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PICTURE OF THE MONTH



2009 TURKEY DAY RIDE @ LYNN WOODS

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THE BUZZ

December is upon us and the snow is falling in the mountains north of us. It's the time of year where many of our members clean their bikes off one last time & put them away to enjoy fun on the slopes skiing & snowboarding; though a few of us will still be riding throughout the winter.

And speaking of riding in the winter: On Sunday December 27th, Dieselbikes will host it's 4th annual year end ride at Lynn Woods. This will be the last time you can legally ride Lynn Woods before they close to mountain biking for the winter months.

With 2009 drawing to a close, we want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who supported our trail maintenance efforts this year. We did a lot in 2009 and are hoping to do just as much in 2010. It goes without saying that none of this could be possible without the help and support of the local riding community; & for that, we are grateful.

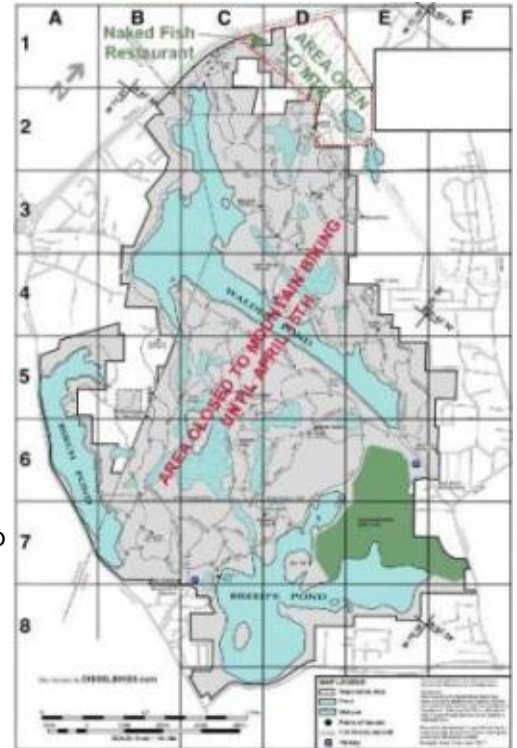
TRAIL THREADS

Lynn Woods Reservation (LYW): Lynn, MA

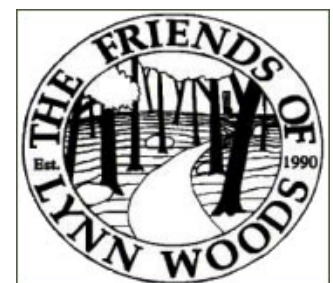
The riding season is quickly winding down and Lynn Woods will be closing next month for winter. In 2009 we were able to complete some big trail projects, host a mountain bike event, raising much needed funds for the park & do some serious riding. Trail and event plans are already in the works for next year and when everything is approved, we'll post dates and announcements to the website. Stay tuned & keep your calendars handy.

Turn out for the 20th Annual Thanksgiving Day Ride was good. It was a perfect day for riding with temperatures in the mid 40s. Friendly faces both old and new were in attendance working up their appetites for the big turkey feast. The ride lasted just over two hours hitting some fun and flowy technical sections. Once back at the parking lot, many riders hung around for breakfast and beverages. Doctor Steve was the grill master, cooking up some delicious bacon, ham and egg sandwiches; something I personally look forward to each year!

The Turkey Day ride is an annual event started by two local Lynn residents (both of whom were there) now in its 20th consecutive year! The ride is a great time and wonderful way to kick off the holiday season.



We still have one more holiday season ride coming up: Sunday December 27th Dieselbikes will mark our 4th annual year end ride at Lynn Woods. This will be the last chance to legally ride in Lynn Woods until April 15, 2010! Last year the weather played havoc with this ride, but we still had a few dedicated riders show up and battle the elements. Lynn Woods is a whole different world during this time of the year and even though it will be cold, the fun factor is still there. Grab your bike and feel free to join us. Meeting time is 9:00am and we will begin our ride at 9:15. It should last around 2 hours or so. We will have this information posted on our website, so check [this link from time to time](#).



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YEAR END TRAIL WORK REPORT

2009 was another successful year for trail building. We were able to host 4 maintenance days in Lynn Woods and support 2 additional trail days at Tompson Reservation in conjunction with Sinister Bikes and NSNEMBA. Looking back on all we have done, we are proud to be a part of this great mountain bike community and look forward to continuing our efforts in 2010.

Our dedicated base of core volunteers have made Diesalbikes trail advocacy what it is today. Without their unselfish support the club would not have been able to accomplish such a vast amount of trail work. We look forward to stepping up our efforts outside our local riding area in 2010 and to supporting other great trail locations in their efforts at trail maintenance and management. Below is a quick recap of the volunteer work services provided by Diesalbikes this year.

Lynn Woods Reservation (LYW): Lynn, MA

This has been our fifth full season of trail work in Lynn Woods. The hours of volunteer service, program preparation and core dedication are paying off. Lynn Woods is on track to become one of the best maintained trails north of Boston.

This year we focused on continuing maintenance projects for trails that were installed years ago. We enhanced section of Espresso, Overlook and Wolf Pit's Trails as well extending the famous Meeting House Swamp Bridge to ensure better longevity to the bridge.

Diesalbikes completed 202 volunteer labor hours of maintenance on Lynn Woods' mountain bike trails this year. Over the past 5 years of service, we have completed a total of 24 separate trail projects and will be working on bigger and more technical projects within the next 5 years. We want to thank our core members, additional volunteers and industry sponsors who have contributed to these efforts.

Despite the vast amount of work Diesalbikes has completed, we want to give a shout out to all the other volunteer groups who also support and maintain Lynn Woods' trails. We are not the only ones maintaining Lynn Woods, & we know it. Hats off to ALL!



LYW Project # 1: April 26th



LYW Project # 2: May 16th



LYW Project # 4: Oct 11th



LYW Project # 3: Sept 12th

YEAR END TRAIL WORK REPORT (CONTINUE)

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

This was another year of great trail work at Tompson Reservation. Our partnership with Sinister Bikes and NSNEMBA continued and although we were only able to complete 2 of the 4 scheduled maintenance projects, the work completed was essential and fun for all who volunteered. The three groups completed 116 hours of combined volunteer service on ECGA managed land.

Dieselbikes plans on increasing our efforts next year and to continue our partnerships with Sinister Bikes, NSNEMBA and ECGA management to roll out some large scale projects for this trail network. Be on the look out for more information regarding any upcoming trail work at Tompson Reservation in the coming months. Volunteers will be needed & are always appreciated!



TSR Project # 1: May 3rd

Salem Woods (SLW): Salem, MA

Dieselbikes expanded our efforts and helped out some fellow mountain bikers who organize and maintain Salem Woods. The project was in conjunction with the City of Salem and Friends of Salem Woods regarding a State Trail Improvement Grant for elevating approximately 500 feet of trail back to its original thread height.

This was a back-breaking project with over 30 volunteers participating. The project was broken down into two separate trail maintenance dates and has become a huge success for all recreational users. Dieselbikes was happy to help out and support another trail network that is friendly to the mountain biking community.



TSR Project # 2: June 7th



SLW Project # 1: April 4th



SLW Project # 2: Nov 14th

IN THE NEWS

Michigan Possible Changes to State Park Funding

The State Senate has voted to eliminate entrance fees to state parks, but that doesn't mean using the parks will be free.

Currently, people can buy a season pass for their car for \$24 dollars. Those who only visit once or twice a year can choose to pay a six dollar fee for a single day...

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Plans for new mountain bike park in Scotland

The new owners of Glencoe ski centre in Scotland have announced plans to turn the resort into a mountain bike park in the summer months.

Falkirk businessman Andy Meldrum, who heads the consortium of winter sports enthusiasts who have bought the beleaguered centre, told news website STV: "A big part of the plan [to turn around the centre's fortunes] is based around Downhill Mountain biking, which is growing very fast at the moment..."

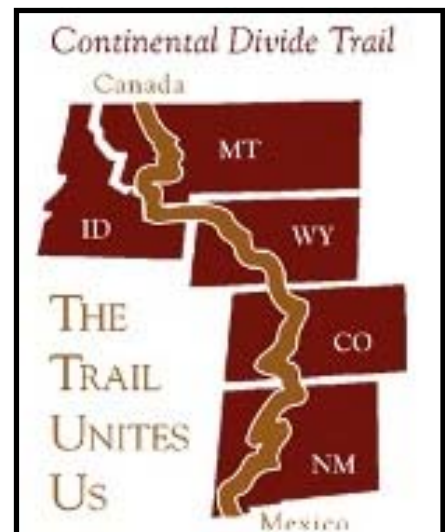
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Forest Service Open to Allowing Mountain Bikes on Continental Divide Trail!

Along its 3,100 miles that wind from the Canadian border down to Mexico, the Continental Divide Trail is one of the most rugged, and in parts one of the most visually spectacular, hiking trails in the country. Now the U.S. Forest Service says the route could be opened in places to mountain bikes, a move that raises a question or two regarding possible impacts to national parks.

From north to south the trail runs through portions of Glacier, Yellowstone, and Rocky Mountain national parks, as well as El Malpais National Monument in New Mexico. In places you need the skills of a mountain goat to negotiate the route, which, by the way, is not entirely in place...

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IN THE NEWS [CONTINUE]

New Park Drawing National Praise

The Local mountain bikers, runners and hikers have long known the dense trees and rocky outcrops of Cowboy Hill, a modern-day oasis along a busy city thoroughfare.

A nonprofit foundation, working with the city parks department, private business and the biking community, is well on its way to transforming the local secret into a premier outdoor recreation area.

The Hanson-Larsen Memorial Park Foundation has invested more than \$3 million into buying the 300-acre hogback and developing an eight-mile web of trails...



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2009 SPONSOR SHOUT-OUTS

Financial and in-kind sponsorships from local, regional and national businesses are always welcome. We are grateful for all the assistance we have received from our long-time supporters over the years and want to say thank you. Your efforts and donations have helped us successfully achieve many of our goals. Contributions are used to fund trail work programs, promote and host events, and to help spread the word about our organization.

The following organizations supported Dieselbikes' efforts in 2009. We are thankful for this support and ask whenever possible that you, our readers, support their efforts in the community.



Sinister Bikes
Gloucester, MA



JRA Cycles
Medford, MA



MountainUNI
Danvers, MA



Kenda Tire & Tube
Reynoldsburg, OH



Back Bay Bicycles
Boston, MA



Tri-Hard Sport Coaching
Holliston, MA



ODI Grips
Riverside, CA



Wheelworks
Belmont, MA



Monster Energy
Boston, MA



Ski Market
Danvers, MA



NSNEMBA
North Andover, MA



Starbucks Coffee
Woburn, MA



HMBP
Northfield, NH



Kingdom Trails
East Burke, VT



EMS
Danvers, MA



Rye Airfield
Rye, NH



October Bicycles
Lynn, MA



Intense Cycles
Temecula, CA



WFNX Radio
Lynn, MA



Cycle Loft
Burlington, MA



Sunday River Resort
Bethel, ME

THE DB COMMUNITY

Dieselbikes is now entering its fifth year of operation and we are happy to be a part of the New England riding community. As we grow so do the number of riders with whom we are in contact. Dieselbikes maintains an online presence on a number of social network sites, find us, friend us and follow us where ever it is most convenient for you!

We love to hear what you think, so tell us. Start a discussion thread, ask a question, tell us about a recent ride...whatever it is, we want to hear it, who knows, we might even incorporate some of your great ideas into upcoming events, trail days, plans and all the other things we do!

Also, thanks to the power of the internet, you don't have to be in New England to be a part of the Dieselbikes family!

DB Social Networks



- [Facebook Page](#)



- [YouTube Page](#)



- [Myspace Page](#)



- [BlogSpot Page](#)

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 bicycling-related function in the community.

At Dieselbikes we encourage our patrons to broaden their scope and inform themselves about these other organizations. One single advocacy organization cannot 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 short list of interesting bicycle related websites that provide interesting information. These links may change with each monthly newsletter publication, but we will be keeping them cataloged on the website going forward. If you have a mountain bike website that you feel is important to the community, please send us an e-mail: riderscommunity@dieselbikes.com

Local/Regional Bike Forums

www.bustedspoke.com
www.ragemtb.com
www.mtbr.com
www.pinkbike.com
www.ridemonkey.com

New England Advocacy Groups

www.nemba.org
www.ne-bra.org
www.vmba.org
www.mainemountainbike.com
www.bikesnotbombs.org
www.windingtrails.org
www.rocktorock.org
<http://www.wecyclect.org/>
<http://www.freewheelers.org/>
www.seacoastbikes.org
www.walknh.org

National Advocacy Groups

www.imba.org
www.bikesbelong.org
www.bikeleague.org
www.railstotrails.org
www.usacycling.org
www.greenway.org

DIESELBIKES EVENTS



The 2009 riding season is winding to a close we only have one group ride gathering remaining. Our 3rd Annual D-Day Mountain Bike Expo held this summer was a huge success and we enjoyed being a part of the 10th Annual Wicked Ride of the East hosted by NSNEMBA.

We look forward to continuing to unite the riding community next year. For more information regarding our past and upcoming events, please visit our website by clicking the links below.

SEASON ENDING GROUP RIDES

4th Annual Lynn Woods Year End Ride – Sunday December 27th @ 9:00am!

This is a hit or miss group ride due to potential weather conditions, however the last few years have worked out. If you do not mind the cold weather and like riding in the snow, this is a ride for you. This will be the last official ride in Lynn Woods until opening day on April 15, 2010.

POST EVENT REVIEW

3rd Annual D-Day Mountain Bike EXPO [Lynn Woods, MA]

It is our great pleasure to announce that the 3rd Annual D-Day Mountain Bike event, held on June 13, 2009, was a big success for the Lynn Woods Reservation. This year we had a record number of registered participants, totaling over 150; double that of last year. Along with this record number of participants came a record amount of funds generated to support the trail network at Lynn Woods.

This year the event generated \$750 - a 50% increase over the 2008 D-Day event. Despite a cold, rain-soaked week, D-Day was blessed with one day of perfect sunshine. Thanks to the weather we were able to pull off a full day of events, games, group rides and demo equipment. Thank you all for your support, we hope you had fun & we hope to see you at the next one!

- [Click here for more information, pictures and video.](#)

North Shore NEMBA's 10th Annual Wicked Ride of the East (North Andover, MA)

We had a fantastic time attending the 10th Annual Wicked Ride of the East hosted by the North Shore NEMBA Chapter. Over 500 riders from all over New England attended this event showing support for a long standing mountain bike advocacy group.

- [Click here for more information and pictures.](#)

DB GROUP RIDES - SEASON ENDING UPDATES

We are a simple group of mountain bikers with average riding skills who like to ride with anyone who loves this sport. Whether you are just a beginner or a pro racer, it does not matter; you are more than welcome to join our group rides. Riders under 18 must be present with a parent or guardian and speak with the ride leader before the group ride begins.

Our weekly public group rides have ended for the 2009 season. During this time, we met a ton of new riders and made some new friends who have become regulars during our rides.

We look forward hosting even more public group rides in 2010, so be on the look out for our ride schedule just before the Spring.

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 do this by sending an e-mail to the 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 on April 23rd and run until Mid November. Ride e-mails are usually sent out & scheduled two days before the upcoming weekend ride.





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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