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Allegheny National Forest's ATV trails to open for fall color viewing

Warren, Pa. (September 29, 2015) – The Allegheny National Forest's ATV trails have closed for the season. However, Marienville District Ranger Rob Fallon announced that the Timberline and Marienville ATV trails will be open over the Columbus Day holiday to give riders who enjoy viewing the fall foliage an opportunity to view the fall colors from the trails. These trails will be open from 8:00 a.m. on Friday, October 9 through midnight on Monday, October 12, 2015.

"We are glad so many visitors take advantage of the mid-October trail riding opportunity," said Marienville District Ranger Rob Fallon. "Remember hunters are in the woods this time of year, so please ride safely and have a great Columbus Day weekend."

The 2015 ATV permits cost \$10 for a day permit or \$35 for an annual permit and can be purchased at any of the ANF offices. The Marienville District office will be open on October 3, 4, 10, 11, and 12 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information about the ATV trail system please contact the Marienville District office at 814-927-6628.

The Rocky Gap, Timberline and Marienville ATV trails will reopen for the winter season on Sunday, December 20, 2015, (weather dependent).

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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