

## Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicles (OFATV)

The OFATV was initiated on Saturday, June 12, 1999. It was the result of a stakeholders' forum at The Canadian Ecology Centre, November 13, 1998. At the fall meeting the CATV (manufacturers), safety officials, government officials, educators, and environmental representatives came together to discuss how ATVs and sustainable outdoor tourism are related.



In the spring of the following year the inaugural meeting was held at The Canadian Ecology Centre in Mattawa. A weekend of events brought more like-minded people together. The first multiple use snowmobile and ATV trail systems were announced in 2001. OFATV restructured to become a democratic grass roots organization, dividing the province into districts and creating a board of directors elected or if need be appointed by the board to represent ATV'ers throughout the Province. In 2003, the OFATV with the help of our insurance company, developed its own made for ATV clubs insurance policy, with the exclusive OFATV no mileage limitations feature, creating affordable club insurance. This policy has continued to evolve and now comes directly from membership leaving more internal development dollars in clubs hands and having no direct cost to communities or other partnering organizations.

The OFATV was directly responsible for initiating Bill11 which after 4 years of work lead to Regulation 316-03.

The OFATV continues to work with the various governments on issues pertaining to the interests of ATV'ers the Province of Ontario.

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The two local ATV clubs in Simcoe County are the North Simcoe ATV Club (NSATV) and the Central Ontario ATV Club (COATV).

### **North Simcoe ATV Club (NSATV)**

North Simcoe ATV is an OFATV affiliated club founded in March 2004. Our goal is to help develop and sustain a trail system throughout Simcoe County and promote the safe and responsible use of ATVs. As the popularity of this sport continues to grow, the NSATV will work closely with local government and agencies to insure cooperation and communication on the relevant issues and voice the interests of our members and ATVers in this area.

NSATV includes chapters located in Espanola, Sudbury and Barrie/Innisfil.

The NSATV prides itself on being a very family friendly club with members of all ages and skill levels. We plan to hold a variety of fun rides and events and wherever possible, assist the communities in our area with their charitable initiatives.

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NSATV

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### **Central Ontario ATV Club (COATV)**

Central Ontario ATV Club is a non profit volunteer organization building Touring Trails locally to help create connections provincially. Our club has been active since 1999 and was incorporated in 2002. We have grown from an original 12 members in 1999 to nearly 100 members at present. We have been co-operatively working with local Municipalities and landowners preparing the ground work for an amazing trail system within our service territory.

Our club territory starts from Hwy 400 and goes west to Hwy 10 with a lot of various terrain to ride on, with some new ground just ready to be opened near Anten Mills.

All of our trails are viewable and downloadable from our website, and can be ridden as seasonal conditions allow by any OFATV Club member. Non members can purchase a 3 day pass for \$35.00, or better yet, join COATV. We communicate primarily by email, as well as telephone, word of mouth and club meetings.

We have developed an agreement with the Simcoe County Forests, allowing OFATV club riders rights for trail building and wardening thus keeping the forest open for member access.

Our club has, and will continue to host a number of club rides and fundraisers, such as our next ride, a Mystery Ride - find clues near the trail to discover your next objective! Followed by an Anagram Hunt - keep your eyes wide open to search along the trail for letters to form a word scramble, then solve the anagram!

Our landowners are treated with the highest respect to their concerns and their property. With several trail wardens regularly scouting, we are hoping to keep a positive outlook on the future of ATV'ing in Ontario.

All of our club rides are open to any members or future members. COATV has made making friends, trails and fun a priority. You will enjoy the ride.

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