

KEWEENAW ATV CLUB



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2020 has been a very trying year for everyone. Events were cancelled, travel plans were changed, and everyone's lives were greatly affected. The State put a hold on all of our trail funding monies and all Club trail projects were held up. But, as soon as we got the green light, the KATV Club was out in full force maintaining and improving our trails. We would like to keep everyone informed of the projects that we were able to do this season.

The DNR was also out working on our trails. They rerouted Trail B between M-203 and 6th St in Calumet by the Baseball field. They added a bridge and filled and graded that section of the trail.

The main trail, Trail B, headed North just out of Calumet at the Lake Linden intersection, received a big makeover. Riders have been using the trail that is technically a snowmobile trail, there were railroad ties and broken culverts and not good drainage. The Club fixed the real trail, along the pond, at the intersection and widened the corner. It made for a much smoother ride.

A little farther north on Trail, B, just North of Mayflower Road up to the rock piles, had many loads of gravel added, ditched and graded. The wet area was filled in and the trail was cleaned up and smoothed out.

Trail B, North of Mohawk, a new Bridge was installed over the Gratiot River with the help of funding from outside donations and members of the Club.

Eagle River trail, Trail BF, was graded, had culvert work done and graveled.

Lac la Belle trail, Trail BI, was rerouted and has a permanent change of where the trail leaves Lac la belle Road and heads up the hill. There were culverts replaced and gravel was added and the trail was graded. Permits were applied for and bids received so additional needed work can begin as soon as possible next season.

Most of our trails were graded this season. The Club received some very generous donations and were able to purchase a Galion Grader. When the work ban was lifted, we were able to get the Grader out working on the trails. In the future, we will be working on a fundraiser to raise money for maintenance and to help with operating costs.

Another challenge we encountered again this year, was we had to close the main trail due to logging. All our trails North of Calumet are on private property and it is the right of the land owner to close the trails if needed. They did try to keep the trails open but there were a few careless riders who made it

necessary to close down the trail. The KATV Club put up more barriers than ever before, again to no avail in handling the trespassing issues. The KATV Club has an agreement with the land owner and MI DNR to have law enforcement present on these trails. Without the presence of Law enforcement, we are in jeopardy of losing our trail system. We had to have signs printed, and purchase barriers to block the trail as riders were going around the logging gates. It gets to be a big expense for the Club when riders disobey, as we must abide by the landowners wishes. We need to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable ride on our trails.

Out on the ATV trails, you will notice new trail signs renaming the Trails. The trails are now lettered trails. The Main trail being Trail B and trails that go off the main trail will have another letter with the B (Eagle River = BF, Eagle Harbor =BH and so forth) Unfortunately, we are unable to update our trail maps this season but we will be working on them later in the summer.

Again, 2020 was a very difficult year and we are hoping this year is better. We are hoping to resume our meetings to keep our members informed of what we are doing and what changes and updates are going on with the DNR. Our faithful Members are the key to this Club and our trail system, we would not be here without your continued support.

Log in to the Club web page www.keweenawatcvclub.com or follow us on Facebook for updates. You can also renew your membership online on our webpage. Again, we could not do it without your continued support. We are looking forward to summer and hoping for a great riding season. Have fun and ride safe.

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