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Allegheny National Forest's Snowmobile and ATV Trails to Close

Warren, Pa. (Mar. 24, 2015) –The Allegheny National Forest will be closing all snowmobile and ATV trails on April 1, 2015, the end of the winter riding season.

All ATV and motorbike trails except the Marienville ATV Scenic Loop are scheduled to reopen the Friday before Memorial Day, May 22, and remain open until the last Sunday in September. The Marienville Scenic Loop will remain closed until timber harvest operations are complete. Conditions may change rapidly; for updated information on trail condition reports, trail users should call in advance or check the Forest website (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/allegheny>). If you do not have access to a computer, please call 814/362-4613 or 814/927-6628.

Riding the ATV trails requires a permit, which can be purchased at any of the Allegheny National Forest offices or from any of our official vendors. Cost is \$10 for a day permit or \$35 for an annual permit. Applications can be obtained at any ANF office or by going online: http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprd3830427.pdf.

For more information about recreational activities on the Allegheny National Forest:

- Allegheny National Forest website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/allegheny/home>
- Bradford Ranger District: 814.362.4613
- Marienville Ranger District: 814.927.6628

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