

TRAIL THREADS

Lynn Woods: Lynn, MA

Many of you who bike regularly in Lynn Woods starting from the Ballfield Parking lot probably notice the fireplace/chimney that stands off to the side near the tree line. What you probably did not know it's that chimney was part of a train station built in 1892. Owned & operated by the Boston & Maine Railroad (we believe), it provided a means of transportation from downtown Lynn to Sunset Hill known today as the Ballfield trails by the mountain bike community.

Sunset Hill was a tourist spot visited by many local Lynn residents and Bostonians because of its natural beauty and wonderful view of the sun setting over stone tower. This area was a location for summer family picnics and winter sledding activities. Just behind the train station existed a man-made gondola chute and large stone steps (much of it missing today) that were installed by the City of Lynn to enhance the recreational use of Lynn Woods.

It's amazing the amount of history that exist in just a small area. To think a railroad station and trolley yard existed in the spot we park to ride our bikes. If you look at the picture, the only item that has not changed in the past 100+ years is the rock with the drilled holes in it (far left of pictures).

If you are interested in other Lynn Woods's activities other than mountain biking, we suggest you visit The Friends of Lynn Woods website (www.flw.org). The FLW works to maintain Lynn Woods and helps hold events throughout the year. The upcoming Bluegrass Festival on Sunday August 12th (12~5pm) is one of the biggest events held in Lynn. This event is a wonderful family event with great music and a fun atmosphere. If you're in the neighborhood, stop on by and enjoy the festivities.



Photo Caption: It is described in the 1892 park commission report as being a "station with broad piazzas, spacious waiting room and lunch counters." (Photo provided by City of Lynn)

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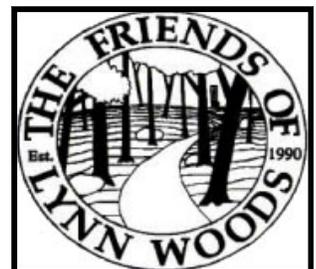
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Diablo Freeride Park: Vernon, NJ

A few members of the Dieselbikes crew along with other local New England riders took a road trip to Diablo Freeride Park in Vernon, NJ. About a 5-hour drive from Boston, Diablo is one of the premier mountain bike parks on the east coast. The Diesel crew visited Diablo back in 2005 and since that time we were told Diablo installed a bunch of new technical trail features. So we decided to packed up the vehicles with our bikes, gear, video cameras and headed on down for a weekend of fun.

In short, this mountain park offers an extensive array of technical trail features that is geared towards intermediate and expert riding levels. Riders of all skill levels are welcome, but we suggest (our opinion) you do not make Diablo your first downhill experience. Diablo has been known to have a large number of rides hitting the trails every weekend. However, they have one of the best lift services for mountain bikers in contrast to other downhill locations. Their high-speed gondola can hole 3 riders and their bikes comfortably while getting you to the summit (vertical: 1,040') in about 7 minutes.

[\(Click here for the complete story\)](#)



Diablo Freeride Web links:

Bike Park: diablofreeridepark.com

Mountain Resort: mountaincreek.com

Shovels & Picks Report

Lynn Woods –

With We still have two (2) more work days left this season for Lynn Woods 2007 Trail Maintenance Series. Below is our trail calendar for these upcoming projects. The last two trail days will be huge projects and since it's near the end of summer, the weather should be much nicer for working outside.

2007 Lynn Trail Maintenance Series:

Saturday September 15th: Overlook Trail Bridge: Build a wooden ladder bridge near section D4-4 on Overlook Trail.

Sunday October 14th: Ballfield Trail Repair: Re-routing and cutting a new trail section on the Ballfield trail near map grid section E5.

Sunday November 10th: Additional trail day if required.



Sponsor Shout-outs





Unicycle Trials: Killington, VT

We at Dieselbikes made the trip up to Killington, VT for the 24-hours of Killington cross-country race. During this 24-hour event the NUMEN 2007 Regional Unicycle Trials Competition was held, as a separate event on Saturday July 28th.

“Muni-cycle Jeff” from MountainUni.com enlisted in this one-day competition to test his skills against other regional unicyclist. Riders from Maine to New York attended this event showing off style and immense balance. The competition was comprised of 4 event disciplines; vertical up, vertical up with pedal grab, horizontal gap jump and highest jump. This was Jeff's first uni-cycle competition and his event highlights included a 22” vertical up and 55” horizontal gap jump.

It was amazing to see these unicyclists pull off some “sick” technical tricks. I personally have never ridden a unicycle, but after watching this competition, I would definitely like to give it a try. That’s where Jeff of MountainUni.com comes into play. MountainUni.com specializes in teaching non-unicycle riders how to ride unicycles along with promote of the sport. Be sure to see more local unicycle activity in the future. Visit MountainUni.com for more information about there programs and tell them Dieselbikes sent you.



High Jump Event
Rider: Jeff 18” Attempt



Vertical Up Event
Rider: Unknown 25” Attempt



Gap Jump Event
Rider: Terry 70” Attempt



Jeff having fun on a
+30” Unicycle

BREAKING NEWS

Another bike part bits the dust! During our group rides from time to time, we at Dieselbikes have come across riders that just...well...put their mountain bikes to good use.

On our past Tuesday night ride, Erick (new rider to the group) was having a blast riding Lynn Woods, but his fork felt different about it. Not sure where in the ride the crown broke, but he noticed it when we stopped on top of Boston Rock. The Crown fractured on both sides, but that did not stop him from riding. Erick made it out of the woods with the group and a broken bike. He will be contacting FOX Suspension to get this fork fixed.

If you have a broken bike story you would like to share with us, drop us a line and send us a few pictures and we will do our best to get it posted.

You can contact us at: info@dieselbikes.com





THE BUZZ

Dolly the mountain biking sheep!

We had a great time during our visit to Diablo Freeride Park. Utilizing the excellent lift service and facilities around the mountain, we were all business (riding that is) on Saturday. However, during our little after hour party Saturday night, we plotted to have of some fun before we packed up and returned home.

Dolly the mountain biking sheep made her debut in front of the camera on the shoulders of "The Doctor" as he ripped up the trails at Diablo. This fun, yet head turning skit was a blast to film with many people wondering..."Was that a sheep on that guy's back?"

[Click here to watch](#) this short video, or go to www.dieselbikes.com and click on the media tab to find the video link. Just beware, this video contains adult humor.

Nothing really bad; but bad enough to make you say "WTF".



Local Movie Film Shoot

With just 12 weeks remaining, Dieselbikes is out in full force filming for our upcoming 2007 mountain bike movie scheduled for release in Mid-October. We strive to keep our movies local and enjoy filming local riders having fun. We have a few film days left before October and have provided an anticipated list of dates/locations. If you would like to be apart of this film, just show up and ride your bike in front of the camera.

We film all kinds of riding and are not just looking for big jumps. This list is subject to change so we suggest you check our website from time to time for the most up to date film schedule.

- Highland Mountain: Sunday Aug 12th (Tentative)
- Bruce & Tom's: Sunday Aug 18th (Tentative)
- Mt. Attitash: Aug 24th (Tentative)
- Highland Mountain: Aug 25th (Tentative)
- Boston Urban Ride: Saturday Sept 01st (Tentative)

Help Dieselbikes Support Our Local Trails

We are a small group of dedicated mountain bikers who want to make our trails better for all disciplines of trail riding. Whether you cross-county bike, freeride and/or Muni, we believe there is a place for all on our trails. Regardless of our groups dedicated efforts, we can always use the support and volunteer help from the mountain biking community. Whether you purchase our active apparel, local movies and/or donate your time/money to our cause; your help is greatly appreciated.

With that said, we want to say thanks to all who have helped and supported our club this year. From our friends, to our sponsors, to "YOU" the silent majority, we at Dieselbikes thank you and look forward to any continuing support.

Check out Dieselbikes' complete line of [active Mountain Bikers Apparel](#) and help support our trail and sport promotion efforts.





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Who We Are:

We are just a group of riders who started this web-site to quietly get into the mountain bike industry. We do not expect anything big from this venture but to have fun doing what we love, RIDE OUR BIKES!!! Over this past year we have seen a huge following for Dieselbikes and plan on turn this hobby into a business to help support and expand New England mountain biking.

Our Roots:

The roots of Dieselbikes starts in the City of Lynn better know as the "City of Sin." Over the past years we have added riders to our team whom brings their own unique style of riding and personal-ity. Our local (unofficial) freeride park is none other than Lynn Woods. You will find us riding there 3 ~ 4 times a week during the biking season. Whether working our day and/or night jobs, we all find the time to make that blissful ride of downhill descends, jumps, hucks and friendly camaraderie that is only found when we RIDE OUR BIKES!!!

Mission:

Our mission is expand, promote and create a distinct portrait of mountain biking in and around New England. We believe that New England is one of the best places to mountain bike and feel by bringing all mountain bikers together, we will create a VIBE which will help expand this sport!

Whether posting pictures, videos, local trail maps and/or scheduling biking trips, we are starting small and keeping it simple. Someday our secondary goal is to build downhill/freeride bikes and or bike components for anyone who wants bulletproof products tested on FLAT DROPS here in New England.

Group Rides

Our 2007 group rides will begin on April 15th with our 2nd Annual Lynn Woods Opening Day Ride.

Dieselbikes will begin posting weekday and weekend group rides on our website. You can view these dates as they become available at the following link below:

DIESELBIKES GROUP RIDES

If you would like to be placed on our group rides list, please feel free to contact us at the following e-mail address:

dbgrouprides@dieselbikes.com

Our group rides have no set pace or rider level. We are just out riding our bikes and having fun. All rider styles and levels are welcome.

