalities

Accidents involving another vehicle (car, truck) accounted for 6 fatalities

12 fatalities were Class 1 ATV's and 15 were Class 2 ATV's (side x side)

Location of Fatality:

Road Right of Way -20 fatalities

Private Property – 5 fatalities

Public Trails – 2 fatalities

Other

Other possible contributing Factors:

- Alcohol/Impairment - 13
- Speed - 8
- No Helmet/Seatbelt -22
- No ATV Safety Certificate – 25

Backed by ATV Safety Statistics in 2024, the safest riders have a MN ATV Safety Certificate, Ride on Public Trails, wear a helmet, wear a seatbelt if equipped, ride without impairment from drugs or alcohol, ride at a safe speed and understand the Minnesota Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations. Adults are always invited to sit in our annual ATV Safety Training Course held on May 3, 2025.(see safety first section)

Trail Rest Stops



The four E's of effective trail management include: Engineering, Education, Enforcement and Evaluation. In this article we are going to focus on Evaluation and more specifically trail rest stops. Our club receives input from riders through emails, Facebook posts, rider conversations

and Trail Ambassador reports. One Trail Ambassador report suggested the addition of more trail rest stops. As we consider this suggestion, we first must recognize the locations we call rest stops today, which could include ATV parking, picnic tables, kiosks, shelters, and /or toilets.

Rest stops could also include stops at our businesses in Outing, Emily, and Fifty Lakes. Our club considers the following areas as trail rest stops when riding the Emily-Outing, Emily-Blind Lake, Moose River, and Blind Moose Loop Trails. Some stops are maintained by the Blind Lake or Northwoods Quads ATV Clubs.

Draper Tower Road Parking Area: Kiosk, picnic table, and Shelter

White Oak Lake Campground: ADA Vault Toilet, dispersed camping

Cedar Lake Loop: Shelter, picnic table, portable toilet

Cedar Lake Loop / Pikus Forest Rd.: Kiosk, parking

Egg Lake: Dispersed Camping

All Pine Inn: Restrooms, water, shelter, camping, on sale beverages

Luscher Park: ADA Toilet, picnic tables, shelter, playground, fishing pier

Little Emily Lake County Park: Shelter, ADA Toilets, picnic tables, playground, fishing pier, swim beach, walking trails

Emily - Bloomquist Dr. & Mn Hwy 6: Parking and Ice Cream /Gift shop next door

Emily City Park: Shelter, ADA Toilet, Playground, Picnic tables

Emily Blind Lake Selfie Station: picnic table, selfie station

Emily Blind Lake / Blind Lake Connector: Kiosk, Picnic Table

Blind Lake Connector / Aitkin Cty. Rd.3: Shelter, ADA Toilet, Picnic Table

Swatara Soo Line North: ADA Toilet, picnic table

Moose River Connector / Soo Line North: Shelter, picnic tables, ADA Toilet

We are looking at possibly adding a portable toilet north of Outing between Sunset Hill Road and the Moose River trails, or near Little Reservoir Lake just off the Pikus Forest Road. We are always open to suggestions.

Grant Manager Report

Watch for future updates on what we have been working on



ATV Safety Training Hands-On Course

Training Date: May 3, 2025

AM Session: Begins at 8:30 am (20 students max.)

PM Session: Begins at 12:30 pm (20 students max.)

Location: Crooked Lake Town Hall, 6300 Woods Bay Drive, Outing MN 56662

Pre-Registration: Contact Cindy Thompson by email at cindythompson0203@gmail.com or



mobile 763-592-9330 (Additional course information will be sent after preregistering)

Cost: Hands-On Course \$0.00 – Sponsored by Over the Hills Gang ATV Club

Pre-Requisites for achieving ATV Safety Certificate:

- Students must be a minimum of 10 years of age to take hands-on training.
- Students aged 10-15 must complete MN Online Safety Class at ATVcourse.com (cost \$34.95) before attending hands-on training.
- Must be 12 years of age to apply for MN ATV Safety Certificate
- Students Age 16 and older or born after July 1, 1987 must complete Online Safety Training course to apply for ATV Safety Certificate

Training conducted by MN DNR Certified Youth Safety Training Instructors

Meet and discuss MN ATV Regulations with MN DNR Conservation Officer

Successfully complete your OnLine and Hands-On Safety Training and apply for MN ATV Safety Certificate (Need to be 12-years old to apply)

Membership

Would you like to EARN your membership? You can do so by volunteering for at least 2 hours at 2 Club Events, or by performing 4 hours of Trail Work. Check our last newsletter for the results of this offer in 2024!

Become a Member!

Contact Us:
membership@overthehillsgang.org

Nominations

OTHG needs a volunteer to serve as Secretary on the Board of Directors

The management of the Club is vested in the Board of Directors which includes the Secretary. The Secretary works with the other Board of Director volunteers to discuss overall direction and operation of the Club. The Secretary has oversight of the By-Laws Committee and Nomination Committee. Additionally, the Secretary keeps all club records including

minutes of meetings, roster of club members, list of committees and their members.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email us at overthehillsgang@gmail.com.

By-Laws

No new updates

Committee members:

1. Perry May
2. Tim Sink
3. David Thompson
4. Kim Dylla

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