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PICTURE OF THE MONTH



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SPRING IS ON ITS WAY!

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THE BUZZ

The spring riding season is just over a month away and we at Dieselbikes are happy to announce the dates for our 2009 Lynn Woods Trail Maintenance Series. We have a few big projects in store for Lynn this season and as always we look forward to support from the local riding community. More information is available on our [website](#).

We are also gearing up for the 3rd Annual D-Day Mountain Bike Event scheduled to occur on Saturday June 13, 2009! Mark your calendar because this event will showcase some of the latest products, technologies and services available at many local area bike shops as well have industry representatives' onsite. Our goal is to expose event attendees to everything that is mountain biking in a fun and friendly outdoor atmosphere while we generate funds to support trail maintenance programs in Lynn Woods. More information is available on our [website](#).

TRAIL THREADS

Lynn Woods: Lynn, MA

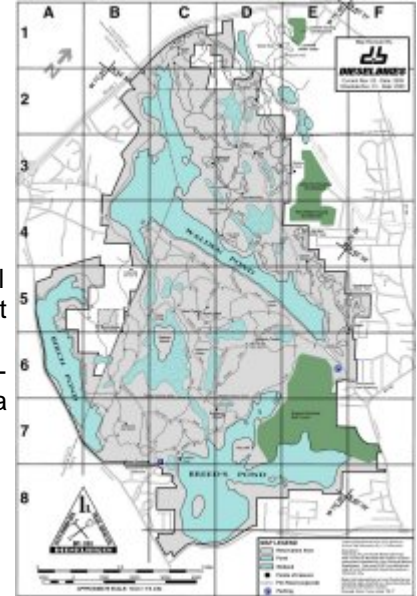
If you did not know Lynn Woods is officially closed between January 1st and April 15th, 2009. This means we have exactly 46 days or just over 6 weeks before we can illegally take our bikes back in the woods.

With that said, we want to ask the mountain bike community to respect the closure when ever possible. Park Management understands that there will be offenders and hopefully damage to the trails created by these offenders will be minimal. In the past years, illegal rider ship during the closure period has reduced and this has been a positive result for the biking community.

The riding season is quickly moving upon us and trail work programs in Lynn Woods will be in full swing shortly. As of this past week, there was still a lot of hard pack snow on the ground, but much turned to mush with the last rain storm. The playground area over by the Lynnfield side of Lynn Woods is some what rideable, but the threads are becoming soft. This will make a mess of the trail and your bike. If you're going to ride, try to stay on rocky surfaces and do not braid the trail if you see mud. This will just create for work of us and other organizations maintaining these trails.

Reception of our revised map has great. We released a few public threads on local bike forums due to some e-mail requests about getting the word out. Again, we just want to restate this map is not an official City of Lynn or Park's Department map of Lynn Woods, but a reference map use to identify the trail names and points of interest for mountain bikers. Dieselbikes has been working with Park Management for a number of years with efforts to revise the current official map. At some point in the near future, a new Official Lynn Woods map will be released, but for now we must wait. You can view or download this reference map from our [website](#).

If you have any questions regarding our map, please feel free to send us and e-mail to info@dieselbikes.com. We will do our best to answer any questions you may have.



Tompson St. Reservation (TSR) / Bruce & Tom's (B&T's): Gloucester, MA

This past month, Dieselbikes, Sinister Bikes and NSNEMBA meet with EGCA, to discuss trail work for 2009. The meeting was positive and we have identified four (4) projects to be completed. Some projects still require further review/approval before work can commence, however we do have 2 trail work days that are just about finalized requiring a set trail work date between all parties involved. This information should be available in our April Newsletter.

Trail Network Disclaimer –

As always, please remember Tompson Street and B&T's trail networks spans land owned by Essex County Greenbelt and a number of private landowners. Currently mountain biking is allowed year round on Greenbelt managed property called Tompson Street Reservation (TSR) but may not be allowed on adjacent private property. We ask that you use some common sense when riding there. Stick to the main trail that you know and do not cut new lines/braids.



ECGA.org

If you come across a change in the trail that you think is illegal, please do not change anything. Report it to [Dieselbikes](#), [Sinister Bikes](#) and or [NSNEMBA](#). We have plenty of members that ride this location and will resolve such matters to reduce any potential conflicts. There will be continuing efforts to make the network better and this will take some time to accomplish with proper land manager approval

TRAIL THREADS [CONTINUE]

Salem Woods: Salem, MA

Salem Woods has received a grant to improve the trail network and the Friends of Salem Woods is seeking volunteers for April 4, 2009 Workday.

The City of Salem in conjunction with the Friends of Salem Woods applied for and received a State Trail Improvements Grant totaling \$6,560. 30 trail work volunteers are needed on April 4, 2009, at 9:30 AM to begin Phase 1. The funding was used to purchase materials to restore approximately 500 feet of existing trails in Salem Woods. 100 years of continuous use of the main trail has left it eroded and in need of repair.

The proposed trail restoration will elevate the entrance trail closer to its historical height and reduce the "mudding" from standing water on the trail. The trail improvements will allow for the trails to be used despite the weather. Volunteers are needed for 4-5 hours, 16 years and older please, food will be provided. Volunteers will be moving new dirt and material in (via Wheelbarrow), and performing trail repair using common tools. All tools and wheelbarrows will be provided, workers will need gloves and work cloths, shoes. Work instruction and construction will be provided by some of the finest trail builders in Eastern Mass.

[Friends of Salem Woods](#) are coordinating the trail improvements. Construction will start on Saturday April 4TH at 9:30 AM and volunteers are to meet at the entrance to Salem Woods. Rain date will be on Saturday April 11th, also at 9:30 AM. Please contact Mike Salerno (trail work coordinator) at 978-741-1933 if you are interested in volunteering.

LOCATION: Salem Greens Golf Coarse, next to Salem High School, on Wilson Rd, Salem

HELP SUPPORT DIESELBIKES!

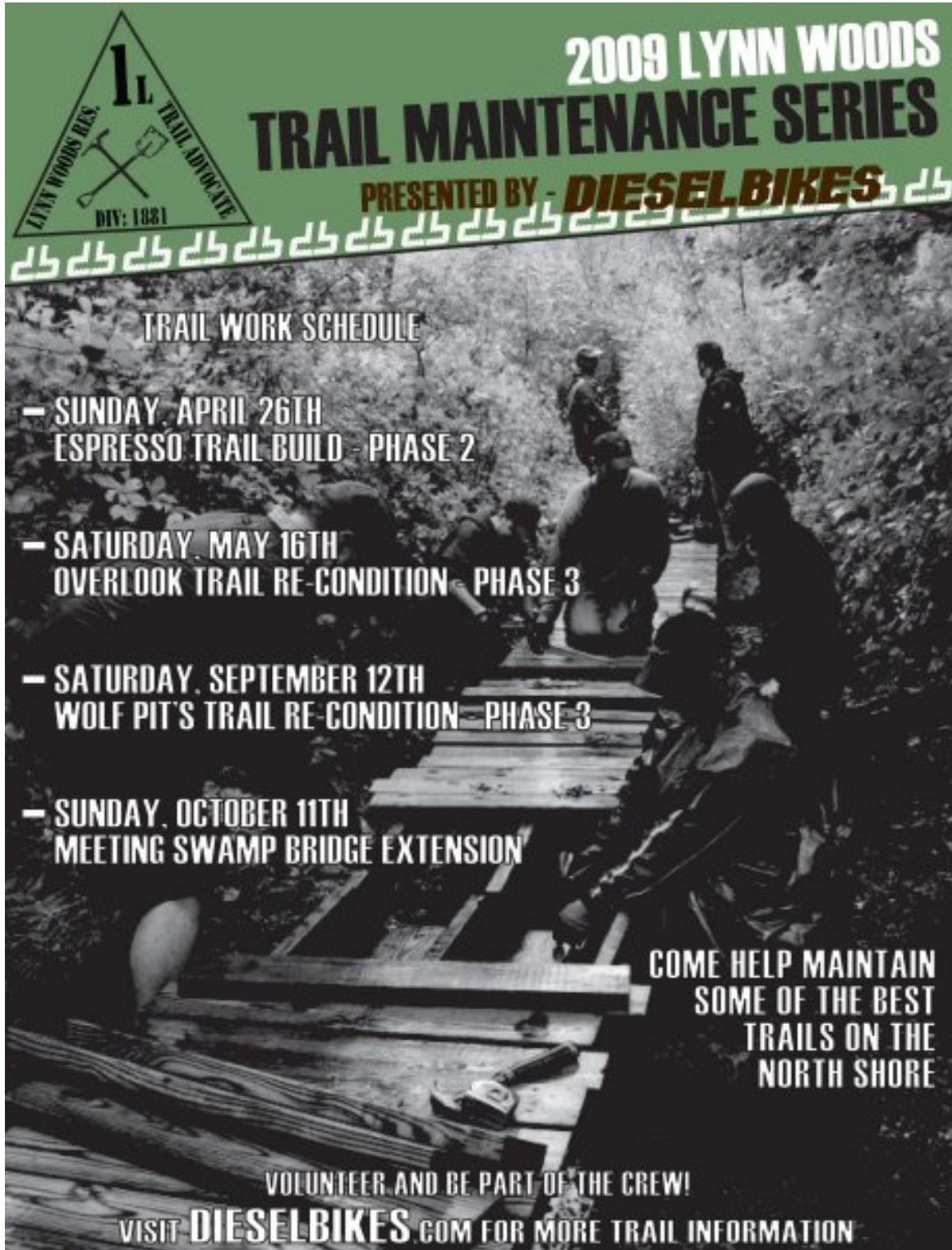
Just as a number of other local groups, we strive to make our trails better and sustainable for future generations. Regardless of our efforts, we cannot do it alone. We depend on help from the local community to assist us in any capacity. Whether this is volunteering for a trail day, event or purchasing our active apparel, every dollar and work hour counts.

Dieselbikes does not offer open club membership at this time, but our active apparel, local movies and donations are the perfect way to show your support for our club's efforts to support Lynn Woods, Tompson Street and other local trail networks. As always, a portion of your purchase goes to support the club as well our trail maintenance and event efforts. We are committed to expanding mountain biking throughout New England and your support helps us accomplish this effort. Grab a shirt today and help spread the word!



PICK & SHOVEL REPORT

Lynn Woods Trail Maintenance dates are set and the projects are ready to go. Be on the look out for our 2009 Series Trail posters at your local bike.



**2009 LYNN WOODS
TRAIL MAINTENANCE SERIES**
PRESENTED BY **DIESELBIKES**

**LYNN WOODS RES. TRAIL ADVOCATE
DIV: 1081**

TRAIL WORK SCHEDULE

- SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH
ESPRESSO TRAIL BUILD - PHASE 2
- SATURDAY, MAY 16TH
OVERLOOK TRAIL RE-CONDITION - PHASE 3
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
WOLF PIT'S TRAIL RE-CONDITION - PHASE 3
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
MEETING SWAMP BRIDGE EXTENSION

**COME HELP MAINTAIN
SOME OF THE BEST
TRAILS ON THE
NORTH SHORE**

**VOLUNTEER AND BE PART OF THE CREW!
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IN THE NEWS

An Epic Mountain Bike Race!

A group of mountain bike enthusiasts want to create a four-day race in the Catskill Mountains this summer, making use of some of the most challenging rides in the region. The 150-mile stage race would be called the Wildcat Epic.

Routes would include Minnewaska State Park, Mohonk Preserve and the Hunter Mountain and Cortina ski areas. One day of riding would ascend 2,900 feet to the top of Overlook Mountain near Woodstock. Organizers are also planning a one-day race for adults and kids who aren't up to a four-day epic ride.

"It's going to be one of the biggest mountain biking events of the Northeast," said Gunter Stilhaus, one of the co-organizers. Owner of a local outdoor Web site called Adventure Junction, Stilhaus, a South Africa native who now lives in Ulster County, is a professional race organizer. He's joined forces with a company from Connecticut called Genesis Adventures, which produces triathlons and other endurance races.

[Click here to read the complete article](#)



Should you buy a new mountain bike or give your old a facelift?

The sun is shining, the snow is melting. Could spring be in the air? Mountain biking enthusiasts everywhere, from Alaska to Maine, see this transitional season as a time of deep reflection: "Should I buy a new bike or refurbish the old?"

Our faltering economy would love for you to buy new but that assumes that your bank account is flush with ducats. If it's not, give your bike an upgrade but first you have to establish if it's worth it.

[Click here to read the complete article](#)



Environmentally Friendly Bikers Have a Mountain to Climb for Trail Riding Rights

The environmental community is polarized on the issue of mountain biking. Many environmentalists argue that mountain bikers are destructive rule-breakers who cause erosion of soil, leading to the degradation and fragmentation of habitats. On the other hand, many mountain bikers, including the members and alumni of the UC Irvine Cycling Club, consider themselves to be environmental stewards. They follow the rules of the road, put in hours of volunteer work to maintain trails and help fellow land users in distress.

[Click here to read the complete article](#)



DIESELBIKES EVENTS



Even through the economy is facing difficult times, we are working diligently to make 2009 a banner year for DB Events. With two (2) Lynn Woods events, trail maintenance programs and the possibly introduction of a group ride series we are working to bring our riding community closer together. Below is a list of our current events schedule.

3rd Annual D-Day Mountain Bike EXPO [Lynn Woods, MA] Saturday, June 13th 9:30am ~ 5:00pm

The D-DAY Expo is an event that will showcase the latest products, technologies and services in the fast growing world of mountain biking! Our goal is to expose event attendees to everything that is mountain biking in a fun and friendly outdoor atmosphere while we generate funds to support trail maintenance programs in Lynn Woods.

Demo bikes, displays of the latest equipment, apparel and accessories all will be available for event attendees. Speak directly with factory and local business representatives regarding their products and services. Participate in contests, group rides and watch professional demonstrations throughout the event. The D-DAY EXPO will have something for EVERYONE!

2nd Annual Spookbikecular Halloween Mountain Bike Festival [Lynn Woods, MA] Saturday, October 31st 9:30am ~ 4:00pm

The Spookbikecular Halloween Festival is a mountain bike social event that allows attendees to participate in a number of different related venues hosted by Dieselbikes and event sponsors. Our goal is to introduce the highlights of the Lynn Woods trail system and provide interactive games that are fun and family orientated. This is an end of the season celebration of Lynn Woods and a great chance to ride the trails with locals that know them.

Demo bikes, skills clinics and a bicycle-flea market will be just some of the venues on hand for attendees to enjoy. This is a family fun event and in its second year running; more information will be available in Mid August.

2009 Lynn Woods Trail Maintenance Series

We have four (4) large trail projects that have been approved by Park Management and we need you're volunteer help to accomplish them. The dates are set and you can find more information on our [website](#).

Project # 1: Sunday April, 26

Project # 3: Saturday September 12

Project # 2: Saturday May 16th

Project # 4: Sunday October 11th

2009 Tompson Street Trail Maintenance Series

We are working with Essex County Greenbelt Association to obtain approval for our proposed trail work. This trail series will be in conjunction with Sinister Bikes and NSNEMBA, more information to follow in March.

NE MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENTS

Listing our own events is an obvious section to have, but we believe there are plenty of other Mountain Bike Events that occur throughout New England. We have created a short list of mountain bike events that will be occurring in March. You can find a continuation of this list on our website under the [Events Calendar](#).

New England Multisport World Conference & Expo – March 21 ~ 22, 2009

For more information, please visit <http://www.multisportworld.com/>

Salem Woods Maintenance Day – April 4, 2009. Hosted by Friend of Salem Woods.

For more information, please visit our [website](#) or [The Friends of Salem Woods](#)

RIDERS COMMUNITY



Dieselbikes is not the only mountain bike riding and advocacy group in New England. There are plenty of others and all these organizations make up our riding community. Each of these organizations performs a specific function in the community all related to bicycling.

We at Dieselbikes encourage our patrons to broaden their scope and inform themselves about these other organizations. One single advocacy organization can not solve all the problems our sport faces in today's society. Together as a community of organizations and fellow riders, we can maintain and expand this great sport ONE TRAIL and ONE BIKE at a time!

Here is a "brief" list of interesting bicycle related websites that provide information for our community. These links may change during each monthly newsletter publication, but we will do our best to catalog them on our website in the future. If you have a mountain bike website that you feel is important to the community, please feel free to send us and e-mail: riderscommunity@dieselbikes.com

Local / Regional Bike Forums

www.bustedspoke.com
www.ragemtb.com
www.mtbr.com

New England Advocacy Groups

www.nemba.org
www.ne-bra.org

National Advocacy Groups

www.imba.org
www.railstotrails.org

2009 SPONSOR SHOUT-OUTS

Local, regional and corporate sponsorship is one of many important factors that lead to the success of our efforts. Their contributions may involve supporting trail work programs, sponsoring events, assist in marketing efforts, donating products or services and help spread the word about our organization. For this, we want to say THANK YOU!

The following organizations are supporting Dieselbikes efforts for 2009. We ask when ever possible to support these organizations in their efforts; not because they are supporting us but because they are supporting our trails.



Sinister Bikes
Gloucester, MA



JRA Cycles
Medford, MA



MountainUNI
Danvers, MA



Kenda Tire & Tube
Reynoldsburg, OH



Back Bay Bicycles
Boston, MA



NSNEMBA
North Andover, MA



Tri-Hard Endurance Sport Coaching
Holliston, MA

DB GROUP RIDES

We are a simple group of mountain bikers with average riding skills that like to ride with anyone who loves this sport. Whether you are just a beginner or pro racer, it does not matter; you are welcomed to join our club group rides.

We ride all throughout New England during the season but you will find many of us riding Lynn Woods and B&T's multiple times a week. We have evening weekday rides that last 2-3 hours and help break up the work week. We also have weekend rides that may last 4+ hours enjoying the different aspects of mountain biking. If you would like to ride with Dieselbikes and want to know where and when we are riding, please feel free to sign up for our group ride e-mail notice. You can simply do this by sending us an e-mail to the following address below. Just provide your name and let us know you want to receive our weekly group ride e-mail notices.

dbgrouprides@dieselbikes.com - Weekly group ride e-mails start the first week of May 2009 and run until the last week of October. Ride e-mails are usually sent out two days in advance before the scheduled ride.

Our 2009 group rides begin on Saturday April 18th with our 4th Annual Lynn Woods Opening Day Ride. Feel free to join us!



New England Mountain Bike Club

DIESELBIKES

Est. 2004

Who We Are:

We are just a group of riders who started a riding club 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 personality. 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.



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