

## **ATV AND DIRT BIKE USE in LIMERICK FOREST**

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The United Counties of Leeds & Grenville, owner of Limerick Forest, has agreed to work with organizations representing off-road motorcycles, ATVs and ORVs (side by sides) on the implementation of a two year pilot program for the development, use, and management of the trails in Limerick Forest for all user groups.

The Johnstown ATV Club (JATVC) supported by the Ontario Federation of All-Terrain Vehicles (OFATV) and the Bytown Motorcycle Association (BMA) supported by Ontario Federation of Trail Riders (OFTR) are actively working with the Forest Manager to implement the program for the 2017 and 2018 riding seasons. The end result will be that ATVs and ORVs (side by sides) riding in Limerick Forest will require OFATV membership and off-road motorcyclists will require an OFTR membership. All motorized vehicles in Limerick must be legally plated and insured.

This partnership will provide an opportunity for trail wardens representing both organizations to be out on the trails in an effort to answer questions and provide assistance re the OFATV and OFTR Code of Ethics. Trail wardens will engage motorized users in Limerick in a friendly and positive manner about safe and responsible riding.

It is hoped that this new partnership between the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville and the JATVC and BMA will help to maintain and improve the Limerick Forest trail network for all user groups by educating riders about the perils of drinking and driving, the potential damage to the reputation of the sport due to unnecessarily loud vehicles, driving without plates and insurance, littering and the need to respect the ecological integrity of the forest. A healthy and sustainably managed forest will ensure the long-term availability of our trail system, benefiting everyone who visits the forest.

In addition to helping to pay for trail maintenance, signage, bridging and the construction of new trails, membership benefits also include magazine subscriptions, equipment supplier discounts, member-only events, family rides, group rides, skills and development training and access to 100's of km's of trails across the province, otherwise not accessible.

### **MEMBERSHIP PRICES – 2017**

#### **OFATV / Johnstown ATV Club (JATV)**

1-Day Pass: \$20 per ATV/OTV

3-Day Pass: \$50 per ATV/ORV

1 Year Membership: \$150

Family Memberships: \$50 off third and subsequent ATV/ORV

Contact membership director for details.

**Ontario Federation of ATV Clubs** – [www.ofatv.org](http://www.ofatv.org)

**Johnstown ATV Club** – [www.johnstownatvclub.org](http://www.johnstownatvclub.org)

#### **OFTR / Bytown Motorcycle Association (BMA)**

1 Year Membership: \$85 + HST per adult (16 years and older) – OFTR & BMA membership combined

Family Memberships: \$75 + HST for second and subsequent adults in the same household

Kids under 16 years of age: \$5 each

**Bytown Motorcycle Association** – [www.bma1.ca](http://www.bma1.ca)

**Ontario Federation of Trail Riders** – [www.oftr.ca](http://www.oftr.ca)

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