



Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club June 2022 Newsletter



Woodticks In The Grass

On May 21st, a dozen Woodticks were really active. They filled 32 trash bags cleaning up the club's 2-mile Adopt-A-Highway stretch along State 200 in either direction from Anderson's South Shore Resort, where volunteers were treated to lunch afterwards. This year's prize for most unusual find during the walk in the ditch was a furry deer antler that blew off someone's car antenna, certainly worthy of the \$25 gift certificate.



Thanks to everyone who donned gloves and picked up cans, bottles, dirty diapers, car parts and other assorted garbage along the highway.

Woodticks In The Water

That same day, eighty miles to the south, Woodticks were crawling down the trails during the annual ATV Minnesota Ride & Roast. Set at McQuoids Inn in Isle, they enjoyed a pancake breakfast put on by the Isle Fire Department, a box lunch out on the trail, and a roast pork and turkey dinner.





Total count this year was 322 riders on the Soo Line South, Red Top, Foxy Loop and Solana Loop Trails. After an update by ATV MN president Ron Potter on the Association's bills at the Legislature, door prizes were handed out, including some Woodtick Wheelers gear.

Woodticks In The Bunyan On June 4th, National Trails Day

Led by Paul Vashro, 16 members rode on the Round River Drive Trails north of Akeley in the Paul Bunyan State Forest, with a fun lunch at the Stompin' Grounds afterwards.





Two ATV Safety Classes Were A Success

Our ATV Safety Instructors and club-member helpers certified 38 youth riders during two ATV Classes held June 11th at the Walker Area Community Center. Thanks to Brad Rittgers, Travis Collette and Chad Emery from the Sheriff's Dept, and CO Jacqueline Hughes, for assisting, to all the club members who helped and to team leader Craig Wadzink for organizing the class, and fielding calls from parents registering their young riders. If you know others who need ATV certification, check out the DNR website for the full list of ATV Safety Classes scheduled across the state.

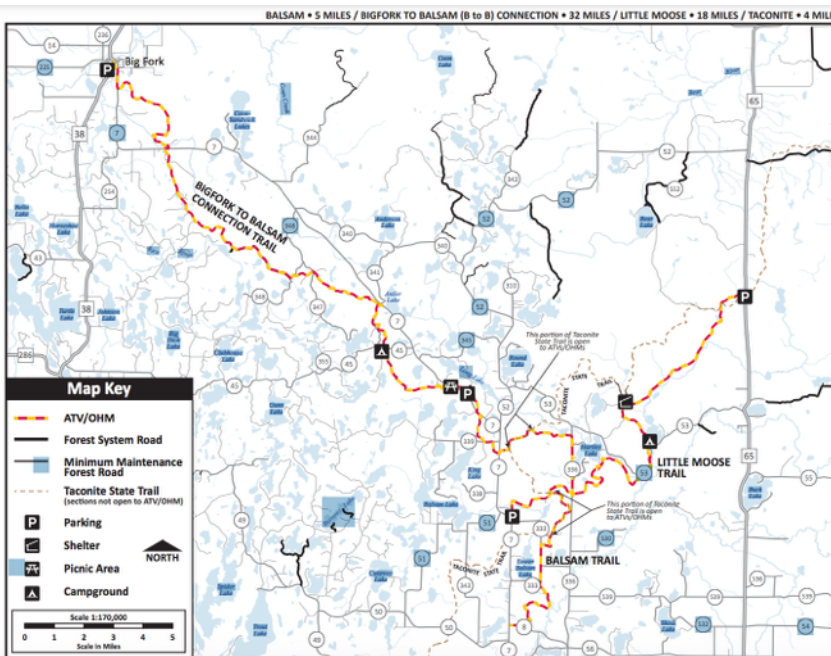
Next Up:

Watch for emails on additional mid-week rides and social gatherings organized this month by club members. Emily-Outing trail is now open, Moose River and Emily-Blind Lake trails are still closed. Want to organize a ride or fun outing? Send an email to Dave Halsey at dvhalsey@gmail.com or call 612-723-1987.

June 17-18 — Moondance Country Music Weekend. If you are going, watch for our club's SAR Team members, on hand assisting Sheriff Deputies during this fun event, riding in the county's military RZR's.

June 18— Ride opportunity nearby. Over The Hills Gang ATV Club's Annual Pork-N-Ride at Log Cabin, Emily. 10 am, 9 guided rides, BBQ, raffles. Details at club's website and Facebook page.

July 4— Longville parade. We ride our decorated ATVs, led by the club trailer and Woodrow the Woodtick. Stage at Salem Church at 10 a.m., parade starts at 11 a.m. Club gear, trail atlases available. Other town activities listed on Longville Chamber website.



July 16— Club Ride on Bigfork to Balsam Connection Trail.

Last year we started in Balsam, this year we'll start at the other end of the trail. Meet at 9 a.m. at the trailhead, a large parking area south of Bigfork on Highway 38, just west on Rajala Mill Road. Lunch at Antler Lodge. This is a great trail with multiple boardwalks and a vari-

ety of terrain, well maintained by the Wilderness Wheelers ATV Club. Ride leader is Chris Emerson: 218-566-1566, email: b174894@gmail.com Trail map is on DNR website, Avenza app and Ride Command app.

Thanks to everyone who has renewed their membership, paying by mail or at the meetings and rides, and to everyone who bought club gear at 50% off! Please renew your membership if you haven't already. If you joined in the fall of 2021 your dues are paid for this year.

Thanks to these businesses that bought an ad on the Ride Command map through our club: Swanson's Bait & Tackle, The One Stop (donation), Stompin' Grounds, Big Dipper, Southside Fuel Plus (extra donation). Greatly appreciated!

Thanks to all the businesses that support our club! Please support them: American Legion Post 202, Arrowhead Builders Supply / Longville, A&N Computers / St. Cloud, Bear Pause Theaters, Big Dipper Restaurant, Birchwood Char House, First National Bank North, Ironside Trailer Sales & Service / Harmony, Kevin Larson Construction, Lakes Area Powersports / Walker, North Lakes Marine & Auto / Longville, Ray's Sport and Cycle / Grand Rapids, Remer Motel & Campgrounds, The One Stop / Longville, Trosen Electric, Stompin' Grounds / Akeley, Swanson's Bait and Tackle, Southside Fuel Plus, Select Seamless Gutters / Crosslake, Loney Sales & Service / Walker *(let us know if we forgot anyone)*

Send us your questions or comments about the club, ATV regs, trails, ATV MN, safety training...we cannot be stumped! :)

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Reminder: headlights on (state law) and hand signals indicating number of riders behind you to oncoming traffic (good safety tip).

