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Governor Announces Plan to Revitalize Thacher State Park



Albany, NY (November 19, 2013)

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the completion of a new master plan designed to enhance John Boyd Thacher State Park as a four-season destination for adventurous outdoor recreation, exploration and fitness in the Capital District. The plan was designed by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation with input from park stakeholders and members of the surrounding communities.

"Thacher State Park is one of the Capital District's most popular destinations for mountain biking, trail running and cross-country skiing for outdoor adventure and exploration. The State is putting forward a plan to make this great Park even better by creating adding more hiking trails, creating a new mountain bike park and much more," Governor Cuomo said.

State Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk said, "New York's state park system draws visitors and tourist dollars from all across the nation. The improvements announced by Governor Cuomo for John Boyd Thacher State Park will attract rock climbers, mountain bikers, snowmobilers and families looking for fun and

recreation in the great outdoors. This is a great day for Thacher Park and all of us who love it!"

Albany County Executive Dan McCoy said,

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December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Snowmobile Safety Class, Berne FH
8	9	10	11 Club Mtg Elk's Lodge, Esperance, 7pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Snow permitting, trails can open	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

January 2014

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	15	16	17	18 Club Ride
19	20 MLK Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Club News

Watch the Schenectady Gazette for the Snowmobile Guide. Lots of good info in it.

Club Board meeting to take place at 6:15pm on Wednesday December 11 before the regular club meeting. Club meeting to follow at 7pm.

The local area/Club paper trail map is on hold for the time being. Hope to have update at club meeting. Older digital version still available on club website.

The club website committee is to meet this month to discuss updating the website trail conditions. It is hoped that there will be a lot to report this season.

Wheel kits may be installed on some of the club drags. Laudy did excellent work on the new drag, and with a number of old electric driven pistons not being used, installation is possible. Wheel kits save wear and tear on the drag as it moves over paved surfaces.

Jan 18 2014 is the date set for the Club Ride. Plan now to attend this fun activity.

The club is looking into purchasing a GPS unit to update the trails as required by the state.

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Trail Log

East Berne - Brian Buchardt - Progressing forward on S-70 (Thacher Park/ Clarksville trail)
 Fixed 2 culvert areas and filled 2 mud holes on C7B.
 Signage continues...

Knox - Ron Shultes - Town of Wright section of C7B will have signs going up now that hunting season is coming to a close.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga -

Duanesburg/Delanson - Rich Valletta - All signs are up and ready for opening day from Horton's Hill to Acorn Rd to Schoharie Turnpike, also Weaver Rd to Scott's Printing to Rt 20. Only then left is school fence and sign at the kiosk.

Burtonsville - John Scrima -

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - Trail C7B is currently in doubt of opening north of Merry Rd. Discussions are on-going with the landowner. Signage in that area is on hold.

Esperance - Tom Rulison - Look for a reroute near the junction of Rts 20 and 30 due to new bank construction. Future routing may go behind the Hannaford Plaza.

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“When I talk about the jewels of Albany County, John Boyd Thacher State Park is one of them. I applaud Governor Cuomo’s holistic vision of improving New York State not only through economic development and educational opportunities but also through recreation.”

Chad Saddlemire, President of Frontier Sno-Riders, said, “The Frontier Sno-Riders Snowmobile Club operating in Albany, Montgomery, Schenectady and Schoharie counties have worked closely with the NYS OPR&HP to connect the statewide snowmobile trail system with John Boyd Thacher State Park. FSR looks forward to providing safe and well groomed trail access to the state park for winter recreation enjoyment.”

Chris Fallon, Thacher Park Manager, said, “We are truly excited about this wonderful new plan. As we approach the 100th anniversary of the Park in 2014, what better time than to adopt a plan that will guide the park into a bright, new future?”

The plan also calls for unifying the Thacher State Park with the neighboring Thompson Lake campground, expanding the Thompson Lake beach, and building a new visitor’s center to provide rentable gathering space, educational exhibit space, and visitor orientation and information.

The plan is posted on State Parks’ website: <http://www.nysparks.com/inside-our-agency/master-plans.aspx>.

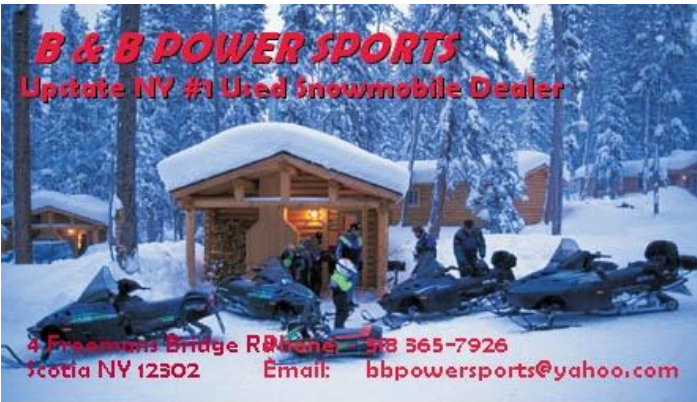


Photos courtesy of internet.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The weather forecast for this winter is mostly a shrug of the shoulders.

For most of the nation, the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration predicts equal chances for unusual warmth, cold, snow, rain and even average weather. That’s because of an absence of certain global weather factors, like El Niño - a warming of the central Pacific that affects temperatures and rainfall worldwide. NOAA’s Mike Halpert said Thursday that the winter isn’t likely to be too memorable or unusual, except in the South where drought should deepen in the southwest and develop in the southeast. Forecasters expect unusual warmth from Arizona to Alabama and also in New England. The extreme U.S. north, around the Dakotas, is likely to be colder than normal. Just because forecasters are predicting equal chances for nearly everything, that doesn’t mean it has to be a normal year, said Halpert, acting director of NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center in College Park, Md. It just means the large-scale climate factors that forecasters use, such as El Niño, aren’t giving them strong signals or patterns, he said. But extremes tend to happen with El Niños, so Halpert added, “we’re probably more likely to see something more benign” for the winter.

Editor’s Note: Just ignore the well below normal temperatures of November and early December!





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NYSSA NEWS

New law limits snowmobile noise

By Michael Virtanen The Associated Press
ALBANY, N.Y. — New York has established new standards for measuring snowmobile noise and identifying sleds that can be ticketed for being too loud.

The law, approved late Wednesday by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, took effect immediately. Both central New York sponsors said the law gives police the authority to crack down on loud, after-market exhaust systems, saying that should prompt more landowners to open their property to snowmobilers.

"It's just creating an alternate test for law enforcement to use," Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi said. The Utica Democrat, who sponsored the bill, noted that snowmobiling is significant business in Oneida County. He said the machines coming from manufacturers are already compliant, but some riders change their exhaust systems, which makes their sleds louder.

"Many property owners were willing to open their private land to snowmobiles, but had concerns about noise," said state Sen. Joe Griffo, an Oneida County Republican and co-sponsor.

The New York State Snowmobile Association, which backed the measure, said some landowners have recently closed trails because of those illegal sled modifications. With the law now in effect and winter coming up, the association is looking forward to a season with all trails open, President James Elmore said.

The measure outlaws operating a snowmobile without a working muffler that keeps noise below 78 decibels at full throttle measured from 50 feet away.

It also bans snowmobiles putting out 88 decibels at 4,000 rpm as measured from about 12 feet behind a stationary sled with a sound meter microphone. That will use a test developed by the Society of Automotive Engineers.

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Late Season Work Parties Continue



Left, Trail C7B has been raised with fresh fill brought in to remove a mud hole area.

Right, PJ Stempel puts up directional signs.



Berne/Knox area
Photos courtesy Brian Buchardt



Left, Mike Wenzel looks over the culvert repair of C7B at the junction with C7G near West Road, Knox.

Right, The snow is flying as the trail signs are going up. Trail boss Brian Buchardt gets around in that Baja.



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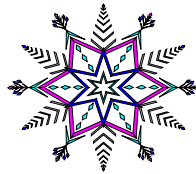
Jack Dowling works on Trail C7E below Acorn Drive in Delanson. This work will provide a safe and smooth ride through the woods.

Delanson Area
Photos courtesy Rich Valletta.



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