### **PFEIFFER LAKE**

### Pfieffer Lake Forest Trail to County Road 361

The Pfeiffer Lake Road connection is well underway and slated to be open by May 2023. This is great news. The new trail will connect the recently opened Forest Road 256 to County Road 361, effectively connecting the trail systems outside of Virginia to the Canadian Border. The new trail route will follow the Pfeiffer Lake Campground road to the Taconite trail, eventually branching off to the north on the newly cut trail. The new stretch of trail will cross Highway 1 at County Road 361.







### TACONITE TRAIL

## \$180,000 worth of work was done on the Taconite Trail in December. Here are a few before and after photo's



The Taconite Trail from Highway 53 to the west towards Side Lake has received a huge facelift. Funding for trail improvements from the IRRRB allowed Quad Cities to pay for some substantial upgrades to the trail. Several of the hills on the



trail that were washed out and boulder-covered received much needed fill. Then a product that resembles cement blocks cabled together almost like a cement carpet were installed on the hills in the center portion and covered in



gravel. This will hopefully create a more long-lasting surface for this stretch of popular trail. It will also make it much easier for grooming in the winter for snowmobiles.

### TRAIL UPDATE

GILBERT TO BIWABIK PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED APRIL, 2023

## PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Vour membership is extremely important. If you know of any other riders who enjoy our local trails, please encourage them to become club members. Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month. Locations vary around the Range with meetings being held at local establishments that support the Club. Meetings are open to all Club members, and we are always looking for additional help with our projects and goals.

# FUTURE TRAIL PROJECTS

Future proposals include an upgrade to our link from Forest Road 257 to the Taconite. It needs dirt and widening. We would like a link to the Whisky Road from the Laurentian area as well as a link from the Taconite Trail to the Log Cabin Bar.

We are also in the planning process for a new shelter to benefit ATVs and snowmobiles at the junction of the Taconite and Laurentian Trails in Britt. We are also forming a partnership with the USFS to upgrade and maintain the Big Aspen Trails in Britt. The trails are currently maintained by the USFS and local volunteers.



### ANNUAL KISHEL/LAMKE MEMORIAL RIDE

The annual Lamke-Kishel Scholarship Ride was October 15, 2022 and raised \$4,000 for the scholarship fund. Thanks to everyone for participating in this great cause. Special thanks to the Wooden Table for hosting and for your generosity in donating much of your proceeds back to the fund.



# QUAD CITIES ATV CLUB CLUB News P.O. Box 83 · Virginia, MN 55792 · quadcitiesatv.com · quadcitiesatvclub@gmail.com

## Hello

#### ATV/UTV enthusiasts

from the Quad Cities ATV Club. We are really excited about all of the great things happening in the world of ATV trails, so let's get to it!

Many local residents have commented on the construction activity this Fall near Laurentian Divide. The improvements to the Laurentian Trail from Laurentian Divide to Trillium Road have now been completed. This will open up the legal route from the Divide to connect to the Britt area trails. Special thanks to the Mesabi Snow Voyageurs and the Rock Ridge School District for working with us on sharing this area to complete our trail.

Quad Cities is happy to assist local clubs in their trail initiatives. We recently helped the Ranger ATV Club from Aurora and Northern Traxx from Chisholm with their trail building initiatives through some of our grant funding from IRRRB.



September 14th & 15th, 2022, we had the pleasure of filming an episode with Destination Polaris. It was two days of riding and filming. A fun experience to see how they put the show together.

Day one, we rode at the Gilbert OHV Park with Steve Peterson from the park, showing us around. The film crew was Jared, Kyle & Ben. Even though the OHV Park is in our back yard, as they say, a lot of us had never ridden there. A lot of very cool trails and views. Five Seasons Sports not only provided a couple Rangers for us to use but also lunch from Paul's Italian Market





Day two, we met at the OHV Park and rode the trails on the North side of the road. We went up to the overlook and over the Rukavina Bridge. We had guest riders from the MN ATV RIDERS. Dean, Cassie Schliek and some of their children. It was fun making memories and some new friends.





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#### **SPRING RIDE RECAP**

Our annual Spring Ride will follow on May 6. We will leave from the Britt Lounge and head to Pfeiffer Lake to ride the brand new spur trail heading north to Highway 1. We will then proceed to the Tayern in the Bay with stop at Vermilion Club.

Please consider attending our meetings, which are held in various Iron Range locations

6:00PM First Wednesday of each month. We'd love to see you there





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#### **Ranger Raffle**

Our Ranger Raffle will be held at the Sawmill in Virginia/Mt. Iron on May 5th. We will be auctioning off a brand new Polaris Ranger 1000. There will be numerous other prize drawings as well. We thank our local businesses for their generous donations to our raffle. With that in mind, please patronize our local businesses who help support our club. Their support is important to us, and our support is integral to their business.

# The ATVAM Ride and Rally

The ATVAM Ride and Rally will be September 22-24, 2023 at Giants Ridge. Quad Cities ATV will be co-hosts of the huge event along with the Ranger ATV Club from Aurora/Hoyt Lakes/Biwabik. Giants Ridge will be the central hub for the event with rides branching off in several different directions in smaller groups. Routes will be announced at a later date. Mark your calendars for this fun-filled weekend of riding along with enthusiasts from all over the state.

