



ATV Minnesota

"Your Voice For ATV Recreation in Minnesota"

Member Newsletter

March 28, 2026



Registration Is Now Open
For Both ATV MN 2026 Ride Events
(Thanks to Dean Schliek for the event flyers!)



Kick Off The Riding Season At Ride & Roast - May 16th.
Registration is open!

Thanks To The Businesses That Have Donated To The ATV MN Ride & Roast, May 16...Can you help?

An Update From Jim Olcott,

President, Alborn Dirt Devils

A big **THANK YOU!** to the businesses that have donated to the Ride & Roast:
Burger's Shoes & Repair - Cloquet

Duluth Lawn & Sport - Duluth
Five Seasons Sports - Eveleth
Johnson Rock & Gravel - Alborn
MotoAlliance - Rogers
Ray's Sport & Cycle - Grand Rapids
Rendezvous Sports Bar & Grill - Cloquet
Trailside Lounge & Grill - Meadowlands

The Alborn Dirt Devils ATV Club, Trailside Lounge & Grill, and ATV Minnesota are hosting the 2026 ATV MN annual Ride & Roast on May 16, 2026, in Meadowlands, Minn. **Registration is open!** Go to atvmn.org, and tap the Events tab, register and choose one of several guided rides. You'll find lodging and camping lists on the registration page.

We are anticipating up to 300 adults and kids with ATVs. Money raised from this event goes towards maintaining and improving the ATV trails in the local area, purchasing equipment to help in the maintenance of trails, and Youth ATV Safety Training, where each participant receives a free helmet and goggles to get them started in the right direction. All ATV clubs, groups and businesses making donations are being recognized on the Alborn Dirt Devils ATV Club Facebook page. They will also be recognized at the event.

Please Note: St. Louis County is an ATV-friendly county. You can legally drive ATVs on any road except designated highways, i.e., Hwy 73, 53, 169. **Reminder: there are no gas stations in Meadowlands and Alborn.**

Can You Help?

We would greatly appreciate your support by making a cash or merchandise donation to help us so we can continue supporting the above good causes. Please send them to the address below, or call for more information. Watch our club's Facebook page for updates.

Thank You!
James Olcott, President
Alborn Dirt Devils ATV Club
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Send donations to:
Alborn Dirt Devils ATV Club
9166 Aerie Lake Rd.
Alborn, MN 55702



Ride The Colorful Fall Trails At Ride & Rally - September 18-20

Registration Is Now Open ... to attend, camp on-site, have a vendor space, and sponsor or donate auction items. See the links below.

The 2026 ATV MN State Convention/Ride & Rally will be held in Park Rapids, September 18-20, hosted by the local ATV clubs: Akeley Paul Bunyan Trail Riders, Fire Frost, Forest Riders, Red River Riders, Timberland Dirt Devils, and Woods and Wheels.

All event activities will be at the Hubbard County Fairgrounds, 201 Fair Ave, Park Rapids, MN 56470. There will be vendors on-site both days, with spaces indoors. A 10x10 space is \$150, a 10x20 space is \$300. There is plenty of room for on-site RV and tent camping (there is a fee to help offset costs), with some sites having electric hookups. There are separate registrations for Friday and Saturday.

Friday, September 18th - The Friday President's Ride will depart from the fairgrounds at 9 a.m. and includes lunch. The route is shown on the registration page. There will be entertainment Friday evening.

Saturday, September 19th - Saturday features three guided rides, departing from the fairgrounds at 9:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., on popular and well-maintained ATV trails in the Two Inlets, Smoky Hills and Paul Bunyan State Forests. There is also be a "ride on your own" option when registering. The Saturday evening banquet is always well attended, with silent and live auctions, a short membership meeting, and a traveling trophy presented to the ATV club with the most member attending.

Sunday, September 20 - An in-person meeting of the ATV MN executive board, regional directors and ATV club representatives will be held in the morning.

It will be legal to Ride in Park Rapids. New, city-approved, legal ATV routes through Park Rapids will be signed starting this summer, allowing access from the hotels to the trails, and temporary routes will be open during the event to the Hubbard County Fairgrounds. There are blocks of rooms reserved for those attending the Ride & Rally, totaling 135 rooms, at the AmericInn, Heartland Inn, and Super 8. Now is a good time to reserve your lodging at the participating hotels in Park Rapids, or others in the area.

Registrations is open! Registration to attend Friday and/or Saturday (and choose your guided ride), and separate registrations for on-site camping, and to reserve a vendor space are in the links below. Also below are links to sponsor and donate auction items, and lists of local lodging and off-site camping.

Link to register to attend: <https://membership.atvmn.org/riderally/>

Link to reserve and pay for on-site

camping: <https://membership.atvmn.org/riderrallycamping/>

Link to reserve and pay for a vendor

space: <https://membership.atvmn.org/riderrallyvendorspace/>



Let's beat last year's record of 110 Ride & Rally sponsors and donors! Please consider sponsoring or donating auction items to the ATV MN Ride & Rally...thanks for your support! Here are those links:

Download the Ride & Rally sponsorship brochure, with a wide variety of sponsor opportunities. Go to atvmn.org, tap on the Events tab, then tap the link to the Ride & Rally Sponsor brochure. You can also complete your sponsor payment from another link on that page.

Link to list of local

lodging: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CvTCPHT8pPAD5UH4nx6JpaHEANZDsv5u/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111086608142955419032&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Link to list of local off-site camping: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B-DJ6IEkDl6DSLAW7DclzPuwhskF-EBO/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=111086608142955419032&rtpof=t



New Pyrite Campground Welcomes Campers and OHV Riders at Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park Beginning June 12th

(From a DNR press release)

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has created a new camping experience designed with off-highway

vehicle riders in mind that will open this summer. Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park's Pyrite Campground, **the first DNR campground specifically designed for OHV users**, is scheduled to open June 12, 2026.

The campground features 24 campsites, each equipped with electric service and designed for pull-through use, making it easier for visitors towing OHVs on trailers.

Pyrite Campground also connects directly to the Prospectors Trail, offering all-terrain vehicle and off-highway motorcycle riders convenient access to regional riding opportunities. Also, a new trail connection to the community of Soudan is expected to open in fall 2026, further expanding riding access in the area.

“Pyrite Campground expands camping opportunities while supporting a growing outdoor recreation community,” said Jim Essig, park supervisor. “This new campground provides a comfortable basecamp for riders while continuing to welcome all visitors who want to experience this unique park.”

Riders can use OHVs within the Lake Vermilion State Recreation Area, defined as the portion of Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park located south of Highway 169. OHVs are not allowed in park areas north of Highway 169.

While Pyrite Campground was designed with OHV recreation in mind, visitors don't need to own or operate an OHV to camp there, but campers should be aware they may experience more vehicle traffic and noise than at a typical state park campground due to OHV activity in the vicinity of the campground.

Reservations for the campground are available at mndnr.gov/reservations (reservemn.usedirect.com/MinnesotaWeb/) or by calling 866-857-2757. For more information about Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park, visit mndnr.gov/lakevermilion (dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/park.html?id=spk00285#homepage).



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As a family or individual member, for \$30, you receive:

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- 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.
- A full-time lobbyist at the State Capitol, helping create pro-ATV legislation, and moving forward bills to provide funding for new trail systems.

As a business member, for \$90 you

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- Your business name and contact information listed in our Minnesota Wheelin magazine and on the ATV Minnesota website.
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