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Western Gateway - Sloansville

For those looking to explore regions to the west of the Frontier trails, finding the way to Sloansville is key.

There is a network of local trails spreading out from the village. Some going back to the early 70's. Over the years trails had been established going off towards the Charleston State Forest, Schoharie, Carlisle, and Charleston 4-Corners by Trail Boss Laudy Hoyenga and his local friends.

The last few years he has developed trails with the Cave Country Riders and now with our Frontier club. Currently Laudy and his local friends still maintain some local trails going west with several bridges on them.

C7F is a major east/west trail which passes through Sloansville.

The trail keeps close to US Rt 20, crossing it numerous times as it visits places like Carlisle, Sharon, Sharon Springs and Cherry Valley.



A kiosk welcomes riders from the west to the village of Sloansville.

Unfortunately you will not be able to see a couple of historic sites near the trails, that of the Sloan family grave sites or the Indian stone heap on Sloansville Hill next to Route 30A.

One of the best views near here is on top of Terrace Mountain on the trail going off towards Summit, at night it is an awesome site looking down on Central Bridge. Nearby Esperance has more history and of course the Arboretum.

Fuel and snack food are available at the

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Frontier Sno Riders

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Club Mtg Township Tavern 7pm	15	16	17
18	19 MLK Jr Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 Take A Friend Snowmo- biling, Lawson Lake Cnty Park	16 President's Day	17	18	19	20	21
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Club News

The new to the Club Piston Bully groomer has now joined the Frontier fleet of equipment. Check out pics of the new groomers on the website.

Take A Friend Snowmobiling - Lawson Lake County Park, in southern Albany County will host this event on Feb 15. If you know someone you think would enjoy snowmobiling, this is a great chance for them to see what it is all about.

The Snowmobile Safety Class was well attended, 27 students passed the course. Thanks go to Jonathan's who supplied the pizza, instructors Mike Riek and Mary Ann Nickloy who did a great job teaching at the Duaneburg Fire House.

Laudy Hoyenga is looking to do another batch of trail maps that will feature more detail on towns and villages.

New Club shirts are on the way. Come to a meeting to get yours.

Super Raffle tickets are on sale now, please come to a meeting to pick up tickets to sell. 50% of the sale price goes to the Club. This is a big fund raiser for the Club.

A huge thanks goes out to Karl Pritchard for helping the Club in many areas of the trail system with his heavy equipment. (East Berne, Wright, and Duaneburg)

Please welcome all our new sponsors by telling them you saw their ad in the Club newsletter!

What's the next best thing to going riding? Why joining a work party of course! You should have known.

Trail Log

East Berne - Brian Buchardt - A new trail has been cut to the Maple Inn on Warner's Lake. This will allow riders to avoid having to cross the Lake.

Knox + Wright - Ron Shultes - On the roped off field south of Westfall Rd, C7B now runs straight across the field instead of the field edge. Watch for a new culvert half way across the field. The woods east of Blue Huron Airport have been widened and smoothed out.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - Trails and equipment and ready for snow.

Duaneburg/Delanson - Rich Valletta - C7B has been widened and smoothed just north of Schoharie Tpk. Some hilly areas were removed.

Burtonsville - John Scrima - No report.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - C7B has been cleared from Batter St. to Merry Rd. A huge thank you goes out to John Cislo from CT who spent 5 hours cutting up and clearing fallen trees from Batter St to Mariaville Peat. He did all this on his own volition without any help. This was a major job as the woods on Elmer Hewitt's property were a total mess from the heavy snowfall we rec'd up here. Matt Harper and I cleaned the trail from my place to Merry Road and then signs were put in place from my place to Mariaville Peat. Tom Rulison informed me that he and his brother installed a reroute to eliminate the steep hill in his brother's woods. This has yet to be signed and the new route has ribbons to show the way and signs will be put in place soon.

Esperance - Tom Rulison - The New Holland groomer is now going to be working this area on C7E.

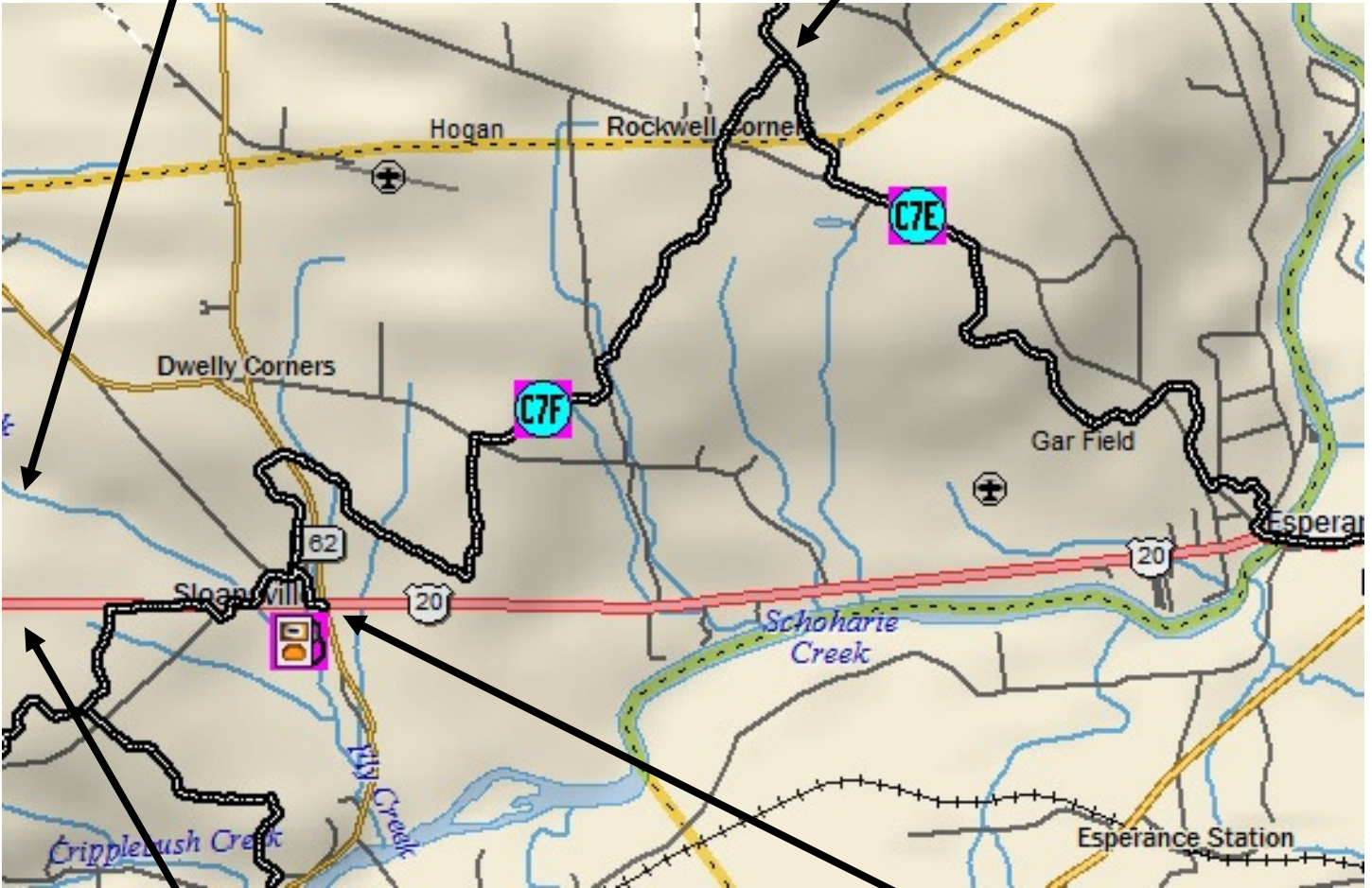
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Western Gateway

Mobil Mart in the village. This is the last fuel heading west until you reach Sharon Springs.

Be sure to visit this area if you can, the trails are well marked and maintained.

Editor note: Laudy Hoyenga contributed to this story. Local trails not shown on map.



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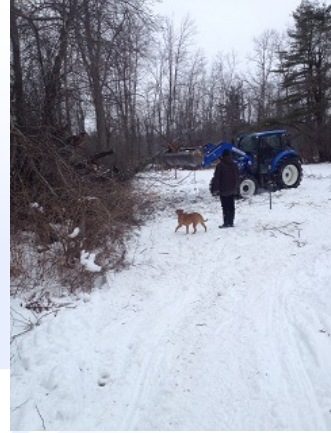
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Trail Boss Pics



Trail S72 being cleaned up in East Berne on December 20 2014. Work party members included Jeremy Mann, Kory Mann, Pat Hannon, Trail Boss Brian Bucharadt, equipment, New Holland tractor.



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Trail Boss Brian Bucharadt inspects Karl Pritchard's work with the mini excavator.

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Above - the work party assembled and below the poles for the bridge are unloaded.



Above - before the bridge and below after bridge is finished.



Warner Lake Local Trail East Berne January 3 2015

Trail Boss Brian Buchardt, called for members to come out and help clear a new trail to the new Maple Inn on Warner's Lake. While this trail will require some road edge riding, it will provide a way to the Inn which does not require crossing thin ice on Warner's Lake. From the intersection with C7B, the trail is 2.1 miles of both woods and field terrain. Members of the work party, President Chad Saddlemire, Jon Wilbur, Chris Bukowski, Karl Pritchard, Mike Wenzel, Christian and Joel Church, Brian Hannon, Laudy Hoyenga, Andrew Davis, VP Ron Shultes, Karl Pritchard, and Trail Boss Brian Buchardt. Pizza was provided by the Maple Inn upon completion of the trail building. A great turnout made quick work and a fun time to boot!



Below and at right some sections that were graded.



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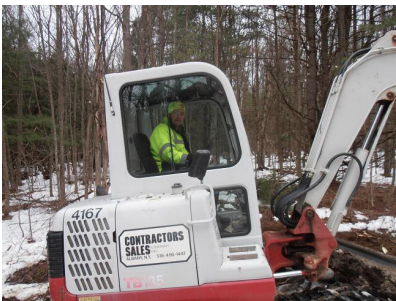
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C7B Town of Wright December 26 2014



Trail C7B east of Blue Huron Airport was widened and smoothed. The stretch of woods has slowly been improved and widened over the years. It is now fully widened with no tight sections. As the snow melted away, the ground softened up, allowing stumps to be pulled. Lots of fun was had by work party members Christian and Joel Church, Ron Shultes, Karl Pritchard, Laudy Hoyenga, and Brian Buchardt.



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C7B Duanesburg December 7 2014



Trail C7B near Schoharie Tpk in Duanesburg gets widened and smoothed out.

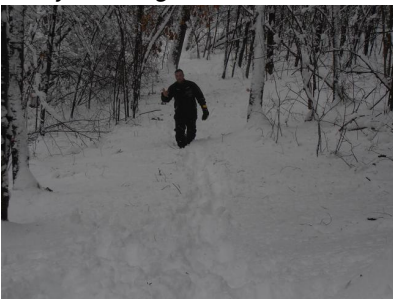


Above - a hill is reduced.



This section of C7B was moved out of a swampy area a few years ago, but needed widening. This job plus grading with a dozer should make this a sweet trail. Those who helped on the trail; Trail Boss Rich Valletta, Brian Buchardt, Karl Pritchard, Ron Shultes, and Chris Bukowski.

C7B Town of Wright December 14 2014 Chris Daniel, Andy Fielding, and Joel Church work the north side of Panis Rd.



C7B Town of Wright January 5 2015

Christian and Joel Church cleared back brush 8 feet on the approach up the south side of the hill on Panis Rd. This will help riders safely navigate up the hill.





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Club Makes Huge Push To Sign

Early snowfalls put some of the sign posting projects behind schedule. Add to that a recent trail inspection by NYSSA, field staking was found to be wanting in many areas.

Field staking are guide posts set in pairs on long field stretches where snowmobilers could lose their way if no previous tracks have been made. This is likely to occur if a large amount of snow falls.

Three staking posts are used on blind hills so that snowmobilers can stay right of oncoming traffic.

Frontier trail bosses have been out in force since the 1st of the year adding sign posts where needed.



b) Standard two-stake configuration leaves no doubt as to the intended trail route. A blazer can be installed under the reflector to assist snowmobilers in identifying the trail.

Image from NYS Trail Signing Handbook.

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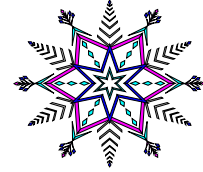
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