

# UPERSUNA NEW SLETTER

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# THE BUZZ

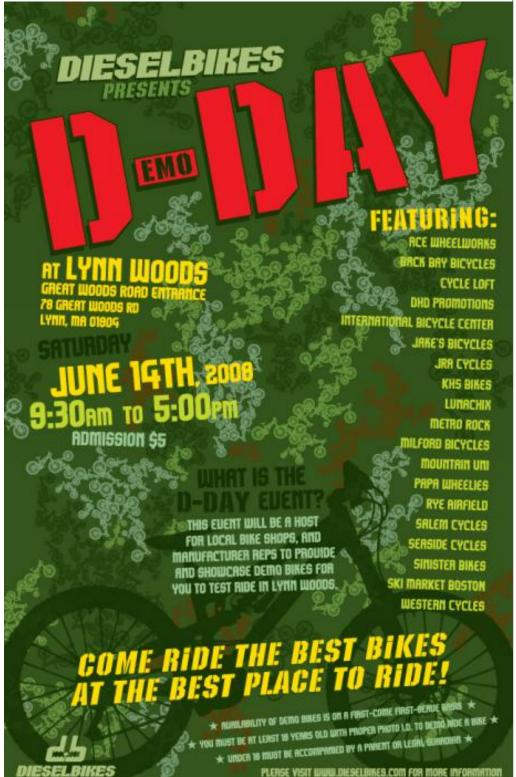
What is the D-Day? D-Day is an event that will allow attendees like you to DEMO ride mountain bikes on the trails of Lynn Woods. As an attendee, you will be able to meet a number of local bike shops and New England industry reps that are showcasing the latest 2008 trail bikes. Latest year's event had a huge number of DEMO available ranging from XC to full downhill models.

In addition to riding DEMO bikes and comparing certain performance characteristics, there will be group trail rides, skill clinics, and rider exhibition shows for all to participate. This is going to be a fun family orientated event that will have live music, food and drink. Bring your family, bring your friends and make sure you bring your bike for one of the best events held in Lynn Woods. This event will occur rain or shine and all ticket sales will be final upon purchase unless the event is canceled. See our current list of sponsors in this page. Visit www.dieselbikes.com for more information!

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**Event Wavier Forms:** All attendees are required to sign event wavier forms prior to entering into this event. Under 18 must be signed/accompanied by a parent with proper photo ID.

USE OF DEMO BIKES: Each sponsor will have requirements for proper photo ID and completing waiver forms before riding any demo bike. Riders under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent with proper photo ID. Availability of demo bike is on a first come first serve basis.





# Trail Threads

Lynn Woods: Lynn, MA

Lynn Woods has been officially open as of April 14, and we must say the trail conditions are excellent. It was not a harsh winter this year; just a few reported trees down across the trails and a couple of wet sections that will be addressed by the different trail care groups that work in Lynn Woods. The trail network on the North Side is holding up great. Much of the work Dieselbikes members have complete over the years are holding up and it appears most park users are staying on the trail and not making braids. There are a few sections of old trail and new trail where park users are making braids for unknown reasons, but our team will be out there closing off these braids before they become a problem.

April was a busy month in Lynn Woods for Trail maintenance. Three major trail events occurred this month and we are happy to announce the participation by volunteers is vast. The first trail work event was completed by an independent group of trail works that have been completing trail work in Lynn Woods for the past decade. This work was completed on one of Lynn's oldest trails called Cornel Path. You can read more about this trail work on page TBD.

The second work event was the City's annual Earth Day Festival sponsored by the City of Lynn and supported by a number of organizations such as the Friends of Lynn Woods. This festival occurred mainly on the South Side of the woods and the turn out was fantastic with over a 100 volunteers.



We are moving forward in conjunction with NSNEMBA in developing as work plan schedule with Greenbelt land managers for Tompson St. Reservation. The first trail workday for 2008 just received approval and is set for Sunday May 4th. This is rather short notice in announcing the first trail date to the mountain bike community, but we are confident there will be plenty of volunteers. Please visit this link to our website to read more information regarding this trail workday.

As always, please remember that B&T's trail network spans land owned by Essex County Greenbelt and a number of private landowners. Currently mountain biking as allowed year round, but we ask that you use some common sense when riding there during the spring months. The next few months can bring lots of rain making a number of trails soft and not some much fun to ride. During this time, the trail system is at its most sensitive, so again just use common sense when riding.

### **Please Support These Local Organizations**



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# The Cornell Path Story:

Lynn Woods: Lynn, MA

Great News at Lynn Woods! Cornell Path, phase 2 is complete. Cornell Path is probably the most used single-track path in Lynn Woods, joining the Ballfield parking area to the Ranger station parking area. Because of the heavy usage, and hilly terrain that Lynn is known for, Cornell path once had near 100 terraces (logs across the trail) installed on it's 1 mile length to hold the trail together from erosion. Because terraces are only a patch for a bigger issue, the trail needed 15 - 20 man hours of repairs every season for the last 10+ years.

In 2003, the re-routing of Cornell Path in Lynn Woods began. (Phase 1) A large group of 20 GE volunteers closed a 200-foot section of the trail and opened up a 1300-foot bypass trail. That phase 1 trail has worked very well. Since it has been installed, there have been ZERO maintenance issues in 5 years. However phase two, where most of the terraces were located, was put on hold by the park management.

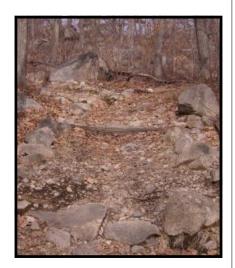
Well last month we got the go ahead to finish the project we started 5 years ago, and the results are great. Once again we took a 200-foot section of trail, (with it's 30 terraces) and closed it. It was replaced with a 900-foot trail that takes a trip through a giant bolder field, and offers a great view of Breeds Pond that was not available before. This new section along with the old section is still a very technical trail for the advanced or intermediate mountain biker. It is also a popular trail with the Wednesday night trail runners. Initial feedback is they are just as happy with the new bypass as we are. Because of the timing of the spring biking season, and the new growth of forest greenery, the trail builders moved in fast to finish this job before biking season started.

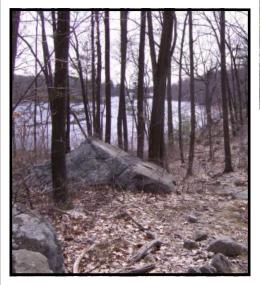
Special thanks to Steven Fuchs and Michael Salerno for completing all of Phase 2 entirely on their own. A few simple tools and (4) 4 hours work days (32 man hours) by these two folks got this trail installed and opened in less then 2 weeks. Lynn Ranger Dan Small is very happy with the state of the Western side of Lynn Woods, and is happy with the overall state of the trails in the park.

- Story provided by Lynn Park Management



Pictures of Cornell Path before the trail day







Pictures of the new re-routed Cornell Path after the trail day





# **Shovels & Pick Report**

Lynn Woods: Lynn, MA

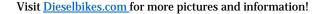
A crew of 16 volunteers work 6 hours cutting, digging and armoring a section of new trail that is sure to be one of the best lines in Lynn to date for mountain bikers. We were able to complete most of the required trail work, but not able to finish two important and difficult switch backs due to time and energy levels of the volunteers. Dieselbikes plans on going back out with our core team to adjust and finish these sections over the next month.

We will be truthful, the trail is open and ready to use, but we are sure most people will hate it because it is not complete and does not have any flow. Dieselbikes suggest you wait a few weeks before hitting this new section over by the power lines and allow us to dial in the two switchbacks. Riding this section now may help us determine the best line mountain bikers want to follow. In either case, we will have it dialed in shortly.

The general direction of flow for mountain bikers is down the hillside from Bow Ridge to the El Sweeny Trail. If you wait a few months after we finish our adjustments and the trail packs down, this section will make a sick up hill climb that rivals the grueling leg burner from the Ballfield parking lot up to the top of sunset hill. This trail features a stone slab bridge that crosses a running stream with technical rock gardens on both ends. Other features include natural rock faces and kickers that will keep your fingers on the brakes checking your speed.

I want to extend my personal thanks to each individual (listed below) that helped complete this project. The amount of work completed was unparallel to any other trail project we have attempted. This was a large scale project and everyone worked their ASSES off! I look forward to see everyone again in future trail builds and/or maintenance projects.

Simon – Somerville, Russ – Somerville, Pete – Lynn, Carole – Somerville, Eric – Derry, Greg – Medford Jacob - Medford, Nathaniel - Medford, Sherwin – Cambridge, John – Stoneham, Nate













# **Trail Work Days**

Lynn Woods: Lynn, MA

Below is a list of each approved trail days including information pertaining to the work that will be completed. As always, we look forward to any and all riders who can volunteer for these upcoming trail days. Without your help we will not be able to complete any trail work.

# Saturday April 26 – Bow Ridge Trail work (COMPLETED)

This project encompasses cutting the final trail section to connect the top of Bow Ridge Trail to the new El Sweeny Trail cut back in 2007. This Trail will serve as part of the parameter Trail system around Lynn Woods. This project encompasses cutting the final trail section to connect the top of Bow Ridge Trail to the new El Sweeny Trail cut back in 2007. This Trail will serve as part of the parameter Trail system around Lynn Woods. Click here for more information

# Saturday May 31 - Ridge Run Trail work

This project encompasses re-routing and rock armoring a section of Ridge Run Trail leading from trail markers E5-4 to E5-3. This trail work will make this section more appealing and offer an alternative route down from the Ballfield Trail Network.

Click here for more information

#### Sunday September 14 - Overlook Trail work

This project encompasses re-routing and rock armoring a section of trail that leads from the newly installed bridges last year at marker D4-6 up to Overlook Crag. This will greatly reduce soil erosion and create a more stable trail thread.

Click here for more information

# Sunday October 12 - Ballfield area trail work

This project encompasses re-routing and rock armoring a section of trail that splits into two different paths leading up to the beginning of the Ballfield Trail. One of these trail sections was completed last year and this year we will complete the other remaining section. Click here for more information

# Tompson St Reservation / B&T's: Gloucester, MA

# Sunday May 14th 2008

On Sunday May 04, 2008, Essex Country Greenbelt in conjunction with NSNEMBA, Dieselbikes and Sinister Bikes will be holding our first Trail Maintenance day for Tompson St. Reservation. This trail day has been approved by Greenbelt land managers and will be the first of many more trail work projects to come. Sunday will be a continuation of a trail reroute on Essex County Greenbelt Association's Tompson St. Reservation, continuing the work done last year on National Trails Day. This reservation contains many of the trails that form "Bruce and Tom's Excellent Adventure".

Click here for more information

# Fall Trail Day to be Announced.







# Lynn Woods Trail Advocate Work Shirt

Dieselbikes is pleased to announce the release of our first ever Lynn Woods Trail Advocate Work Shirt! This shirt is solely dedicated to generate monies for the Lynn Woods Ranger Fund. The purchase price of this shirt is \$20 and the funds collected will go to directly to the Ranger in support of the park. Our goal is to collect at total of \$300.00 before June 14th and present the collected funds to the Park Ranger.

This shirt is a 50/50 blend of ultra cotton with polyester and has our designed Trail Advocate Stamp located on the front left chest, plus a full print of the 2008 Trail Series Work Dates on the back. This is the prefer opportunity for individuals who can not volunteer labor hours for trail work in Lynn Woods, but would like to help our in some capacity.

If you wish to show your support and would like to purchase a shirt, please click on this link or visit



T-shirt Back with Lynn Woods Trail Work Schedule!



T-shirt Front with Lynn Woods Trail Advocate Stamp!

# DIV: 1881

Short Sleeve T-Shirt Color-Tan 100% Ultra Cotton Donation—\$20.00 Click here to purchase!

> Available Sizes Medium Large X-Large

# **Support Your Local Trails!**

We at Dieselbikes want to stress the importance of supporting your local trail network. Many of us take for granted the trails we ride and the impact as a user group we have on those trails. Regardless you ride locally, or travel to ride other places, the fact remains mountain bike trails do not take care of themselves. Many individuals, groups of people and official organizations throughout New England handle issues, problems and repairs for our trail networks caused by YOU the single rider.

In today's society, supporting your local trail has become more important then ever. With declining State park budgets, land development contracts and a increased perception of our recreational sports destroying the woods, 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 rather an easy task to accomplish in two simple ways. First, volunteer for as many local and regional trail days. Second, if you cannot volunteer, donate money to such bike organizations that help maintain our trails. It is that simple! Without your support, our bike trails will disappear forever.





# 2008 EVENTS LIST



We are gearing up for another great year of mountain bike events. Dieselbikes has received approval for both of our Lynn Woods events and our premiere "Bash at Attitash". This is going to be a busy season and we are in full planning stages to make these events fun for all riders and their families.

# D-Day "The Second Drop" (Lynn Woods, MA) Saturday June 14, 2008 – 9:30am-5:00pm

D-Day "The Second Drop" will be a continuation of our past 2007 D-Day Event. This event will provide the mountain bike community a one-day experience to DEMO ride a ton of mountain bikes from various manufactures in Lynn Woods. This event is for all riding levels and many different bikes will be available for YOU to test ride on singletrack. This will be a large social event for the community, so mark your calendar bring your bike, friends and family members. Everyone is welcomed!



# "Bash at Attitash" Mountain Bike Festival (Bartlett, NH) Saturday Aug 16, 2008 & Sunday Aug 17, 2008

This is great news! Attitash Management has approved our premiere event titled "Bash at Attitash". This is a weekend event spanning over two full days of mountain bike fun. "Bash at Attitash" will be similar event to D-Day, however will be geared more towards the downhill/freeride junkie. This will be another large social event for the community, so mark your calendar and get ready for a festival packed with fun for the whole family. We will keep you posted via the website and monthly newsletter. More information will be posted in the coming months on our website and through press releases.



# The "Spookbikecular" Halloween Festival (Lynn Woods, MA) Saturday October 25, 2008 – 9:30am-5:00pm

The "Spookbikecular" Halloween Festival is a one-day event that will have something for every-one. Group rides; costume contest and other family geared venues will provide a fun time for all who attend. We are in the beginning phases for this event, so more information will be posted in the coming months. This will be another large social event for the community, so mark your calendar and get ready for a spooky event!



Visit Dieselbikes event page for more information regarding these great mountain bike events by clicking on this link!



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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 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.

# **Group Rides**

Our 2008 group rides will begin on April 19th with our 3rd 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.



