



ATV Trail System



The Lewis County ATV trail system is an ever-expanding system with hundreds of miles of trails.

Although Lewis County contains a high percentage of state public land (about 175,000 acres), ATVs are not allowed access on any of the Department of Environmental Conservation state land. This hurdle has not stopped Lewis County and its residents from putting together spectacular ATV riding areas and an extensive countywide ATV trail system.

As you can imagine, private landowners have played an instrumental role in the development of the trail system. In fact, the system is 90% PRIVATE land. The only public lands in the ATV trail system are the Lewis County reforestation lands. As ATV enthusiasts, it is very important that we respect the lands, laws, wildlife and nature as we enjoy the trails and scenery.



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ATV Trails in the System can be categorized into three types.

Town & County Roads

There are many miles of seasonal dirt roads which connect ATV areas and off road trails in our system.

Off-Road Trails

County reforestation trails and private landowner trails make up this portion of the trail system.

Play Areas

A mud ATV play area has been set-aside for those with a real quest for mud ATV-ing. This 144-acre play area features tight, twisty, through the woods, through the mud and water holes riding. If fun in the mud

is your game, this is the stadium for you. More ATV play areas are being planned as we expand the system.

Trail System Expansion

Trails are added to the system as private land and/or county land becomes available and deemed viable and safe for ATV trail riding. Work is underway to connect the Lewis County trail system with trails in Jefferson, northern Oneida, Oswego and St. Lawrence Counties.



Trail Maintenance

Trails are maintained and upgraded by several local ATV/Snowmobile clubs. Trail care is very important and is an ongoing task. Maintenance of the ATV trails is often a group effort in the form of trail work parties. Removing downed trees, cutting over-hanging branches, culvert drainage work, grass cutting, chain saw work and repairing road surfaces are just a few of the tasks. Attention to trail care is very important in order to avoid extensive trail and environmental damage. A lack of maintenance could result in extensive erosion and widening of the trails. This preventive / early



intervention care is essential to any trail system. ATV trail care is supported by ATV riders, club memberships, map sales, benefit rides, land owners, and numerous area businesses which go to great lengths to help the cause.

Maps

Trail maps are updated periodically to account for changes in the system. In addition, trail markers are routinely added to further assist riders. It is very important that all ATV riders adhere to the designated ATV trails. Please help us maintain the trail system by staying on the designated trails.

Care of Our Environment

Lewis County and the State of New York look at and evaluate the environmental impact of ATV trail riding. These impact studies look at the potential effects on specific species of plants, trees, and wildlife in the various areas of the trail system. Erosion and noise are additional aspects of concern for both wildlife and humans. It is very important that we all are exceptional stewards of our environment and surroundings. Please be considerate and help in any way you can. The success and availability of our Environment depends on all of us.



For more information on Lewis County ATVing, including A Day On The ATV Trail, Family ATV Fun, Area ATV Clubs & Associations, ATV Events, The Lewis County ATV Association, and the ATV Economic Impact & Trends please visit adirondackstughill.com.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE TRAIL!