



## **ATV Minnesota**

*"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"*

**May 25, 2022**

**Newsletter**

*270 New Members This Year*

*Welcome!*

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**Trail Opener Is Mixed Bag  
Across Minnesota  
(Over two dozen trails still closed)**



## They're Off And Running In Central Minnesota...

By May 21st, after some clubs removed up to 60 windfalls on their trails, most of the State ATV Trails in southern and central Minnesota were opened. Many clubs held rides on the 21st, several reporting riders attending by the hundreds. Over 300 rode on that Saturday at the ATV Minnesota Ride & Roast in Isle (more photos below).



## ...But Cleanup Is Still Ongoing In Northern Minnesota

*"CLOSED due to Spring conditions."*

*"Major culvert washouts in multiple locations needing repair."*

*"Damage due to flooding last week along the North Shore with heavy rains and snow melt. Expect a later than normal trail opening."*

Those are some of the messages on the Minnesota DNR OHV trail closure

website page. For families looking to hit the trails, it's hit or miss in northern Minnesota, with 27 State ATV Trails fully or partially closed. Some may not open for weeks as rivers are running around bridges, culverts are fully exposed and flooding continues, due to high winter snowfall, late frost-out and heavy spring rains.



## Some Clubs Are Just Now Able To Assess Trail Damage

*From the Prospectors Club, Ely:*

*"The trail system will not be opened until both the Forest Service and DNR have completed trail repairs and given the green light to ride the trails. In the meantime, please stay off the trails for your safety and to not damage the trails, which would further delay trail system opening. Don't waste time and gas money coming up here to ride until the trails are ready."*





## **North Shore Clubs Can't Predict When Their Trails Will Open**

*From the Wild Country ATV Club, Two Harbors:*

"I am sad to say it is going to be some time before the Wild Country trail will be open. Mother Nature really took its toll on the trail with much damage."

*From the Finland Snowmobile/ATV Club:*

"Our trails will remain CLOSED until further notice. We have had meetings with Lake County and the DNR. The decision was made to keep our trail system, along with Silver Bay's, Wild County's and sections of the Prospector closed until further notice. All trails have NOT been assessed for damage yet due to the fact that we can't get to them. Safety is the major concern at this point. We will attempt to get this work done as quickly and as safely as possible."

*From the Silver Trail Riders Snowmobile & ATV Club, Silver Bay:* "All of our club's trails are impassable until further notice. The rainstorm last week that brought flooding to many areas has affected our trails in a dramatic way. Washouts are prevalent and the trails are still soft with continued frost in the ground in some areas. We are working with the DNR on a plan for trail repairs and funding to do the massive repairs needed for our trail system. Please do not venture out on the trails....they are CLOSED."



## **All Outdoor Activities Hampered Throughout The Superior National Forest**

*From its Facebook page: Spring Conditions Alert - for all activities!*

We are experiencing high water levels and flooding, creating unpredictable and hazardous situations for boaters, drivers, hikers and backpackers.

- Many roads, trails and portages across the Forest are washed out or flooded.

- Developed, wilderness

campgrounds and other recreation areas are flooded and submerged underwater.

- Rivers and streams are very cold and fast moving.

- Many hiking trails are flooded, and roads impassible to get to trailheads.

- ATV trails on the Forest remain closed until conditions allow for use.

Please exercise caution, be prepared and call ahead to the local District Ranger office or Cooperator for conditions. *USFS Photo: near Iron bridge, Stony Spur ATV trail*



## **They Came, They Rode, They Roasted And They Roasted**

### ***Highlights of the ATV Minnesota 2022 Ride & Roast***

Total riders attending: 323  
 Club with the most riders: 35 from the South Metro ATV Club (there should be a prize for that!)  
 Morning temperature: 39 degrees (but no dust, no rain)  
 Number of flat tires observed: 2 (not due to RR spikes)  
 Roast pork/turkey sandwiches, sides and cupcakes served: over 330 with

enough for seconds

Number of short speeches: 2 -- President Ron Potter gave an update on bills in the Legislature and asked everyone to take the Master Plan survey (online at: [mnatvmasterplan.org](http://mnatvmasterplan.org)). State Director Perry May reported on plans for the upcoming ATV MN Ride & Rally.





Riders winning door prizes (including two \$100 bills): a lot, with cheers to all the winners, including those from the South Metro club who seemed to dominate :)

People and groups to thank: many! The Isle Fire Dept for serving up a hearty pancake breakfast; Ken Irish, the Ride & Roast Committee and the Cuyuna Iron Range Riders for organizing the event, providing a trail lunch and cooking up dinner for over 300; Erv Kleinschmidt and Jenn Jancsek for managing registrations, sign-ins, gear displays and sales; all the

board members and clubs that pitched in to help, and everyone who traveled near and far to attend the 2022 Ride & Roast...thank you!



**MINNESOTA ATV STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN**

TAKE THE VISIONING SURVEY AND HELP GUIDE THE FUTURE OF THE ATV PROGRAM IN MINNESOTA

PROJECT WEBSITE:  
MNATVMasterPlan.org

**How Can ATV Riding Be Improved In Minnesota?**

**Share Your Thoughts. Take The Survey Today.**

*Details and registrations*

at: **MNATVMasterPlan.org**

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources **SIGN MANUAL**

**SIZE**

- 12" x 18"
- 18" x 24"
- 12" x 12" signs
- 3" x 3" decals
- other

**COLOR**

- white on brown
- red on white
- black on orange
- black on yellow
- other

**THICKNESS**

- .025"
- .035"
- .055"
- .063"
- .075"
- .085"
- .100"
- .125"

**MATERIAL**

- aluminum
- poly-plastic
- cardboard
- decal

**REFLECT.**

- yes - signs
- no - decals

**HOLE SIZE**

- 1/4"
- 5/16"
- 3/8"
- 3/4"

**RADIUS**

- 1-1/2" on signs
- 3"
- other

**NOTES**

- **SIGNS:** Snowmobile: Black on Avery T1504 Engineer Grade Reflective Sheeting (Orange). All other Vehicles: Brown (PMS 469) on 3M CW80 (White).
- **DECALS:** Snowmobile: Black on Federal Highway Orange (PMS 165) on 3M Controlac #180C-10. All other Vehicles: White on Federal Highway Brown (PMS 469) on 3M Controlac #180C-10.

**NRM 8.4.22 Motorized Trail Use Symbols**

**SNOWMOBILE**

NRM 8.4.22A NRM 8.4.22AX

**A.T.V. All-terrain Vehicle**

NRM 8.4.22BI NRM 8.4.22BII NRM 8.4.22BIX NRM 8.4.22BIIX

**CLASS 1 ATVs** **CLASS 2 ATVs**

NRM 8.4.22F NRM 8.4.22G

**O.H.M. Off-highway motorcycle**

NRM 8.4.22C NRM 8.4.22CX

**O.R.V. Off-road Vehicle** **Highway Licensed Highway Licensed Vehicle**

NRM 8.4.22D NRM 8.4.22DX NRM 8.4.22E

**Signs Of The Times**

ATV Minnesota has been lobbying for years to improve the signs that clubs and the Minnesota DNR post on their ATV trails, moving away from white-on-red, to the standard white-on-brown, and better defining ATV Class 1 and Class 2 images.

The DNR has approved new signage, but the wait continues. Unfortunately, as we we understand it, that the signs will not be available for ordering until sometime next year.

In the meantime, ATV clubs with Grant-in-Aid trails can make the new signs on their own through their sign vendors, using the specs shown on the new DNR sign manual.





**More Fun ATV Minnesota Events? You bet!  
Plan Now To Attend The State Convention (Ride & Rally) September 16-18, 2022**

*New this year: ATV Fair, food trucks, live bands, fireworks! Some lodging is starting to fill up. Contact your ride group, choose a ride option, and register today. Maximum of 25 vehicles on guided rides, or choose the self-guided ride option when you register.*

Event details, daily schedules, guided-ride options, camping & lodging lists, sponsorship opportunities ... and did we mention food! food! food!

It's all lined up and registration is open at [atvmn.org](http://atvmn.org).  
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**Got a Good Story to Tell?**

- Been on a memorable ride?
- Have a fun story about your ATV club?
- Know a volunteer who should be recognized for all they do for ATV riding?
- An important ATV issue we should cover?
- Want to submit an article or photos? We don't have a budget to pay you, but we will give you a byline and extra copies of the magazine your article or photo appears in. -
- Send your comments, stories, club news, and ideas to: [d.halsey@atvmn.org](mailto:d.halsey@atvmn.org). Thanks! From the ATV MN Communications Team: Dave Halsey, Nick Wognum, Jeff Leese, Rod Wegner, Dean Schliek.

*Photo: From the Bluff Country ATV Club: "Great ride at the weekend Ride and Roast in Isle, Minn. Lots of puddles! A bit cold but not terrible! And to finish the day, lucky Mary won 100 bucks!"*



*Don't bobble your chance to be involved.  
Join or renew your membership today!*

### **ATV MINNESOTA**

*"Your Voice To Ride"*

Dedicated Volunteers  
Building Fun & Sustainable  
ATV Trails  
(And Boardwalks, Kiosks,  
Parking, Outhouses & More)  
For The Riding Public

**Invite friends and family to join today. Gift memberships available!**

See the mailing label on your Minnesota Wheelin magazine for your membership renewal date. Be sure to include your email address on the renewal form we send you to receive newsletters. Send renewals to ATV MN, PO Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079.

Belonging to ATV Minnesota, you join thousands of riders throughout the state, have fun, and help create a positive future of ATV riding in Minnesota.

**As a family or individual member, for just \$20 you receive:**

- A subscription to Minnesota Wheelin magazine (6 per year).
- Twice-monthly newsletter by email with the latest news.
- Membership card and ATV MN logo sticker for your ATV.
- Invitations to events, including our Legislative Summit, Vision Conference, Ride & Roast in the spring, and State Convention "Ride & Rally" in the fall, as well as membership meetings.
- Discounts at some business members (watch for new list being compiled).
- A full-time lobbyist at the State Capitol, helping create pro-ATV legislation, and moving forward bills that help provide funding for new trail systems.

**As a business member, for \$75 you receive:**

All of the above, plus:

- Your business name and contact information listed in our Minnesota Wheelin magazine and on the ATV Minnesota website
  - Discounts on advertising in Minnesota Wheelin. For details, send an email to Creston Dorothy at Pro Print in Duluth: [cdorothy@proprintus.com](mailto:cdorothy@proprintus.com)
  - Opportunities to reach more customers by sponsoring or donating to our events
- To join, contact **ATVAM** or call (800) 442-8826.

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