



Allegheny National Forest - SW Marienville ATV Trail

North of Marienville, the Marienville ATV/Bike Trail is a system of **37 miles of interconnecting trails** traversing scenic, forested hills of the Marienville District of the Allegheny National Forest. The trails are designed for the enjoyment of ATV and motorbike riders of all skill levels. The trail is open from the Friday before Memorial Day to the last Sunday in September; and December 20 to April 1 ("ATV Trail Area" only). Inclement wet weather may cause the trails to close in short notice-when in doubt, please call ahead.

Finding the Trail:

Main trailhead parking is located along State Route 66, about fifteen miles southwest of Kane and 11 miles northeast of Marienville (maintained for winter use). Secondary trailheads are noted on the map. You can also access the trail anywhere it crosses a public road. A trail map is available on-line.

Riding the Trail: The trail is a system of loops that enable the trail user to design their ride with their skills and needs in mind. **All trails are marked with yellow, diamond-shaped blazes.**

Key junctions on the trail are marked by numbered wooden signposts corresponding to the junction marker numbers shown on the map. "YOU ARE HERE" maps are also located at these key junctions to aid riders in navigating the trail. The trail has been generally divided into a Bike Trail Area and an ATV Trail Area, as shown on the map. This is done to help users find the type of riding experience most suitable for them, depending on the type of machine being ridden and the skill level of the rider. However, there is no restriction against ATVs riding on the Bike Trail Area, nor are motorbikes prohibited from the ATV Trail Area.

Bike Trail Area:

In general, bikers are going to enjoy the Bike Trail Area more because of its narrow, winding, serpentine design. Its treadway is narrower and it contains more hill climbs, switchbacks, and mudholes. **The Bike Trail Area is rated "most difficult," and requires a high level of skill.** Trails are designated one-way travel only except where otherwise posted. This trail is open only during the summer.

ATV Trail Area:

ATV riders will tend to prefer the ATV Trail Area because of its more scenic quality and wider travelways. This portion of the trail uses many old roads and railroad grades. Riding surfaces are generally wider (averaging 10 feet in width) and more level. Trails are designated one-way travel only except where otherwise noted. The trails are rated as "easier". This trail area is open during both summer and winter.

In case of emergency, the nearest hospital is located 15 miles north of the trailhead, in Kane, PA. The nearest pay telephone is located in Russell City, PA, four miles northeast of the trailhead.

