

Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association's Badger Tracks

"Your off-highway vehicle recreation future begins here"

From the desk of the CEO

The 2014 Northwoods Jeep Jamboree USA @ Mole Lake is in the books as the biggest JJUSA in WI ever. Our volunteers did a bang up job with the huge turn out.

Next up is the Great Northern Trail Ride Spirit Mountain Challenge. Our trail guides have a weekend of fun in the woods for families in all makes and models of 4x4 street legal and licensed vehicles with a low range capable transfer case. August 14, 15 and 16 are the even dates with the 14th being a check in and hospitality evening at Mole Lake.

Thursday night is time to get to know the trail guides and pick your trails, ask questions about the challenges and do any final preparations.

Friday and Saturday are full with trail rides all day, lunches on the trail and banquet style dinners in the Mole Lake Lodge in the evening.

Saturday is our annual WOHVA raffle after dinner. This years big winner will be drawn after a huge spread of prizes from our sponsors is given away. One entry is included with each paid participant. More tickets will be available to purchase the night of the raffle.

Our first annual WOHVA Golf Outing at Royal St. Patricks Golf Links in Wrightstown, WI is our last big event of the year. Saturday October 4th we will hit the links with friends, local dignitaries and family to support WOHVA equipment purchases needed for the upcoming Motorized Recreation Area in Northern Wisconsin. For \$95 you can play 18 holes with a cart, two drinks and a lunch buffet with prizes. Registration is due September 1st. To register or for questions please inquire with Jerry Stephens cco@wohva.com

Our annual WOHVA raffle is still in progress. Tickets are available right up until we draw the lucky winners August 16th at GNTR. We are giving away a \$500 Gift Certificate for JKS, BDS SUSPENSION or ZONE OFFROAD product as a top prize. WARN has graciously donated a 2500lb ATV winch for a second prize and 3rd prize is 18 holes for a foursome with a cart at Royal St. Patricks in Wrightstown, WI. This includes a Sandwich at Crosswinds Sports Pub and Grille. Please email ceo@wohva.com to get more raffle tickets or with any questions. Need not be present to win. We need to thank our great sponsors with a big raffle return. Thank you for your effort selling these tickets.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association exists for the sole purpose of proactively assuring that public and private off-highway vehicular recreational opportunities are expanded in Wisconsin for safe use by this and future generations.



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Crimson Club Members!

In 2010, the Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association (WOHVA) introduced our [Crimson Club Membership](#) for those OHV enthusiasts who recognize the progress that WOHVA has made, are excited about WOHVA's proactive approach to furthering OHV recreation opportunities here in the Badger State, share our [mission](#) and goals, and would like to increase their support for WOHVA and motorized recreation here in Wisconsin.

Crimson Club Members receive all the benefits of WOHVA Individual Membership plus a special WOHVA Thank You Gift! Your Thank You gifts are in! I will contact you individually show you can start showing off your 2014 Bling!

WOHVA appreciates each and every one of you. I look forward to seeing you and your friends and family at the GNTR and the Golf Outing.

Thank you!

Confused about ORV licenses and permits? We can help!

As you may have already heard, Michigan's off-road vehicle (ORV) license options changed as of March 1, 2014. The new license structure - authorized by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder in 2013 - provides vital funding to improve outdoor recreation opportunities for ORV riders.

The new ORV license structure includes two levels depending on the type of riding you are doing. An ORV License (\$26.25) is required on eligible county roads, state forest roads in the Upper Peninsula and eligible national forest roads as well as on the frozen surface of public waters. This license is required to operate anywhere off of private lands.

In addition to the ORV License, an ORV Trail Permit (an additional \$10, for a total of \$36.25) will be required when operating on [State-designated ORV trails, routes and scramble areas](#).

Not sure what you need? Check out this handy [chart](#) to determine whether you need a license, permit, neither, or both.

For more information about the license restructuring - including license prices, frequently asked questions and details about how license dollars will be invested - visit www.michigan.gov/dnr and click on "hunting and fishing license structure" under "In the Know."

As always, you can find information about ORV riding in Michigan - including trail maps - at www.michigan.gov/orvtrails.

ORV Licenses and Permits are available at your local retailer or at www.mdnr-elicense.com



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Members Only!

This edition of "Members Only" is dedicated to the participants of the 19th Annual Northwood's Mole Lake Jeep Jamboree and social media



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Hillclimb 2014

WOHVA members partner with the Kettle Moraine Sport Riders at their annual Motorcycle Hillclimb.

Thanks to our allegiance of volunteers we once again pulled off another successful event.

Highlights:

Saturday: WOHVA attends set up work day. 2/3 of normal parking area is unavailable for use. Major excavation of grounds. Plan B in effect.

Sunday: WOHVA Volunteers assemble for mission. Members deploy for said mission.

11:30am KMSR & WOHVA noting how slow it was. Mistake on our parts!

11:45am The flood gates opened!!

12:30pm Main areas FULL

12:32pm Move to south gate

12:55pm Lot FULL

12:56pm Radio communications – still lined up to Hwy 45

12:56pm Get creative with parking

1:15pm Radio Communications – still lined up around the corner

1:16pm Get really "explanative" creative and backfill openings

1:58pm The stream ends....Thank GOD!

As you can tell this was a challenging year. But with the perseverance of our volunteers we were able get everyone in safely. After which we enjoyed the remainder of the races with some refreshments.

WOHVA appreciates all the volunteers who helped out over all these years. I personally want to Thank each and every volunteer, especially the "regulars"



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State News

Press Release

For Immediate Release

June 30, 2014

Off-Road Park Releases Feasibility Report

Forest County, Wisconsin – Wisconsin Off-Road Vehicle Park, Incorporated (WORVPI) has released their Forest County Motorized Recreation Area Feasibility Report for public inspection at select locations throughout Forest County.

WORVPI contracted with North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) to research and draft an independent, non-biased Corporate Feasibility Study relating to establishing a national vacation destination motorized recreation area in Forest County. Criteria for the Study included determination of customer demand and identification of environmentally/economically suitable potential site locations.

NCWRPC is a public agency dedicated to providing professional planning services in the areas of economic development, geographic information systems (GIS), intergovernmental cooperation, land use planning and transportation. In their over 40 years of service, NCWRPC has researched hundreds of studies for Adams, Forest, Juneau, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Vilas and Wood Counties.

The WORVPI Study is divided into seven (7) unique sections; Background, Site Assessment, MRA Park Connectivity, Site Design, Implementation, Conclusion, and Appendixes.

The Report can be inspected at the following locations:

Crandon Public Library
110 West Polk Street
Crandon, Wisconsin

Edith Evans Community Library
5216 Forest Avenue
Laona, Wisconsin

Wabeno Public Library
4556 North Branch Street
Wabeno, Wisconsin



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Wisconsin Off-Road Vehicle Park Individual Annual Membership Application Form

Please complete application, attach payment for \$10 (payable to WORVPI) and mail to: WORVPI, 116 South Lake Avenue, Crandon, WI 54520

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

WISCONSIN OFF-ROAD VEHICLE PARK
www.WORVPI.org

Wisconsin Off-Road Vehicle Park Association/Club Annual Membership Application Form

Please complete application, attach payment for \$100 (payable to WORVPI) and mail to: WORVPI, 116 South Lake Avenue, Crandon, WI 54520

Club/Association Name _____ Name of Contact Person (also voting representative) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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The National Front

'Up North Trails' website provides one-stop-shop for northern Lower Peninsula trail maps and information

Hikers, bicyclists, off-road vehicle users, horseback riders, and other trail enthusiasts can now more easily locate and enjoy the vast network of trails and other points of interest in northern Michigan by using the interactive website upnorthtrails.org, recently launched by the Up North Trails Collaborative.

The collaborative, a partnership of more than 50 organizations and agencies led by the Northwest and Northeast Michigan Councils of Governments and Department of Natural Resources, designed the new website to connect the public with more than 5,300 miles of motorized and non-motorized trails in the northern Lower Peninsula.

The Up North Trails website allows users to search for trails based on type of use and/or location, and also serves as a source of information on trail systems throughout the state.

"There are more miles of trails in the northern Lower Peninsula than the distance from Anchorage to Miami," said Kerry Wieber, DNR liaison to the Up North Trails Collaborative. "The website will help customers find information on all of these trails in one place, regardless of whether it is a state trail or managed by another organization or local unit of government."

The user-friendly features of upnorthtrails.org include:

- An interactive trails map that can be filtered for type of use and location
- Detailed information about each individual trail, including any changes in type of use for specific segments of trail
- Trailhead locations and points of interest near each trail
- A mobile-friendly design, which is fully functional on tablets, mobile phones and other devices

"We wanted to give users a one-stop-shop for information about our trail systems," said Denise Cline, GIS specialist for the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments. "Up North Trails is a valuable new tool for everyone looking to get outside in northern Michigan."

The goal of the Up North Trails Collaborative in creating the new website was to promote northern Michigan's abundance of trails to all user groups, driving recreational and economic activity in the region.

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"Up North Trails is the first website of its kind in Michigan, providing information about all trail systems in the region, whether you are a bicyclist, snowmobiler, hiker or horseback rider," said Matt McCauley, Director of Regional Planning and Community Development for the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments. "We hope it will provide a fun, engaging, and useful way for residents and visitors to locate new outdoor adventures."

Up North Trails Collaborative member groups include the DNR, NEMCOG, NWMCOG, Top of Michigan Trails Council, Land Information Access Association (LI AA), Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation Trails (TART Trails), Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy and Cheboygan County. The collaborative is supported financially by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Rotary Charities, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. For more information about the Up North Trails Collaborative, visit www.upnorthtrails.org and click on "About".

2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AUGUST

- 2nd Trail Work Day, Mole Lake 9:00 AM
- 6th BOD Meeting, Location TBA
- 16th Trail Work Day, Mole Lake 9:00 AM
- 14th -16th Great Northern Trail Ride, Mole Lake
- 30th Trail Work Day, Mole Lake 9:00 AM

SEPTEMBER

- 27th Fall Pipeline Work Day

OCTOBER

- 4th Fall Trails Meeting, Location TBA
- BOD Meeting to be held concurrently
- 19th Fall KMSR Field and Forest Location TBA

NOVEMBER

- 5th BOD Meeting Location TBA

