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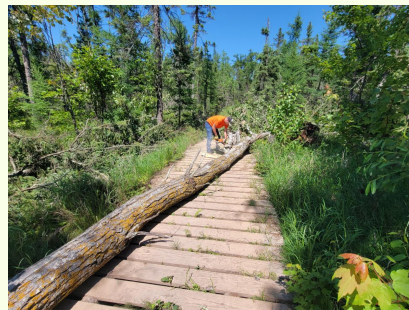
Storm Damage Trail Work



Trail Work

Trail Coordinator Tim Sink was out with a chain saw and his skid steer on the Emily Blind Lake ATV Trail, working with Perry May to remove over 100 trees that came down from the storm on early Monday morning, June 23, 2025. The hardest hit area was from County Road 106 east to the Blind Lake Connector. Other trail areas had minor storm damage with down trees and trail rutting from storm water runoff.

Trail work is happening almost every week. If you are interested in helping, feel free to email us at overthehillsgang.org



Volunteer Opportunities

We need your help to make our events happen! Volunteer at two Club events and we'll give you a complimentary membership! Get started by helping with one of these events. Email us at overthehillsgang@gmail.com if you're able to assist.

Ride your ATV or SxS in the Emily Day Parade with the Club - July 19

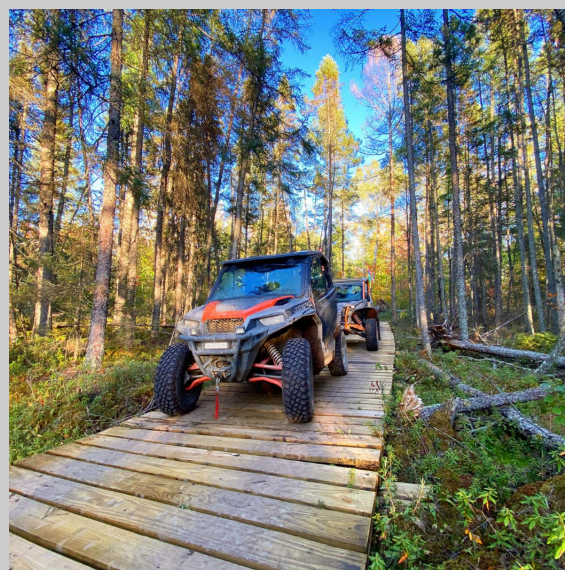




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Events

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

July 12th: Club Meeting 9:30am at Log Cabin Bar in Emily

July 19th: Emily Days Parade: ATV's are welcome!

Check Out Our Events Calendar

Fifty Lakes Day 2025



The OTHG ATV Club had a booth during the Fifty Lakes Day celebration on June 21, 2025. Thank you to all the members and potential new members that stopped by to say hello, or to ask a question.

The club sold over 100 raffle tickets for our October 4, 2025 ATV Raffle, took in a few donations, handed out maps, regulation booklets, and answered many questions.

Trivia: The first post office in Fifty Lakes was established in 1926!

Pork N Ride 2025



Over 250 registered riders enjoyed good weather and great trails on 10 different Guided Group Rides during the Club's 24th annual Pork N Ride event on June 14th. Rides left from different locations at different times to help mitigate congestion on the trails and at parking areas.



During the day, BSQ BBQ food truck was on hand at the event headquarters, the Log Cabin Bar of Emily, serving up delicious BBQ Sundaes and other BBQ staples

The Club's merch booth did well and sold most of the old merch we were trying to clear out to make way for new merch coming soon.

We ran a Membership drive special and signed up 13 new members! Raffle tickets for the October 4th Log N Ride were also very popular,

selling over \$750 worth!



While a few of the group rides didn't make it back to the Log Cabin Bar in time for the 5 o'clock Door Prize drawing, over 30 people walked away from the day with some great prizes!

Member Questions This Month



Member Q&A This Month:

Q.What does OHV mean?

A. ATV regulations are found in the annual MNDNR OHV Regulation booklet. OHV stands for Off-Highway Vehicles. In Minnesota there are three categories of OHV's and they are ATV's (Class 1 and 2), OHMs (Off Highway Motorcycles) and ORV's (Off Road Vehicle like a Jeep). Your Car, SUV, or Pick Up is classified as an HLV (Highway Licensed Vehicle)

Q. Why is the trail south of Emily placed on a boardwalk and not in the MN Hwy 6 ditch?

A.The area west of MN Hwy 6, near Lake Emily, is considered wetland. There are eight different types of wetland in Minnesota, and placing the puncheon style boardwalk in more of the swampy/ cattail area allowed for minimal impact to the wetland when compared to a dirt trail closer to the highway. We followed guidance from MNDOT, Crow Wing County, and from the Technical Evaluation Panel which reviews wetland impacts under the Wetland Conservation Act for this decision.

Q. Can I ride my Class 1 or Class 2 ATV on County Roads?

A. ATV riding on MN County roads is permitted when a local county creates an ordinance

allowing such operation. These ordinances cannot supersede MN state ATV regulations and typically include Operator requirements. County ordinances are similar but can have important differences. Our 2025 Emily Outing trail maps include all of the links to local county ordinances:

Crow Wing: crowwing.gov/214/ordinance-policy

Aitkin: co.aitkin.mn.us/ordinances

Cass: casscountymn.gov/1266/county-ordinances

Q. Why are the trails on the west side of MN Hwy 6 not mapped or signed?

A. There are no designated Grant-In-Aid ATV trails west of MN Hwy 6. Most of these trails are winter use snowmobile trails, or open to motorized recreation use, county trails. The OTHG ATV club is not allowed to map, sign, or maintain trails that are not included in our Grant-In-Aid contracts with trail sponsor Cass County, or the MN DNR.

Grant Manager Report

Watch for future updates on what we have been working on

Invasive Plant Training July 18, 2025

Come learn more about Invasive Plants that are showing up in our state and local forests. See the flyer below for dates and times for the training. ATV recreation is just one of many forms of recreation that can help spread the seeds of invasive plants in our forests. The OTHG ATV Club is initiating training for our members and for the public to help identify these plants, report the location to DNR and County staff, and then learn prevention steps to stop the spread. Lets help protect the trails we ride.

INVASIVE PLANT TRAINING

OBJECTIVE

- Learn how to identify invasive plants in our state and county forests.
- Learn how seeds are transported
- Learn how to mark and report location of growth
- Learn the dangers to our forest eco-system

18th of July
Classroom
10:00 AM - 12:00 noon
Field Training to follow

**Crooked Lake Town Hall,
Outing MN**

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Membership and Renewals

Our calendar year runs Aug 1st to July 31st.

Memberships follow the same calendar. Currently we offer a Business Membership and a Personal membership. Personal are either individual or family. All members with a valid e-mail address will receive our monthly newsletter.

Our Facebook and Website site is dynamic, filled with new events and information about the club. Your membership directly supports riding opportunities in the Emily /Outing areas by contributing to the club portion of grant-in aid matching funds needed for trail maintenance and improvements. Local ATV Clubs maintain the trails, and without a club, there will be no trails. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to also join and participate in the activities. You can request a membership from overthehillsgang@gmail.com, or join and pay with PayPal on our website, Overthehillsgang.org. You can also follow the links below.

[Renewals](#) [New Members](#)

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

Volunteers Needed:

If you are interested in volunteering for any of our events, please email us at overthehillsgang@gmail.com.

Volunteers are an important part of our club and all of the events we put together!

By-Laws

No new updates

Committee members:

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

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