

## **ATV Minnesota**

*"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"*

**November 21, 2020 Newsletter**

**Legislative Summit Moved  
To Virtual Conference.  
Submit Club Resolutions  
By December 4th.**



The future of ATV riding in Minnesota starts at the Legislative Summit on December 12, 2020. The items passed in October by State Legislators in the bonding

**Voyageur Country ATV  
Trail System Project In  
Public Comment Period  
-Deadline: December 16-**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is accepting public comments through Dec. 16 on an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for a proposal to expand and improve the Voyageur Country All-Terrain Vehicle System in northern St. Louis County.

The Voyageur Country ATV club is proposing to include 386.51 miles of paved, gravel, and native soil

bill got their start as resolutions at an ATV Minnesota Legislative Summit.

The Summit is your ATV club's opportunity to submit resolutions to be prioritized and voted on, giving ATV Minnesota direction and priority on what Legislative issues will be pursued during the 2021 Legislative Session, which begins January 5th.

### **Update: Summit Will Now Be Online Instead of In-Person**

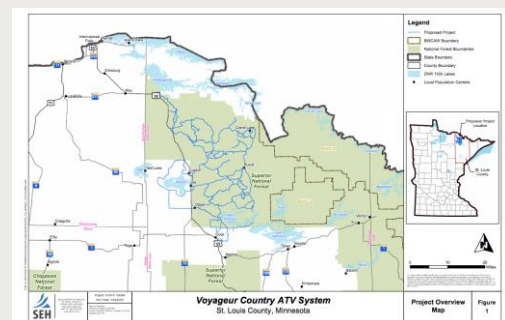
The next Legislative Summit is Saturday, December 12, 2020, 8am to noon. Because of Governor Walz's new executive order, the Summit will be a Zoom meeting instead of in-person at Running Aces Hotel, as originally planned. All ATV Minnesota clubs are invited to have a few representatives attend the Zoom meeting. We will send all ATV Minnesota board members an email with instructions on how to access the meeting on a computer. Please share the email with your club members who will be attending.

Bills recently passed in the bonding bill dealt primarily with bonding requests. None of the other funding priorities from the 2020 Legislative Summit were dealt with. We will review and prioritize them along with new initiatives that are submitted.

All ATV Minnesota clubs have been sent the form for submitting a legislative initiative(s) to be considered at this year's Legislative Summit, along with the minutes from last year's Summit, so you can see what issues were discussed and were a priority to move forward. We will review those items again this year and any priority issues that have not been resolved will be added to the discussion again this year.

roadway and natural surface trail for motorized ATV use in its trail system. The trail system would connect several communities by adding 2.54 miles of newly constructed trails, designating and improving 69.83 miles of existing trail to allow for ATV use, and connecting to 314.14 miles of existing trails.

The EAW is available on a project page of the Minnesota DNR website. Do an internet search for "MN DNR OHV Voyageur Project." A copy of the EAW may be requested by calling 651-259-5115. The DNR is accepting written comments on the EAW through 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16. Comments should be submitted to the attention of Cynthia Novak-Krebs, project manager, Environmental Policy and Review Unit, DNR Ecological and Water Resources Division, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4025. Comments may also be sent by email to: [environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us) with "Voyageur ATV Project" in the subject line.



**Baby It's Cold Outside...  
Let's Ride!**

**Submission deadline: Dec 4th**

To prepare for the Zoom meeting, we need time to compile all new initiatives along with those from last year, so please submit new initiatives by emailing them to [atvam.office@atvam.org](mailto:atvam.office@atvam.org) on or before December 4th, 2020. Thank-you!

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**ATV Minnesota Gear Selling Fast. Inventory Has Been Replenished.**

Our new line of jerseys, hoodies, caps and more is hot and getting hotter. If you were disappointed to see the item you wanted sold out, never fear, we have restocked and everything is currently available. Order your new ATV Minnesota gear today at [atvam.org](http://atvam.org). Wear it with pride on all your rides. Thanks!



The new "Winter Riding Opportunities in Minnesota" brochure -- reported on in an earlier newsletter -- is now available as a downloadable pdf. You'll find it on the ATV Minnesota website: [atvam.org](http://atvam.org).

You can download it, and share it on your club's website, newsletter and Facebook page, as well as share it with your friends and family looking for places to ride their Class 1 and 2 ATVs this winter. It has all the information you need to ride legally, safely and responsibly.

**WINTER RIDING OPPORTUNITIES IN MINNESOTA**

**WHERE CAN I RIDE MY ATV? ATV MINNESOTA HAS THE ANSWER.**

**ATV Minnesota Works For You Year-Round**  
The ATV Association of Minnesota, also known as ATV Minnesota, is a non-profit, state association representing 70 member ATV clubs across the state. Established in 1983, it serves the interests of ATV owners by advocating for ATV recreation, advancing the safe use of ATVs, helping clubs build trails economically and environmentally sustainable, and participating in legislative and regulatory activities related to the use of all-terrain vehicles.

**It's Winter...Let's Ride**  
Winter ATV riding is growing in popularity across Minnesota. ATV clubs have "polar bear rides." Many riders meet up for weekend

**Coming Soon From ATV Minnesota!**

**Save The Dates For 'Vision'**



**Watch For Our New Magazine** - It will have a new name, new design, new content...new everything!...to better serve ATV Minnesota's members and member clubs. The final edition of *Minnesota OffRoad* will be the Dec/Jan issue. An announcement mailing will arrive in January. And the premier issue of our all-new magazine will arrive in March, published, printed and mailed by Pro Print in Duluth. **Note:** *If you are interested in advertising in the new magazine, send an email to: [cdorothy@proprintus.com](mailto:cdorothy@proprintus.com)*

**A New Website** - It will feature an updated design, streamlined news, club resources, and much more, all in a new, mobile device-friendly format.

**New Social Media** - Adding to the regular posts on the ATV Minnesota Facebook page will be feeds to Twitter and Instagram, reaching out on social media to riders of all ages.

**Same Great e-Newsletter** - Filled with useful news and information, it is sent twice a month to all ATV Minnesota individual and family members, and associate (business) members, plus our partners with many ATV-

Current plans are for the 2021 ATV Minnesota Vision Conference & General Membership Meeting to be held March 19-21 at the Treasure Island Resort & Casino.

**Please Change Region Facebook Page Titles To New Area Names**

If you are the admin for a Facebook page of one of the old Regions 1 through 6, please change the name of your Facebook page to match the new ATV Minnesota Region areas. Some clubs have changed Regions. Check the ATV Minnesota website to confirm your Region area.

ATV Minnesota Regions





related businesses and organizations, and local, county, state and federal agencies.

*This is an exciting time for Minnesota's ATV clubs and riders. ATV sales are skyrocketing. New riders are looking for clubs to join. Clubs are designing and building new ATV trails. Through our new magazine, website and other communication efforts, we will be covering it all.*

***ATV Minnesota is "Your Voice  
For ATV Recreation In Minnesota"***

**Over 330 more riders have joined  
ATV Minnesota so far in 2020.  
Welcome!**

All members should be receiving this twice-monthly e-newsletter, and the ATV Minnesota magazine published 6 times a year. If you aren't receiving both, or have comments on either communications, please send an email to [atvamoffice@atvam.org](mailto:atvamoffice@atvam.org). Thanks!



# MINNESOTA WINTER ATV TRAILS

ALVWOOD - SQUAW LAKE TRAIL	IRON RANGE OHV REC AREA
APPLETON OHV PARK	MATTHEW LOUREY TRAIL
BEMIS HILL TRAIL	MOOSE RIVER TRAIL
CHENGWATANA ST. FOREST	NEMADJI ST. FOREST
CHISHOLM TRAIL EAST RANGE TRAIL	SAGINAW GRADE TRAIL
FOND DU LAC ST. FOREST	ST. CROIX ST. FOREST
GANDY DANCER	SOO LINE NORTH/SOUTH CARLTON COUNTY
GENERAL CC ANDREWS ST. FOREST	WARROAD/ROSEAU TRAIL
GENOA TRAIL	SPIDER LAKE TRAIL

**! BE SURE TO ALWAYS CHECK THE  
MINNESOTA DNR WEBSITE FOR CLOSURES.**

**ATV MINNESOTA**

## "Your Voice To Ride"

Dedicated Volunteers  
Building Fun & Sustainable ATV Trails  
For The Riding Public

Invite friends and family to join today!

See the mailing label on your ATV Minnesota magazine for the renewal date of your membership. Be sure to include your email address on the renewal form to receive newsletters. And send renewals to ATVAM's mailing address: PO Box 300, Stacy, MN 55079

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

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

- A subscription to the ATV Minnesota magazine (6 issues per year)
- Twice monthly newsletter by email with the latest news and information
- Membership card and bumper sticker
- Invitation to events, including our Legislative Summit and Vision Meeting in the spring, and the ATV Minnesota Ride & Rally in the fall, as well as general membership meetings
- Discounts with many of our business members
- A full-time lobbyist at the State Capitol, helping create pro-ATV legislation, and moving forward important 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, address, phone number, email address and website listed on the ATV Minnesota website
- Discounts on advertising in the ATV Minnesota magazine
- An official ATV Minnesota membership certificate for display in your business

To join, contact **ATVAM** or call (800) 442-8826.

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