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Thunder Bay Adventure Trails

- Club Update



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Trail Report

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Work continues to prepare the trails for the upcoming season including brushing and signage.

All trails west of Kakabeka Falls towards Shabaqua, Kashabowie, Gunflint Lake, and the Pigeon River area are expected to be open this year. Adrian Lake Rd. on the "A" trail west of Kakabeka Falls will be closed due to logging activities therefore only the bypass route will be open. Logging activities will also be present on the 109M trail toward Pigeon River.

The East Trail toward Nipigon is expected to be open from a new staging area located at the overflow parking lot at Mt. Baldy Ski Area. A groomed trail will be implemented beginning at the ski area this year. The trail will run east on the pipeline corridor and then turn north to Magone

Rd. where it will follow Magone Rd. to Escape Lake Rd., Greenwich Lake Rd, Wolf Lake Rd. and Wolfpup Rd.

Alternatives are being examined to utilize a new route via Black Sturgeon Rd. and Church Rd. to reach Nipigon. Funding has not been obtained to install a bridge over Brophy Creek where the trail was routed last season.

The club is also hopeful that we will be able to open a trail between Balsam St. and Mt. Baldy sometime during the upcoming season. A meeting was held with the City of Thunder Bay to discuss work required on the Trowbridge Falls portion of the trail and the owner of Suny's on Balsam St. has graciously offered to host a staging area at that location. Discussions are underway with landowners, the



Lahead Region Conservation Authority, and the MTO to finalize the new trail route.

Trail permit prices for this year are:

Before Dec. 1 - \$200

After Dec. 1 - \$250

3-Day Permit - \$100

7-Day Permit - \$140

Classic Permit - \$125

The classic permit is available through the NOSSA district office only for sleds 1995 and older.

Permits are available at the regular outlets which are listed on our website and in the left hand column of this newsletter.

Permits are also available online at:

www.ofsonlinepermits.ca

Trail Projects and Volunteer Opportunities

Thunder Bay Permit Outlets:

J&J Sports
Smith's RV Centre
North Country Cycle and Sports
Gordon't Trailer Sales & Rentals
Excalibur
Four Seasons

Work continues to re-establish a connection between Thunder Bay and Kakabeka Falls.

Work also continues to establish a trail to bridge the remaining 13 km to connect the 109M trail to the Pigeon River Border Crossing.

Please contact Thunder Bay Adventure Trails at tbat_den@hotmail.com or 939-7533 if you are interested in helping out in any way from trail brushing and signage to marketing and meeting with landowners and other stakeholders.

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