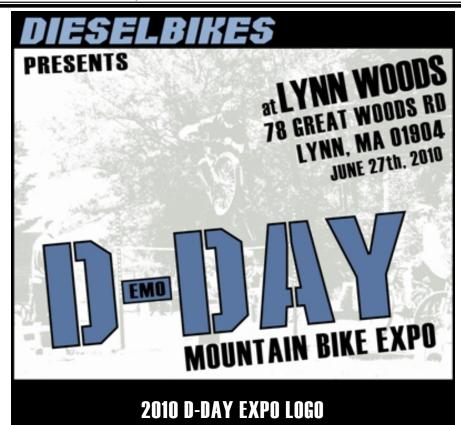


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# THE BUZZ

We are happy to announce the 4th Annual D-DAY Mountain Bike Expo will be held on Sunday June 27th! We have posted new information about the upcoming event on our website and will continue to update it as things change. This year's event will feature a few new twists and we expect the expo to be bigger and better than previous years. Mark your calendars for Sunday June 27th; it's a date you don't want to miss!

Winter weather is winding down, which means the DB rides will be starting back up soon. DB group rides are open to riders of all levels who want to get out on the trails and have fun! If you'd like to ride with us, please feel free to sign-up to receive our group ride e-mail.

Preliminary trail plans for Lynn Woods for 2010 have been finalized and we will be making an announcement later this month with exact projects and dates. Limber up for an exciting year of trail maintenance at Lynn Woods and other trail locations.

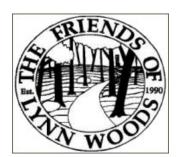
# TRAIL THREADS

Lynn Woods Reservation (LYW): Lynn, MA

Please remember Lynn Woods is officially closed from January 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>, we ask the community to respect the closure period established by the City of Lynn. However, there are some sections on the north side, located in Lynnfield, that are open year round to riding.

Please check out the winter trail map on our website of more information by clicking here.

Our preliminary trail project layout for 2010 has been finalized and we should be receiving approval this month. There will be some exciting work on tap for this season: among the projects planned are the building of berms, some high speed chutes and shoring up some natural technical features. Some areas of concentration will include the upper Ballfield Trail Network, Diesel Trail located out by RT 1 and sections of the Overlook Trail.



www.flw.org

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

Trail project discussions are 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 announce scheduled 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.





www.sinisterbikes.com



www.ecga.org

# TRAIL THREADS [CONTINUE]

Middlesex Fells Reservation (MFR): Stoneham, MA

In case you have not heard: the Public Trail Planning Workshop held in February by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) was a milestone for public input regarding the Middlesex Fells Reservation. Members of Dieselbikes attended this public meeting along with other mountain bike groups, including NEMBA, several advocacy organizations and stake-holder individuals from other interest groups. There were nearly 200 individuals in attendance at the meeting with a significant majority representing the riding community.

The format of the workshop involved breaking the 200 participants up into groups of varying numbers and interest groups, to discuss and answer a series of questions set by the DCR within a 60-minute time frame. The goal was to identify problem areas – both physical and emotional – with an eye towards developing a sustainable long-term solution to the issues of park management, which meets the needs of the Fells' stakeholder groups equitably.

Following the 60-minute workshop discussions, each group selected a speaker to address the meeting and voice the concerns and potential solutions identified by their respective groups. Topics of concern which most groups suggested were changes to the mountain biking policies, protection of flora and fauna, increased parking, leash laws for dogs and the trails around sheep-fold.

The DCR were surprised by the unexpectedly large public turn-out, yet, they were gratified to receive so much input by individuals who genuinely care about the Fells. Money has been allocated by the DCR for the Fells project for 2011/2012, this meeting represented an element of the data gathering and fact finding portion of their initial research. Additional public meetings will be held to discuss the trail use policy in June/July. We will keep the riding community updated of meeting dates and encourage local riders in the Boston area to attend future meetings to show support for the community and drive much needed policy changes in the Middlesex Fells.

If you cannot attend a meeting, we encourage you to fill out the online questionnaire and email your responses to the DCR at the following link: http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/greenwaysfellsusersurvey.htm

The DCR is asking for input and they appear to be listening. Don't waste your chance to support change in the Fells.

Additional third party reports about this meeting are available under our "In The News" Section.







# IN THE NEWS

Middlesex Fells Perspective # 1

#### Trail bikers make voice heard at Middlesex Fells workshop

Nearly 200 local residents turned out Monday night to discuss the future of the Middlesex Fells Reservation, a topic of heated debate between user groups at odds over how the park's trails are used.

In particular, the preservation group Friends of the Fells has sought to curtail efforts by the New England Mountain Bike Association to expand trails for bike use, citing environmental impact and public safety hazards...

- Click here to read the complete article



Middlesex Fells Perspective # 2

#### Workshop for Fells trails may spawn policy changes

Roughly 200 attendees, some seated, others standing, filled the cafeteria of the McGlynn Middle School in Medford to near-capacity on Monday as part of a Department of Conservation and Recreation-scheduled workshop to review and receive input on the Middlesex Fells Trail System.

Delivering the opening speech and presentation was Paul Jahnige, the DCR's director of trails and greenways...

- Click here to read the complete article



Middlesex Fells Perspective # 3

#### The need to focus on Fells' natural resources

The following opinion was submitted by Mike Ryan, executive director of the Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation:

The Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has advanced a trail planning process that could potentially result in the conversion of the Middlesex Fells from a Reservation for the protection and enjoyment of nature into a wide scale recreational bike park....

- Click here to read the complete article



# IN THE NEWS [CONTINUE]

#### Awesome Land: Women of Dirt: Enjoying the ride

"Awesome Land: Women of Dirt" is a documentary about women's mountain-bike sports that tends to get a little monotonous visually, but throws light on the sheer joy and pride of its female athletes.

In the final moments of "Awesome Land: Women of Dirt," two of the professional female cyclists championed by this unabashedly enthusiastic sports documentary go tearing down a winding, bumpy trail in a forest for the sheer pleasure of it...

- Click here to read the complete article





### New England Mountain Bike Patrol Populated with Ice Bikers

Jim Frost can remember the first time he went ice biking. He remembers two colors from that day: black and blue.

"The first time I tried to go ice biking, I put the studded tires on the bike and I climbed on it and spent all day riding around, having a great time," said the Arlington resident, towards the end of a ride on Hood's Pond on the Ipswich and Boxford line on Feb. 7...

- Click here to read the complete article

### How to photograph mountain biking like a PRO

A beginner's guide to shooting better action shots: learn the camera skills and cycling photography techniques that will give you professional-looking photos.

Mountain biking is a seriously photogenic sport. The sweat, the mud, the speed... it's a great way to hone your action photography skills and to try out creative camera techniques like zoom-bursts and slow-sync flash. Best of all, unlike many sports, you can get in close with your camera. You don't need big, heavy telephoto lenses – a camera kit lens can give you lots of creative options.

- Click here to read the complete article



# 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

## **NE MOUNTAIN WINTER EVENTS**

Winter is here and as a result there are a very limited number of mountain bike events taking place. With that said many of us switch from bikes to skis and/or snowboards now, so listing some upcoming winter events seems appropriate. Below is a short list of events that will be taking place in March.

The IZSTYLE Winter Tour 2010 - Presented by Sunday River Resort, Mar. 6th – Mar. 7th For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.sundayriver.com/">http://www.sundayriver.com/</a>

Jack Jump World Championships - Presented by Mount Snow, Mar. 7th For more information, please visit <a href="http://mountsnow.com/">http://mountsnow.com/</a>

Spread Eagle World Championship – Presented Mount Attitash, Mar. 13th For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.attitash.com/">http://www.attitash.com/</a>

Mountain Dew Vertical Challenge - Presented by Mount Snow, Mar. 14th For more information, please visit <a href="http://mountsnow.com/">http://mountsnow.com/</a>

The Mount Snow Freeski Open - Presented by Mount Snow, Mar. 19th – Mar. 21st For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.mountsnow.com/">http://www.mountsnow.com/</a>

Jib Jamboree - Presented by Sunday River Resort, Mar. 20th For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.sundayriver.com/">http://www.sundayriver.com/</a>

Mogul Jam – Presented Mount Attitash, Mar. 27th For more information, please visit <a href="http://attitash.com/">http://attitash.com/</a>

Bud Light ReggaeFest - Presented by Mount Snow, Mar. 26th – 28th For more information, please visit http://www.mountsnow.com/

The Northeast Meltdown - Presented by Wachusett Mountain, Mar. 27th For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.wachusett.com/">http://www.wachusett.com/</a>



# **DIESELBIKES EVENTS**

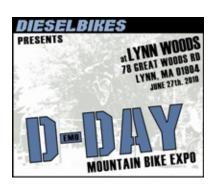


We are gearing up to celebrate Dieselbikes' sixth year in operation and plan on expanding our events for 2010. This year will feature events hosted by Dieselbikes as well as increased participation at other New England events throughout the season. We plan on making 2010 a banner year for events and 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 show-casing 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



## **2010 MOUNTAIN BIKE ACTIVITIES**

- 5th Annual Lynn Woods Opening Group Ride [Lynn Woods, MA] Saturday April 17th
- TNR Tuesday Night Rides @ Lynn Woods Starting April 20th through November 23rd

## TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

- 2010 Lynn Woods Trail Maintenance Series [April –May Sept –Oct]
- 2010 Tompson Reservation Trail Maintenance Series [Spring Fall]
- Dieselbikes Ride Series [June July Aug Sept]
- Sunday River Big Mountain Festival [Aug] Presented by Dieselbikes
- Lynn Woods MBAS Event August 29th Presented by NEMBA & Sponsored by Dieselbikes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Vermont Mountain Bike Festival July 17-18 [Tentative Sponsorship by Dieselbikes]

# **POST EVENT REVIEWS** Click on any of the past events listed below for more information:

- 2009 3rd Annual D-Day Mountain Bike EXPO
- 2009 North Shore NEMBA's 10th Annual Wicked Ride of the East
- 2008 Spooktacular Halloween Festival
- 2008 D-DAY Mountain Bike Event
- 2007 D-DAY Mountain Bike Event



# **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.

2009 and our 2009 weekly public group rides have ended. Over the last year we have met a ton of new riders and even made some new friends who have become regulars. We look forward to continuing the tradition of hosting public group rides in 2010, so be on the look out for our ride schedule towards the end of winter and the start of the 2010 riding season.

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.

<u>dbgrouprides@dieselbikes.com</u> - Weekly group ride e-mails start on April 23rd and run until 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  $3 \sim 4$  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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