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Trail Threads

Lynn Woods: Lynn, MA

The riding season is quickly winding down and Lynn Woods will be closed next month in observance of the winter term. It has been a wonderful year and we were able to complete some big trail projects and hold two separate mountain bike events generating funds for the park. Trail and event plans are already in the works for next year and if everything is approved, we hope to have some big announcements in 2009! Lynn has seen an increase in ridership this past year and the trail network has become more extensive than ever. Lynn Woods is one of the best riding spots local to the Boston Area and the network has grown year over year allowing rides to have an array of loops and technical challenges not seen since the housing development on Bow Ridge. Be on the look out for these announcements in the coming months and we look forward to any help from the local bike community in 2009!



There was a good turn out for the 19th annual Thanksgiving Day Ride. 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 master behind the grill cooking up some delicious bacon and egg sandwiches; something I personally look forward to each year! Again this is an annual event started by two local Lynn residents that has been ongoing for 19 years. It's a great time and wonderful way to begin the holiday season.



We still have one holiday season ride occurring this month. On December 31st Dieselbikes will have our 3rd annual Lynn Woods year end ride! This will be the last chance to legally ride in Lynn Woods until April 15, 2009! 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 lasting about 2 hours or so. We will have this information posted on our website, so check this link from time to time.

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

Last Everything is quiet on the Gloucester front. Much of the trail system is getting ready to hibernate for the winter months and everything is pretty much in order. The new trail cut this past October is packing down nicely and we are getting great feedback from local riders. Dieselbikes, Sinister Bikes and NSNEMBA will be continuing our efforts in 2009 working with Tompson Street Land Managers making this riding locating even more fun for all recreational users.



Trail Threads *(continue)*

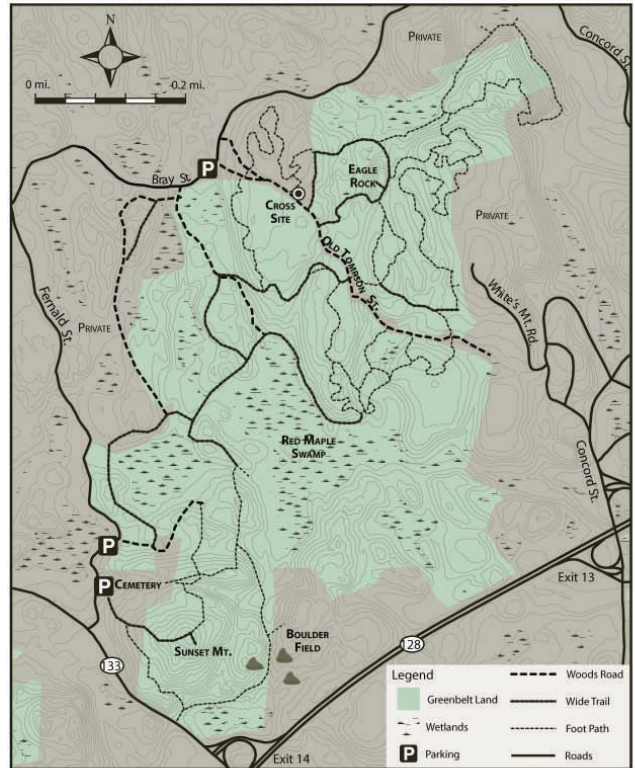
To start, Dieselbikes has just submitted a 5 year trail maintenance and expansion plan for Tompson Street Reservation. This is a draft plan that outlines a number of potential trail projects designed to enhance the current network creating a more fun and flowy environment. Tompson Street is a 300+ acre parcel of land that was established in the 1990s. A section of land (20+ acres estimated) known by the local mountain bike community as Bruce and Tom's Excellent Adventure was privately held for a number of decades. In the last few years, this private property was donated to Essex County Greenbelt Association becoming part of the Tompson Street Reservation. Other private parcels of land within the known B&T's network have changed management as well and will bring new challenges for us as a community to respect and deal with. With that said sections of Tompson St. Res. and B&T's are the same place; we will continue to publish the following disclaimer below making this correlation.

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.

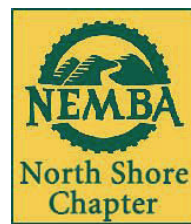
If you come across a change in the trail that you think is illegal, please do not change anything. Report it to Dieselbikes, Sinister Bikes or NSNEMBA. We have plenty of members that ride this location and will resolve such matters to reduce any potential conflicts. There will be continuing efforts to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



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Support Your Local Trail

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 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 State park budgets, land development contracts and an increased perception of our recreational sports destroying 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 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.



Does anyone have a Beer?

It was just a casual ride in Lynn Woods last weekend with a small group of friends and...well I guess you can figure out the rest of the story. Sometimes I wonder if my bike ever gets pissed off at me and decides to teach me a lesson.

Well that may be wishful thinking, but the real reason why I was in pain was entirely my fault. I was just riding along having fun and all of a sudden, I was rolling around on the ground cursing my head off with F-bombs. As my buddy stood there trying to hold the camera steady while he laughed his ass off taking the picture you see, he asked..."what happened?" Funny, that was the same questions I was asking?

Many times, it's the little things that get us when we ride. An unexpected pebble, tree branch or suicidal squirrel that decided to run out in front of your bike...incidents can and will occur putting you out for a period of time. I was fortunate to walk away with just some bumps and bruises. It was a reminder that I am not stronger than the rock which sliced my knee open, but it also gave me a good reason to have a few extra beers when I got home!



Need A Christmas Gift!!!

The long winter months are upon us and many of us are calling it quits for the season. But, just because the season may be over for most, it does not mean you can not stock up on some cool active bike apparel. Check out Dieselbikes product line up by visiting our [website](#) or [clicking this link](#).

Our products make excellent Christmas gifts for that crazy mountain biker you know. Grab a winter hoodie to keep yourself warm outside in the snow, or pick up a locally filmed video and sit down with the family on a cold Saturday night.

All products sold will help our club continue maintenance efforts in Lynn Woods, B&T's and assist in expanding to other locations. Our mission is to grow this great sport, one trail at a time.

Since we are based out of Lynn, MA we can generally ship to any New England State within 5 days, even with the Christmas rush. But our inventory are limited, so get your order in quick!

We are a growing group of dedicated mountain bikers who want to make your trails better for all disciplines of trail riding. Whether you trek across fire roads, jump off ledges or ride a Muni, we believe in maintaining the trails for all. 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.





Year End Work Report

It has been another successful year for our trail building efforts. We were able to host two independent local mountain bike events, install and revamp a bunch of trails in Lynn Woods, plus expand our building efforts at Tompson Street Reservation. Looking back this past year, we are proud to be apart of this great mountain bike community. Our dedicated members and volunteer base has help Dieselbikes accomplish a number of activities that would not have been possible without their help. Each year our involvement within the community grows as we work with land managers and local businesses to make our trails more fun! We look forward to the years ahead and the growth we hope to accomplish expanding this wonderful sport.

Lynn Woods Reservation: Lynn, MA

This has been our fourth (4) full season of trail work in Lynn Woods. The hours of preparation and dedication are paying off. Lynn Woods is becoming better and better each year. This past year, our primary focus was to complete the new Espresso Trail and connect it to the other existing trails added back in 2007. These 3 new trails have replaced the boring old Power Line Trail and have added a new level of fun to the Woods. Our secondary focus was overhauling sections of Overlook Trail to resolve some aging erosion problem. Since we started our revamp mission for Overlook Trail, ridership on this trail has increased. We will continue these efforts in the coming year.



In short the club was able to complete 208 labor hours of trail maintenance work in Lynn Woods with help from local community volunteers. This is a vast amount of hours for one location and we will continue these efforts in 2009. Remember, we are not the only group working to maintenance Lynn Woods. Other organizations also work countless hours making Lynn Woods a better place for all. Hats off to them all!



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

On This has been a great year for trail maintenance efforts at Tompson Street Reservation. A trail work partnership has been developed with Sinister Bikes and NSNEMBA resulting in the completion of two independent trail work days. Our talks with ECGA Land Managers have led to the development of a draft Standard Trail Operation Procedure and 5-year trail maintenance proposal. Plus there has been other side volunteer work resolving some erosion and other trail issues on private land parcels. Combined, the three groups completed 155 (estimated) labor hours of volunteered trail maintenance making Tompson Street / B&T's more fun for all recreational users.



This has been a significant increase from 2007 and we hope to continue the growth and momentum in 2009. We have a ton of further up front work to complete and will pound the meeting rooms with Land Managers during the winter months to get the ball rolling for the spring. Be on the look out for more information about upcoming trail work at Tompson Street in the coming months. For now, enjoy what the location has to offer and be ready to help when to put out the call for volunteers.





2008 Sponsorship Shout-Out!

We need to give a BIG YEAR END SHOUT-OUT to our 2008 club sponsorship. All of these organizations contribute to our goals of expanding mountain biking throughout New England. We as a group would not be able to grow and/or pull off some great local mountain bike events without the support of such organizations. Because of their support, we ask that you spread the love and support these organizations whenever possible. We believe all sponsors are listed, but if we forget an organization, we are sorry about that and we appreciated your support as well.

BIG THANK YOU TO ALL...Happy Holidays!





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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 2009 group rides will begin in April 18th with our 4th Annual Lynn Woods Opening Day Ride.

Dieselbikes will begin posting weekday and weekend group rides on our web-site. 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.

