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### PICTURE OF THE MONTH



**VIEWING THE JUMP LINE  
LOCATION - VIETNAM TRAILS**

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## THE BUZZ

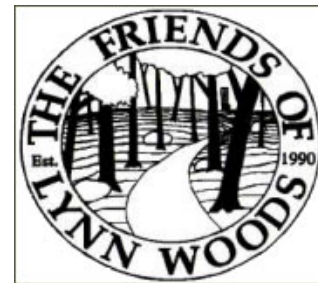
Lynn Woods, and a host of other mountain bike hot spots, will officially open for riding this month! With that said, DB group rides will begin again and the plan for this season is to hit a ton of different locations throughout New England. The group ride webpage and the newsletter section have both been updated to reflect a few of the upcoming ride series we'll be hosting. Also, we've launched our E-RIDE campaign to get more individuals into trail riding. Be on the lookout for flyers at your local bike shop!

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual D-Day Mountain Bike Expo is just three months away and we have received a huge amount of vendor support! Among the new vendors registered for this year are COVE bikes and Banshee Bikes, both premiere Canada Freeride bicycle manufactures. Returning for a second year is 8x National Trials Champion Mike Steidley who will perform his Kenda/Steidley Trials Stunt Show! D-Day is on Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>, it will be a day of riding, contests and fun for everyone who can attend. We hope to see you then!

# TRAIL THREADS

## Lynn Woods Reservation (LYW): Lynn, MA

Please Lynn Woods officially opens on April 15<sup>th</sup> and Dieselbikes will be hosting our 5th Annual Lynn Woods Opening Day Group Ride on Saturday April 17th to celebrate. As this will be the first ride of the season for many, it is likely to be a slow-paced ride, lasting probably around three hours. We will meet at 9:30am on Saturday April 17 at the Ballfield parking lot on Great Woods Ave. Check out our Facebook events page and sign up to join us for this first ride of the season.



[www.flw.org](http://www.flw.org)

Some members of the Diesel crew and other individuals who take pride in supporting this park have been out conducting some pre-season clean up and scouting trails. The trails have been reported to be in great condition with the exception of a few downed trees and some small areas of mud. Over the course of the next few weeks the park ranger will be clearing any trail blockages; please help by reporting the location of any trail-blocking debris to the park ranger.

If you need a mountain bike trail map to navigate Lynn Woods, please download ours. Our trail map contains most of the trails mountain bikers use with some general location names for well know areas. This map IS NOT an "OFFICIAL TRAIL MAP" of Lynn Woods and should only be used for reference.

- [Click here to download DB Lynn Woods Mountain Bike Trail Map.](#)

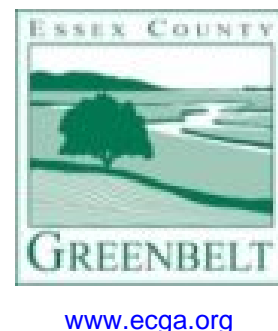
## Tompson Reservation (TSR) / Bruce & Tom's (B&T's): Gloucester, MA

Trail project discussions are still in the works with Greenbelt for spring and fall maintenance days. NSNEMBA, Sinister Bikes and Dieselbikes will be working together this season to bring some exciting projects to the table and get some necessary work done to their wonderful trail network. As soon as we receive project approval, we will schedule and announce trail dates.

Trail Network Disclaimer –

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

If you come across a change in a 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 who ride this location who will resolve any problems without creating potential conflicts. Efforts to improve the network will continue, though it will take some time to accomplish this goal with proper land manager approval.



# PICK & SHOVEL REPORT

Dieselbikes is proud to announce the 2010 Lynn Woods Trail Maintenance Series. The dates are set and all of our proposed projects have been approved. We have four big projects this year and look forward working with the local riding community to get these jobs done. Below are trail work summaries for each of this year's projects:

## Project # 1 Saturday April 24: Espresso Trail Build - Phase 3

We will complete unfinished work, and repair any damage that has occurred as a result of weather and user traffic.

Specific areas of work will include rock armoring and bench cutting to firm and expand the trail thread, the removal of trees in the general area for use as trail boards, and berming on each of the three switchbacks traversing the hillside.

## Project # 2 Sunday May 9: Ridge Run Trail Build - Phase 3

We will complete unfinished work, and repair any damage that has occurred as a result of weather and user traffic over the last three years.

The primary focus of the day will be to improve upon the four turns located on the mid-climb of Ridge Run Trail. The trail was installed without support to permit natural compacting by user traffic or seasonal weather conditions; we will be rock armoring and bench cutting to improve sustainability.

## Project # 3 Saturday September 18: Wolf Pits Trail Re-route

A trail braid currently exists that was installed by an unknown party to by-pass the current problem area. This trail braid runs over solid rock formations and will be ideal as a long term solution with some modifications to make it more user friendly for other park users.

The old section will be closed and blocked by cutting down dead trees in the area. The 'new' section will be cleaned and trenched to assist water drainage off the hillside, and reduce water pooling and further erosion of other trail sections.

## Project # 4 Sunday October 10: Deep Woods Trail Bridge

We will be installing a wooden ladder bridge to span the present wet area and allow water to pass under during wet periods. The approximate length of the ladder bridge will be 24-feet long and 35 inches wide.

Both ends of the bridge will be rock armored to develop a stable transition to the trail thread and prevent additional erosion from potential water run-off.

[- Click here for more information regarding the next upcoming trail project!](#)





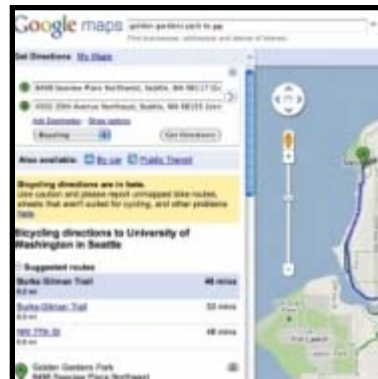
# IN THE NEWS

## Google Maps Adds Biking Directions

Did you know that Google Maps' most-requested feature addition is biking directions, in large part due to a vocal 50,000-signature-strong group of "Bike There" petitioners? I wouldn't have guessed it!

The petitioners' wish is being granted tonight, with bike directions for 150 U.S. cities and 12,000 miles of Rails to Trails Conservancy data going live...

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



## Downhill Bikers Get an Education



A Scottish college is running the UK's only academic course in downhill biking. Six students at Borders College in Galashiels are training as athletes while working towards a BTEC module.

All the mountain bikers on the course are racing at a national level and two have professional contracts. College principal Liz McIntyre said: "This course allows young people to combine sporting excellence without neglecting their education..."

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## Freeride Mountain Bike (FMB) World Tour Announced

Freeride Mountain biking, which includes Big Mountain, Slopestyle and Dirt Jump contests, has become an essential part of the sport during the last decade.

The number of riders participating in these sports is rapidly increasing every year. But unlike other comparable action sports, freeride mountain biking has never had its own world series like snowboarding (TTR World Snowboard Tour) or surfing (ASP World Tour).

During the last six months an alliance of core scene members consisting of professional athletes, event organizers...

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



## IN THE NEWS [CONTINUE]

### Steve Peat Rocking In The Free World

Downhill mountain biking's most successful competitor and reigning World Champion Steve Peat rolled into Scotland today (Monday 22nd March) to mark the official launch of the UCI Fort William Mountain Bike World Cup 2010.

Sheffield-born Steve stopped off north of the border to show off the world-class skills that have led to him being crowned the most successful Downhill competitor ever...

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



## INDUSTRY SHOUT-OUT

# KENDA

At Dieselbikes we occasionally need to give a shout-out to businesses that provide exceptional products and/or services. In this edition, we'd like to give a big shout-out to Kenda Tire & Tube for their support and sponsorship of Dieselbikes for a third consecutive year.

Our club members and affiliated riders have enjoyed Kenda's quality products and excellent customer support since 2008. Kenda has also been one of the biggest sponsors of our mountain bike events, donating generously with product and supporting. We are glad to have this continued support by Kenda and plan on working with them to bring bigger mountain bike events to our local area!

### *A Little bit about KENDA*

"Kenda is a leading manufacturer of bicycle, motorcycle, ATV (All Terrain Vehicle), industrial and trailer tires. Most recently, Kenda has begun producing quality automotive tires and tubes for worldwide distribution. Since the inception of our company in 1962, we have operated on core values of honesty, innovation, quality, and customer service. For the past forty years, Kenda has continued to develop and expand its product selections to meet changing market demands"

## TRAIL FUNDRAISING

At Dieselbikes we want to stress the importance of supporting your local trail network. Many of us take for granted the trails we ride and the impact we have on those trails as a group. Regardless of whether you ride locally, or travel to ride in other places, the fact remains that mountain bike trails do not maintain themselves. Many individuals, groups and official organizations throughout New England repair trail damage caused by you, the single rider.

In today's society, supporting your local trail has become more important than ever. With declining or minimal park budgets, land development contracts and the perception that our recreational sport destroys the environment, we as a bike community must band together to support and maintain our beloved trails.

We ask all riders in the community to step up and support your local trail network. This is a pretty easy task to accomplish in two simple ways: first, volunteer for as many local and regional trail days as you can; second, if you cannot volunteer, donate money to responsible organizations that help maintain our trails. It is that simple! Without your support, mountain bike trails will disappear forever!

# THE DB COMMUNITY

Dieselbikes is now entering its sixth year of operation and we love being 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 even 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 sport and industry related 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](mailto:riderscommunity@dieselbikes.com)

Local/Regional Bike Forums	New England Advocacy Groups	National Advocacy Groups
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# DIESELBIKES EVENTS

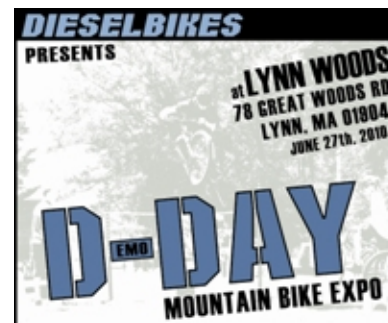


We are gearing up to celebrate Dieselbikes' sixth year in operation and plan on expanding our events for 2010. This year will feature events hosted by Dieselbikes as well as increased participation at other New England events throughout the season. We plan on making 2010 a banner year for events and activities for this grassroots club and expect to fully enjoy every minute of it! Below is our event schedule for the 2010 riding season. Some of these events Dieselbikes will host, others we are proud to sponsor and associate ourselves with. Click the links for more information regarding each of the events listed below.

## 2010 MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENTS

**4th Annual D-Day Mountain Bike Expo ~ Lynn Woods, MA  
Sunday June 27th, 2010**

The D-DAY Expo is an event with something for everyone! We will be showcasing some of the latest products, technologies and services in the fast growing world of mountain biking and outdoor sports! Our goal is generate funds to support trail maintenance programs in Lynn Woods while exposing event participants to mountain biking and other recreational activities in a fun and friendly outdoor atmosphere. [Click here for more information](#)



**Lynn Woods MBAS Event - Hosted by NEMBA & Sponsored by Dieselbikes  
Sunday August 29th, 2010**

Dieselbikes is proud to be a co-host for this New England Mountain Bike Event.

"Going into its 8th season, the Kona Bicycles-Fox Shox MTB Adventure Series gives you a chance to come experience some of the best mountain biking trails in New England with a fun and festive atmosphere. For more information, please visit [www.MtbAdventureSeries.org](http://www.MtbAdventureSeries.org)



## 2010 MOUNTAIN BIKE ACTIVITIES

- 5th Annual Lynn Woods Opening Group Ride [Lynn Woods, MA] - Saturday April 17th.
- Weekend Sessions - Challenge Your Skills - Starting April 18th through November 28th.
- TNR - Tuesday Night Rides @ Lynn Woods - Starting April 20th through November 23rd.
- TNR2 - Thursday Night Rides @ Lynn Woods - Starting May 6th through October 28th.
- 2010 Lynn Woods Trail Maintenance Series.

## TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

- 2010 Tompson Reservation Trail Maintenance Series [Spring – Fall]
- Dieselbikes Ride Series [June – July – Aug – Sept]
- Sunday River Big Mountain Festival [Aug] - Presented by Dieselbikes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Vermont Mountain Bike Festival – July 17-18 [Tentative Sponsorship by Dieselbikes]



# DB GROUP RIDES

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 doesn't 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. For more information about Dieselbikes' Group Rides, [please visit our website](#).

## E-Ride Notification!

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 notification. You can do this by sending an e-mail to: [dbgrouprides@dieselbikes.com](mailto:dbgrouprides@dieselbikes.com)

Weekly group ride e-mails start on April 22nd and run until mid-November. Ride e-mails are usually sent out & scheduled two days before the upcoming weekend ride.



## Scheduled DB Group Rides

Below is a list of scheduled group rides for the 2010 riding season. This list of dates and times is subject to change. If you are interested in joining us, sign up for our E-Ride Notification and/or check the Dieselbikes Group Ride Web-page (insert link) weekly for updates

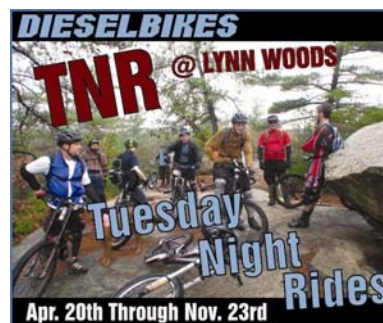
### Weekend Ride Sessions *[April 18th through November 28th]*

These public group rides typically take place both Saturday and Sunday with different locations depending on the club's schedule and weather conditions. Weekend rides can last 3-4 hours and offer plenty of fun and group camaraderie. None of these weekend sessions are fast paced. We're also not out to cover as much ground as possible. WE ARE OUT TO HAVE FUN & WE RIDE AT THE GROUP'S PACE! We ride technical trails and love to challenge our own skill sets. Anyone can join us to ride, watch or partake in the technical challenges our great New England trails offer.



### TNR - Tuesday Night Rides in Lynn Woods *[April 20th through November 23rd]*

Dieselbikes' Tuesday Night Rides will be starting their 4th season and we anticipate some new faces. Meeting time is between 5:45pm and 6:00pm at The Fat Cactus Mexicali Cantina parking lot; 215 Broadway Route 1N, Lynnfield MA, 01940. This is a two hour ride that takes place every Tuesday night (rain or shine) and breaks up the work week with a post ride gathering for food & refreshments in the restaurant. All levels are welcome and NO ONE is left behind!



### TNR<sup>2</sup> - Thursday Night Rides in Lynn Woods *[May 6th through October 28th]*

Dieselbikes' Thursday Night Rides will be starting their 3rd season. Meeting time is between 5:45pm and 6:00pm at the Ballfield Parking lot, Great Woods Entrance; 78 Great Woods Road Lynn MA, 01904. This is a great endurance builder: the 90-minute cardio ride loops Walden Pond and features some technical challenges. All levels are welcome and NO ONE is left behind!





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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