



UP & DOWN NEWSLETTER

DIESELBIKES

Volume 1, Issue 6
September 2007

TRAIL THREADS

Lynn Woods: Lynn, MA

Many who bike regularly in Lynn Woods know or have heard of the area called "The Wolf Pits". In short, The Wolf Pits is a location within Lynn Woods that contains two shallow pits, which were dug out sometime in the 17th century. To date, there has been much debate and controversy among historians regarding the true nature of these pits. The Wolf Pits are located on the North Side of Lynn Woods reservation just off Ox Pasture Road about 1-1/4 mile bike ride from the Ball-field parking lot. If you were to visit this location, it would just appear to be a spot where a number of trails intersect each other. However, no matter how plain or boring this location appears, the area has a historical significance dating back to the 1700's. Although much of the area has changed in the last 300 years, the remaining shallow pits have endured centuries of New England weather.

There have been a number of possible theories applied to the reason and use of these pits. Dan Small, Lynn Park Ranger has written a short article highlighting some of these theories and incorporated city records related to the use of Lynn Woods before it became Lynn Woods. It is truly amazing how much history exist within our local trails. You can read Dan's article about the Wolf Pits on our website by [clicking this link](#).

If you are interested in other Lynn Woods's activities other then mountain biking, we suggest you visit The Friends of Lynn Woods website (www.flw.org). The FLW works to maintain Lynn Woods and helps hold events throughout the year. The next upcoming event is Dungeon Rock Day on Saturday October 20th (11am-3pm). This event is a wonderful family event that explains the history/myth of Dungeon Rock. If you're in the neighborhood, stop on by and enjoy the festivities.

Bruce & Tom's: Gloucester, MA

"Bruce The Firefighter", Dieselbikes and other mountain bikers have been working over the summer months maintaining the wooden bridges and trail threads throughout the network. Many who ride B&T's frequently know some of the bridge are wearing out, while others keep getting vandalized by individuals having parties in the woods. Regardless of these factors, Dieselbikes plans on fixing up much of the TTFs that are located on private land this coming fall. Between our summer film and trip schedule, we just have not been able to conduct as much work at B&T's we would like to accomplished.

With that said, we will be pushing forward to repair and replace much of the aging TTFs located on private land. Working with the private land owners, we hope to begin work this month and continue until first snowfall. This trail work will be based upon available time and material for each project. Its difficult for Dieselbikes to schedule public trail days since B&T's has many land owners. We do plan on working closely with [Greenbelt](#) and [NSNEMBA](#) to develop a public trail work series for 2008.



Website Links:

(Click hyperlinks below)

[Dieselbikes Homepage](#)

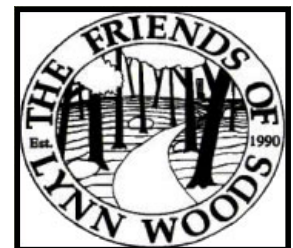
[Bare Bones News Page](#)

[Local Trail Directory](#)

[Group Rides Page](#)

[Events Calendar](#)

Support These
Great Organizations



www.flw.org



www.nemba.org



TRAIL THREADS (continue)



Highland Mountain: Northfield, NH

A few members of the Dieselbikes crew along with other local New England riders took a road trip to Highland Mountain in Northfield, NH. About a 90-minute drive from Boston, Highland Mountain is the newest downhill/freeride park in New England that exclusively caters to mountain bikes. That's right...JUST mountain bikers!

***Highland Mountain Bike Park (HBMP) was formally known as The Highland Ski Area before closing in 1995. Highland has a long-standing history in Northfield NH, opening sometime in the later 1930's. In a 1939 winter issue of, "The Skier's Guide to New England", Highland Mountain was listed as a hike up ski down area with 0.75 miles of trail at 15-degree slope and a vertical drop of 500 feet. A humble beginning to what currently exists now.

Throughout the 1940's to mid 1960's Highland Ski Area attendance fluctuated up and down to the point the facility may have closed for a period of time due to financial losses. In the mid-1960's the mountain was under new management and reopened with access to the summit, mid mountain T-bar and rope tow. Highland Ski Area grew slowly through the 1970's; expanding their trail system from 5 to 10 trails. In the mid 1980s to early 1990's, Highland expanded a great deal more by removing the summit T-bar and replacing it with a Borvig Triple Chair Lift and further expanding their trail system from 10 to 22 trails. In addition, the mountain also offered a Ski School with a number of instructors and had snowmaking capacity for up to 60-acers.

In its hay-day, Highland Ski Area offered food, lodging, night skiing and a half pipe. They held racing events, family fun snow events and ski clinics across their 20+-trail system. In the end, a broken snow making machine and a run of consecutively bad (no snow) winters in the early 1990's placed Highland under heavy financial burden forcing it to close in 1995. It remained closed until 2003 where it has been transformed into a mountain bike park with a define goal to change the downhill mountain biking scene here in New England.

Now in its third year, HMBP is on track to become a premier destination for mountain biking. HMBP offers food & drink, bike rentals, equipment rentals and a bike shop to help with those unexpected (or last minute) bike repairs. All this located conveniently in their base lodge where you can sit, relax, watch some mountain bike videos and/or other patrons riding the mountain.

[\(Click here for the complete story\)](#)

***Highland Ski Mt. Source of Information: www.nelsap.org

Highland Mountain Web links: www.highlandmountain.com

Sponsor Shout-outs





Shovels & Picks Report

Lynn Woods –

We still have two (2) more work days left this season for Lynn Woods 2007 Trail Maintenance Series. Below is our trail calendar for these upcoming projects. The last two trail days will be huge projects and since it's near the end of the summer, the weather should be much nicer for working outside.

2007 Lynn Trail Maintenance Series:

Saturday September 15th: Overlook Trail Bridge: Build a wooden ladder bridge near section D4-4 on Overlook Trail.

Sunday October 14th: Ballfield Trail Repair: Re-routing and cutting a new trail section on the Ballfield trail near map grid section E5.

On Saturday September 15th, we are kicking off the remainder our Lynn Woods 2007 Trail Maintenance Series. We plan on build a wooden ladder bridge to cross a swampy section of Overlook Trail that has been neglected over the past few years. Efforts by individuals and other groups have attempted to make this area better, but we suggested to Park Management to construct a bridge as a long-term solution.

The installation of this bridge will begin the first phase to lay the ground work for our 2008 plans to revamp a section of Overlook trail leading around Meeting House Swamp and connecting back into one trail near Frog Boulder. Mark this date on your calendar and come on down to help us out. For more information about this trail day, [click on this link](#).



New Sponsor: MountainUni.com

We at Dieselbikes are proud to announce MountainUni.com has teamed with our club to help promote and expand the sport of Mountain Biking and Mountain Unicycling. This mutual support will allow both organizations to expand their efforts of making New England a premier location for both riding disciplines.



We have started working on combined event plans for 2008 and hope to bring a new level of excitement and riding style to our off-road sport. Be on the look-out for "MUni" Jeff as he rips up Lynn Woods, The Fells and Highland Mountain on his crazy one-wheel freeride machine.

MountainUni.com offers riding clinics for any one who wants to learn how to ride a unicycle and/or take their unicycle skills to the next level (off-road). Visit MountainUni.com for more information and tell them Dieselbikes sent you.

Local Movie Film Shoot:

With just 8 weeks remaining, Dieselbikes is out in full force filming for our upcoming 2007 mountain bike movie scheduled for release in Mid-October. We strive to keep our movies local and enjoy filming local riders having fun. We have a few film days left before October and have provided an anticipated list of dates/locations. If you would like to be apart of this film, just show up and ride your bike in front of the camera. We film all kinds of riding and are not just looking for big jumps. This list is subject to change so we suggest you check our website from time to time for the most up to date film schedule.

Boston Urban Ride: Saturday Sept 08th

Bruce & Tom's: Saturday Sept15th (Tentative)

Vietnam: Saturday Sept 22nd (Tentative)



Wish we filmed with this camera...



But we film with this camera.



THE BUZZ

Wheels of Fury "The New Pecking Order"

We are in the final stages of filming for the release of our 2007 local amateur mountain bike movie titled Wheels of Fury "The New Pecking Order". This movie will be a mix of local mountain bikers ripping up some of our favorite trails with the addition of a funny story line that is sure to make you laugh.

This will be a new venture for Dieselbikes as we test the grounds departing from our past "standard" bike riding movies. This year's movie will have a story line revolving around a secret plot and a super all-powerful magical CHICKEN!

Wheels of Fury "The New Pecking Order" is schedule for release in late October 2007. Check out our website from time to time as we will continually update our website with an exact release date and whether or not we may through a premier party.



MountainUni.com Visits Highland Mountain!

That's right, you heard it first, Jeff from MountainUni.com just maybe the first rider to flow down Highland Mountain (HMBP) on a unicycle...that's right...JUST ONE WHEEL. After speaking with Mark Hayes (owner) to ensure HMBP did not have a two-wheel riding policy, Jeff was given the green light to ride the mountain on his unicycle. This crazy "nut-bag" rode just about every trail hitting most of the wooden bridges, technical rock gardens and a few jumps. This was Jeff's first time at HMBP and everything related to the terrain was new, but that did not dampen his efforts to pull off some sick technical riding. Dieselbikes was their side-by-side with Jeff shooting film and spotting to ensuring other mountain bikers were not going to crash into him.

Jeff completed over 6 downhill runs with Maiden Voyage as his favorite pick. His impression of Maiden Voyage was compared to the technical riding in Lynn Woods just on steroids. Jeff is now hooked and plans on visiting HMBP again before the season is over.



Help Dieselbikes Support Our Local Trails

We are a small group of dedicated mountain bikers who want to make our trails better for all disciplines of trail riding. Whether you cross-county bike, freeride and/or Muni, we believe there is a place for all on our trails. Regardless of our groups dedicated efforts, we can always use the support and volunteer help from the mountain biking community. Whether you purchase our active apparel, local movies and/or donate your time/money to our cause; your help is greatly appreciated.

With that said, we want to say thanks to all who have helped and supported our club this year. From our friends, to our sponsors, to "YOU" the silent majority, we at Dieselbikes thank you and look forward to any continuing support.

Check out Dieselbikes' complete line of [active Mountain Bikers Apparel](#) and help support our trail and sport promotion efforts.





DIESELBIKES

P.O. Box 724
Lynnfield, MA 01940

Email: info@dieselbikes.com

Website: Dieselbikes.com

***“New England Mountain Bike
News and Trail Information”***



Who We Are:

We are just a group of riders who started this web-site 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 personal-ity. Our local (unofficial) freeride park is none other than Lynn Woods. You will find us riding there 3 ~ 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.

Group Rides

Our 2007 group rides will begin on April 15th with our 2nd Annual Lynn Woods Opening Day Ride.

Dieselbikes will begin posting weekday and weekend group rides on our web-site. You can view these dates as they become available at the following link below:

DIESELBIKES GROUP RIDES

If you would like to be placed on our group rides list, please feel free to contact us at the following e-mail address:

dbgrouprides@dieselbikes.com

Our group rides have no set pace or rider level. We are just out riding our bikes and having fun. All rider styles and levels are welcome.

