

Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club

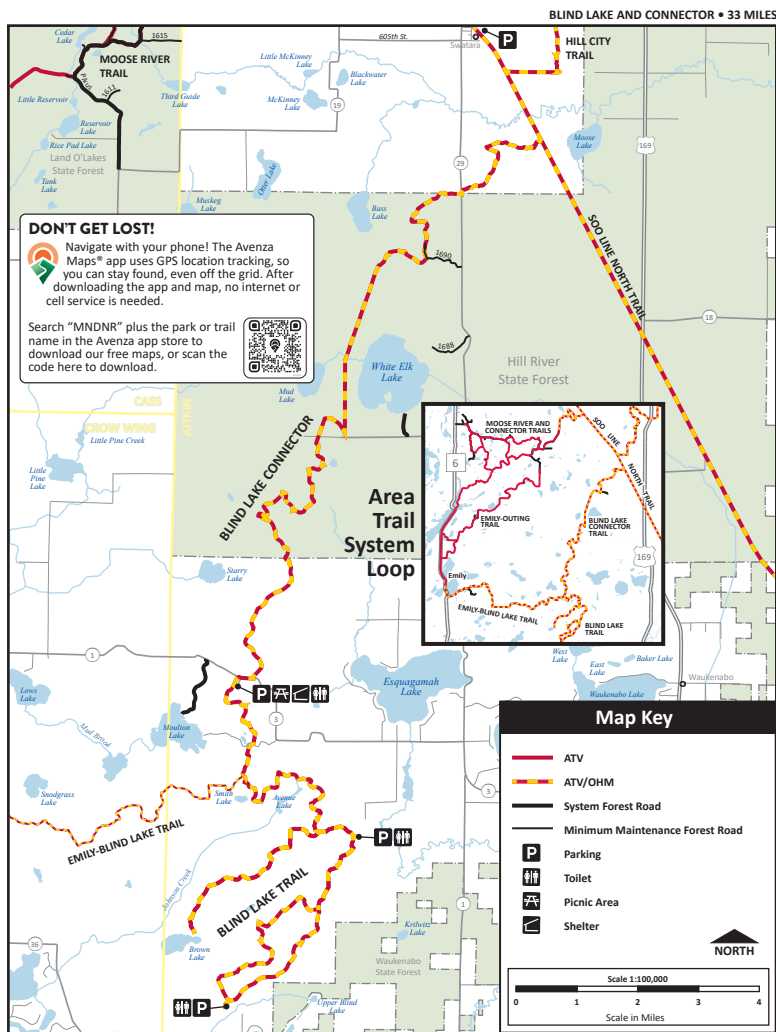
July 2024 Newsletter



Hello all Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club members.

The planned ride UPM Blandin Trail scheduled for June 22nd had to be canceled due to heavy rains that washed out culverts on the trail system. The trail managers for this trail needed to close segments of the trail until repairs and detours could be put in place.

The next scheduled club ride is on Saturday July 13th 2024. Blind Lake Connector Trail. Park in the Swatara, Soo Line North parking area. Start Time 9:00 am. **Bring your own bag Lunch!** to enjoy on the trail at the Blind Lake Trail Shelter. Ride Leader Brian Markley; brianmarkley@gmail.com.



Swatara Soo Line parking area is located along the Soo Line North Trail.

Take 169 south of Hill City 6 miles.

Then go 3.5 miles west of Hwy 169 on Aitkin County Road 7 - (610th St) to the parking area.

“COME RIDE WITH US!”

On July 4th We Pulled the Woodtick Wheelers Club trailer and 10 club members rode their decorated machines in the Longville Independence day celebration.



Above - Club member Clark Magnus and others enjoying driving their machines in the parade.

Hackensack Sweetheart Days Parade. Tuesday June 16th. Parade starts at 6:00 pm, start lining up 5:00 pm. Come ride your ATV or SXS in the parade.

July 20th 2024 Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club annual meeting 9:00 am at the HUB Hackensack, MN and club 15th year, 2009-2024, anniversary celebration. Come to the annual meeting and enjoy some cake!! Following the meeting we will ride south from Hackensack thru the Foothills State Forest to Backus for lunch at Willards Saloon & Eatery, this lunch will be on the club.

Club Board Meeting with officer elections will be held some time shortly after the club annual meeting

August 3rd 2024 Pizza ride! Swatara parking area and ride the Hill City Trail, Details to come.

On June 8th, 2024 The Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club completed the 2nd and 3rd Safety Field Day class for the 2024 season



Above - Cass County Sheriff Deputy's, MN DNR Conservation Officers, and all the Woodtick Wheelers volunteers that make the Safety Training Program a success. Down in front with the orange hat is Lead classroom instructor club Vice President/Safety Officer Craig Wadzink. A big thank you to all the volunteers that are involved in this important program. Below left a student advancing up the ramp demonstrating the leaning forward technique for going up an incline. Lower right outside set up for the obstacle course.

Donated Helmets – Lakes Area Power Sports, Walker MN who is a Woodtick Wheeler ATV Club member and Club Ride Command App supporter donated certificates to all students who became ATV certified for a free helmet and goggles. Proper safety equipment is so important!

Donation to the Longville Lakes Area Snowmobile club. A request was made to the club board for a donation to help support the rebuilding of the Hovde Lake shelter on the Cass County #93 Snowmobile Trail also considered the Stony Lake to Whipholt Trail in the Chippewa National Forest. This shelter and outhouse is in dire need of upgrading. (see Parting Shot) Our club always stops there on our trail rides up to Leech Lake and back.. The request was discussed and approved to donate \$250.00 to the project. Progress updates on the budget and replacing the shelter will be mentioned in future club newsletters.

Donation to WACC A motion to donate \$150.00 to the Walker Area Community Center was made, motion was approved by club board members. The Community Center has been an excellent venue for holding ATV Safety Field Day Classes.

ATV Minnesota State Convention Ride & Rally September 20 – 22, 2024 Grand Rapids Minnesota. For event details, registration and admission details visit <https://atvmn.org/> You can join and become an ATV MN member at the website. Minnesota Wheeling Magazine is the official publication of the state ATV organization.

Grand Rapids Visitors Bureau – website to help you plan your stay for ATMN Ride & Rally. Visit this website.

<https://visitgrandrapids.com/atv-mn-fall-ride-and-rally/>

Many of the DNR trails have been repaired and re opened! After the June storms

Know before you Ride! The 2024 riding season is in full swing. Most state trails are open. Some trails are still closed. As always know before you ride. Check the MN DNR website for trail closure information.

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/ohv/closures.html>, This trail list is updated Thursday afternoons or as needed.

CASS COUNTY ATV ORDINANCE - Important Please read these changes!

*Information on riding ATV's class I and class II on Cass County roads.

- ATV Ordinance – went into affect May 16th 2024.

Below is the Cass County MN ATV Safety trifold just published.

“FOLLOW THE RULES”

Cass County Ordinance 2024-01

An Ordinance Regulating the Use of All-Terrain Vehicles
on County Highways and Public Road Right of Ways
Effective May 16, 2024

Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to increase safety for users and lower the cost of maintenance for county-maintained highways.

Definitions

- County means Cass County, Minnesota
- County Highways means County State Aid HWYs, County Roads, and Unorganized Town Roads
- Public Road Right-of-Way means the entire right-of way of a public road including the traveled portions, banks, ditches, shoulders, and medians, that are not privately owned.

Class 1 ATV



Class 1 ATVs have a total width of 50 inches or less from outside of tire rim to outside of tire rim (conventional ATVs with handlebars)

Class 2 ATV



Class 2 ATVs have a total width greater than 50 inches but not more than 65 inches from outside of tire rim to outside of the tire rim (side by side machines)

Enforcement

- ✓ A person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor, having a fine payable up to \$300.
- ✓ A person who permits another to operate an ATV in violation of this ordinance shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor, having a fine payable up to \$300.
- ✓ A person found guilty of violating this ordinance shall be financially liable for any damages caused to private or public property as a result of the violation.
- ✓ This ordinance may be enforced by the Cass County Sheriff and Cass County Attorney. It may also be enforced by any other law enforcement agency having a cooperative law enforcement agreement with the Cass County Sheriff.



ATV Safety

FOLLOW THE RULES



Cass County Sheriff's Office

Emergency Phone: 911

Non-Emergency Phone:

218-547-1424

Email: cass.sheriff@casscountymn.gov

Website: www.casscountymn.gov

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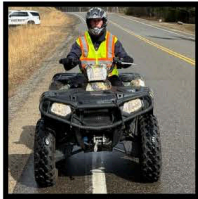
FOLLOW THE RULES

All -Terrain Vehicles include
Class 1 & Class 2 All -Terrain Vehicles.

Not included: electric assisted bicycle, golf cart, mini truck, dune buggy, go-cart, or a vehicle used specifically for lawn maintenance, agriculture, logging, and silviculture, or mining purposes.



An all-terrain vehicle (ATV) may be operated on any County Highway in the same direction of travel as other vehicular traffic. ATV's shall not be operated outside of the traveled portion of the County HWY and shall remain on the far-right side of the paved surface or gravel surface on a gravel highways.

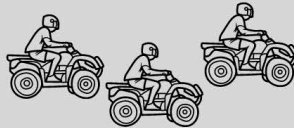


ATVs operated on a County
HWY shall comply with
Federal, State & Local Laws
or Rules

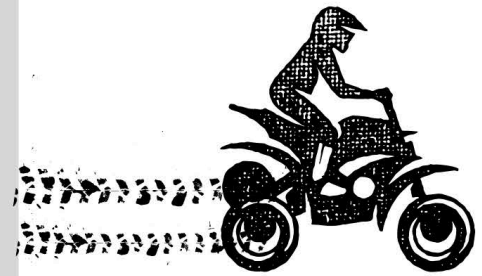
When multiple ATVs are operated on a
County HWY in the same direction of
travel, the ATVs shall be operated one
in front of the other in a single-file
manner.

SAFETY

DO: Ride Single-file



DO: Wear a **helmet**, **eye protection** and **protective gear** (boots, gloves, long pants and jacket)



Spinning of Tires

Born after July 1, 1987?

- ✓ Valid ATV Safety Certificate (issued by the Commissioner of Natural Resources) **and**
- ✓ Valid Drivers License **or**
- ✓ Accompanied by a person 18 yrs or older with a Valid Drivers License



Class 1 ATVs - 30 MPH Speed Limit

Class 2 ATVs - Posted Speed Limit on
County Highways

DO NOT: Operate ATVs on a County
Highway at speeds greater than
reasonable under the conditions

How to Become a

MNDNR Volunteer Trail Ambassador!

Visit the DNR website,

or contact club grant manager Chris Emerson b174894@gmail.com,

or Club President Paul Vashro pavashro@gmail.com

We will try to answer all your questions

Get Involved in the Woodtick Wheelers ATV Club

If any Club member in good standing is interested in committing some time to help the club thrive and grow, you can do this by becoming a board member. Or just become more involved by attending meetings. Send me an email expressing your interest so I can contact you when an opening occurs or help is needed.

The Woodtick Wheelers Board of Directors,

Paul Vashro President, Craig Wadzink Vice President/Safety Officer,
Dave Shaw Treasurer/Membership, Board members - Chris Emerson, Heather Emerson, Scott Agre, Brian Markley, David Kane, Linda Kane.

**Don't forget to say thanks to all the businesses that support our club!
And Please continue to support them:**

New Business Members in yellow.

American Legion Post 202 / Hackensack,
Arrowhead Builders Supply / Longville,
A&N Computers / St Cloud,
Big Dipper Restaurant/Hackensack,
Cass Company Insurance / Hackensack
Daudt Construction / Longville
Docksider / Longville
First National Bank North,
Frosty's / Longville
Hartmann Recycling / St. Cloud,
Hyde-A-Way Bay Resort / Hackensack,
Ironside Trailer Sales & Service / Harmony,
Lakes Area Powersports / Walker,
Little Boy Resort & Campground / Longville

Loney Sales and Service / Walker,
Longville Bottle Shop / Longville
Motorheads / Longville,
North Lakes Marine & Auto / Longville,
Ray's Sport and Cycle / Grand Rapids
Rendezvous Brewing / Hackensack,
The One Stop / Longville,
Stompin' Grounds / Akeley,
Swanson's Bait and Tackle / Hackensack,
Southside Fuel Plus, / Hackensack
Trillium Boat Works / Hackensack
Welk Excavating / Longville
Woman Lake Lodge / Hackensack
The Woodpile / Longville

(Let us know if we forgot anyone)

Polaris Ride Command app, Club supporters.

Arrowhead Builders Supply/ Longville	Docksider / Longville
Frosty's / Longville	Lakes Area Powersports / Walker
Motoreheads / Longville	North Lakes Marine / Hackensack
The One Stop / Longville	Rendezvous Brewing / Hackensack
Southside Fuel Plus / Hackensack	Stompin' Grounds / Akeley
Swanson's Bait & Tackle / Hackensack	The Woodpile / Longville
Woman Lake Lodge / Hackensack	

Thank You!!!

“Parting Shot ”



The Shelter and facilities are definitely in need of repair or replacement (no door on outhouse!) The ATV club has stopped at this location many times on our rides from Hackensack to Whipholt Beach.

Send your interesting pictures and stories to the club at
pavashro@gmail.com

“Come Ride With Us!”

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As always Open the Woodtick!