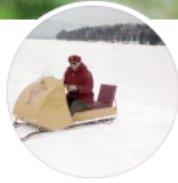




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Dust Cloud Leads to UTV Crash in Berlin

Berlin: On the afternoon of Friday, September 11, 2020, a Massachusetts man sustained injuries after driving his rented Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) into a bridge abutment along the Presidential Rail Trail.



At approximately 2:15 PM, Jeramie Burgos Hollins, 29, of Worcester, Massachusetts was riding in a line of UTVs headed south from Berlin toward the town of Gorham. At a location adjacent to a Berlin Water Treatment facility, Burgos Hollins lost his view of the trail due to a heavy dust cloud created by the machines in front of him. As a result of this, Burgos Hollins inadvertently drove into a steel bridge abutment. Upon hitting the abutment, Burgos Hollins sustained injuries to his upper body, as well as causing significant damage to his rented vehicle. Following the crash, Burgos Hollins was placed into another UTV and driven back to Northeast Snowmobile and ATV Rentals in the town of Gorham where he reported the crash.

 Sometimes I drive in dust so thick the visibility is about 5 feet, but somehow I manage not to smash into a bridge. Know why? Cuz I drove appropriately for the conditions.

 I wish people would learn to turn there headlights on in the dust.


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  this is an issue on every trail system in every state.

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 Well dang, I hope he's okay. I can see the weekend dust cloud from my porch, just hangs there like fog.

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Even with my 29X3.0 portions of the ATV sections can be a pain, but bearable. My daughter on a hybrid really disliked long sections of the Amonoosic.

Ugh. Thank goodness for your wide tires!


Biked the Sugar River rail trail 9+ miles from Newport to Claremont and back yesterday. It's pretty much as I remembered it from twenty years ago - i.e. a beautiful trail for scenery, but the surface ranges from adequate to horrendous. Way too much sand for my liking. Lots of ATVs, but as a rule they were very respectful of bike riders. Glad it's checked off my list, but I won't be doing that one again - even WITH two beautiful covered bridges!


Beware; this trail is not rideable on either a hybrid or road bike. As noted, too much sand and has been churned up by ATVS.


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They are in the process of grading the entire thing, which means at other times it's probably even worse!
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The sand scares me!

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Hate the sand!!!!



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Cyclists would be wise to walk their bikes across the Gale River Bridge on the Ammonoosuc Trail due to the ballast stones being churned up from ATV spin outs about 4 miles from Littleton. No gap protection here.



Great trail but ATV's do chew it up.

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The sad reality is that ATV trails need to be an entirely separate entity from biking trails. I know that isn't possible, but it's still true.

Today's bike ride was from

Lisbon to just shy of Woodsville (the bridge was out 😞) 17.4 miles out and back. Word of warning -best suited for mountain bikes and probably mid week riding as the ATVs were out. While most of them were very considerate, they still kick up lots of dust- bringing the phrase "Eat My Dust" to mind.

"The first section of the trail takes you **along the Ammonusuc River on a shared ATV route**. **Dodging dirt bikes, side-by-sides, gravel craters and dust clouds** are all par for the course here. Luckily the terrain is mostly flat so **holding my breath while moving through the dust bowls** didn't leave my lungs screaming for air on the other side. "

<https://sachesnutt.wixsite.com/website/post/riding-with-resilience-biking-the-cross-new-hampshire-adventure-trail?fbclid=IwAR2m73rlFnx1YckLk0ZnF7Vn76AhUL5VguSVTNq1XT2qKtETUkAhOnZ0bio>

The Ammonoosuc Recreation Trail and the riding is fairly easy to start. However, there are some character building miles before you reach the terminus. There is a stretch of maybe 8 miles of trail covered in large, chunky gravel, the kind you would expect along an active rail line. It's also shared with ATVs, which kicked up tons of dust. I consider this the second most challenging portion of the ride, most of that challenge being mental.

<https://thewordlytraveler.wordpress.com/2020/07/02/cross-nh-adventure-trail-part-2/?fbclid=IwAR1vvjQ-s96rokiC2XWtkscTWBTS6655OrHIk-qILYeRCHO8RdVOW8I5Alg>

Ammonoosuc Rail Trail Parking

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Parking lot



"Used for OHRV Guided tours and the trail is pretty rough as a result."

We recently rode the Upper Coos RT on a Saturday, ignoring my own suggestion to take a weekday to ride trails that allow ATVs. I don't know how many ATVs NHRTC riders normally encounter on a full two-way journey on this trail, but for us it was likely over 75. At first I thought they were "staying COVID-safe" wearing face masks outdoors, until I realized those and their goggles were to avoid the dust they kick up! We made it, it was an adventure, but given the chance I'd rather ride it on a low traffic (or maybe even ATV-Free?) day. I know the Metallak ATV club built this trail, but I wonder if they might be open to a single ATV-free day sometime. Just a thought about all the "ATV allowed" trails.

We rode the Upper Coos trail today in Colebrook! Bumpy ride but gorgeous scenery and the ATVs were kind while they kicked up dirt into our mouths. 🤮 The drive to the North Country is worthwhile on its own. Thanks to those who helped us figure out parking!

Rode the Dover, Rochester and Farmington rail trail today. The Dover trail was very wet in spots and I almost ended up with a mud bath. Nice trail otherwise. The Rochester trail very short. The Farmington trail was a slow tedious ride with lots of sand, rocks and rough spots. Also had to motorbikes fly by me on the trail which kicked up a good amount of dust. But three more down.

The only rail trails in NH that I've had a problem with on a hybrid is the one in Haverhill, one section of the Cheshire RT, and one short section on the NRT where the snowmobilers who maintain the trail put down large gravel chunks between Canaan and Danbury. We stay off trails that have heavy ATV use as those are deeply rutted and have rocks churned up. We're fortunate that ATVs aren't allowed on the Northern Rail Trail.



Photo taken on Presidential Rail Trail, 9/29/2014. Rider asked cyclist/photographer :”How do you like our dust?”

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10-88 ADV 3 DIRT BIKES AND A 4-WHEELER JUST BLEW THROUGH THE STOP SIGN ON THE RAILTRAIL AT HER DRIVEWAY. [REDACTED] WOULD LIKE THIS ON FILE. [REDACTED] THINKS THEY ARE LOADING UP AT THE TRAIL PARKING NOW. P2 ADVISED.
 1544: P2 EN ROUTE.
 1551: P2 OUT AT THE OHRV LOT.
 1553: P2 ADV HE SPOKE TO THAT GROUP OF RIDERS WHO ADV THEY APOLOGIZED TO THE 10-88. THEY SAY THEY COULDN'T SEE THE SIGNS THROUGH ALL THE DUST ON THE TRAIL. P2 ADV THEM OF THE COMPLAINT AND THAT THEY NEED TO STOP THERE FOR THE STOP SIGNS.