

REVITALIZED ORV CLUB IS MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO RATHBUN ORV AREA

The Rathbun ORV (Off Road Vehicle) Area located near Bridgeview at Rathbun Lake is virtually a paradise for ATV and dirt bike riders. Located on US Army Corps of Engineers' land, it is maintained by the South Central Dirt Riders. Riders at this picturesque park will enjoy a view of the southwestern part of the lake along with a plethora of wildlife, wildflowers and trees. The park incorporates something for riders of all ages and skill levels. There are trails ranging from leisurely to challenging, hill climbs, mud pits, and a practice track. For those younger riders who may feel intimidated around the larger machines and more experienced riders, there is a lot for them. Except during clean-up days, spring thaw, and other conditions which may warrant closing, the park is open year round. Closure dates will be posted at the park's entrance and at www.iowaohv.com

ATV and dirt bikes must be registered through the State of Iowa to ride at the Rathbun ORV Area, as well as state ORV areas. Riders must obey park rules: ATVs and motorcycles must display a current registration. Helmets are required. Riding double is prohibited. ATV riders must be 12 and older and those under 18 must have a valid safety certificate. Riding while under the influence of intoxicating liquors or drugs is prohibited. Riding off the designated trails and in the lake is illegal. Side-by-side machines and go-carts are not allowed.

No tax dollars are spent on the park! The park is maintained by the South Central Dirt Riders. The club receives its funding through grant money allocated from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The DNR obtains this money from registration fees of ATVs and dirt bikes. These funds allowed the SCDR to purchase equipment

required to maintain the trails. A skid loader with some accompanying implements, chainsaw, mower, weed trimmer, hand tools and other necessities are utilized by the club for the never ending task of trail maintenance.

South Central Dirt Riders is a non-profit organization consisting of a variety of ATV and dirt bike riders. They work in conjunction with the Iowa DNR, US Army Corps of Engineers, Iowa OHV Association, and other regulatory organizations. The club is steadfast in their commitment to proper trail etiquette and preservation. When not working on the trails, they are out riding on them! These caretakers of the park encourage new recruits to join them in maintaining the Rathbun ORV Area. If not for the dedication and labors of the club and the support they receive, the park would be closed!

SCDR expresses their gratitude to the above mentioned entities, Indian Hills Community College, area businesses, area media, and all who support them! Support comes in many ways, a location to conduct meetings, financial donations, meeting dates and publicity printed in the local newspapers, and other assistance in ceaseless efforts to improve the riding area. More information about SCDR can be acquired at www.scdr@myway.com.

Come on, load up your registered ATV or dirt bike and head out to the Rathbun ORV Area! If you see one of the club members working on the trails, stop and say, "Hi." They'll be glad to offer you a tour of the park. Join the club and assist them in keeping one of Iowa's great treasures open.

2007- 2008 EVENTS FOR RATHBUN SNOW RIDERS

January 12, 2008 6:30 pm – Regular Meeting at Angel's Café, Moravia.

January 19, 2008 – Winterfest at Exline County Store. Bring sleds New and Old.

February 3, 2008 – Radar/Poker Run. Radar Run 10 to 12, with Poker Run to start at J&K Lite House shortly after. If snow conditions are favorable. Radar Run Planned by Mike Sheehan. Poker Run planned by Kris May. Radar Run on road to Honey Creek (160th Avenue), Runs will be \$1.00 per run or \$10.00 for 12 runs. Poker Run \$5.00 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$10.00. We will be starting right after Radar Run at J & K Lite House, we will be going to Dogg's, Red Barn, Bridgeview, and Chuck's Landing, ending at J & K Lite House.

February 9, 2008 7:30 pm – Regular Meeting at Walter & Fern Paris, 30066 437th Street, Moravia, IA

February 10, 2008 12:00 pm – Snowmobile Tour De Lake. Start at J & K Lite House. Planned by Jim & Kris May

March 8, 2008 7:30 pm – Regular Meeting. Location to be announced.

Everyone is welcome to attend any or all events. For more information on events or club membership contact Jim or Kris May (641) 895-1841. Please patronage Rathbun Snow Rider's Supporters. Check us out www.rathbunsnowriders.com

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