



**RAUSCH CREEK TRAILRIDERS**



## March Momentum-what's happening at RCTR?

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**RIDING OR NON-RIDING ALL GUESTS MUST BE SIGNED IN UPON ARRIVAL! THE GUEST WAIVER IS ON THE OUTSIDE OFFICE WALL 24/7.**

No matter what winter tossed our way this year, March always brings a shift — a little more daylight, a little more green, and a whole lot to look forward to. We're stepping into a brand new month with that familiar spark of early spring energy, and we've got just one big event to kick things off... but it's a good one.

**ST PATTYS RIDE-** Spring is right around the corner, and we're celebrating with a little Irish luck on the trails. Throw on your best green gear and join us for a fun ride with a twist — every rider gets a **"LUCKY" gold coin** to drop into the prize pot. During the ride, we'll draw one coin and the winner takes home a **FREE RCTR sweatshirt. Meet at the office at 10:00 AM — ride leaves at 10:30.**

Our campsite grace period officially wrapped up on **February 28.** We're currently sorting through the last of

the mailed-in renewals from late members. Once everything is finalized, we'll release the updated list of available sites. Thank you for your patience while we get everything squared away.

The office will be **closed on Easter Sunday**, but the trails will remain open for riding. **Please note: No guest riders are permitted on Easter.** Enjoy the holiday and the quiet day on the mountain.

### Spring Cleanup — April 25

Mark your calendars — our annual Spring Cleanup is coming up fast. We'll be tidying up the roadways, enjoying good company, and wrapping it all up with our traditional pig roast. It's one of the best feel-good days of the year, and we hope to see a big turnout.



### Need the Lockbox Combo for the gates?

Call the office for the most recent code



It's almost time to "spring forward" again! Daylight Saving Time begins **Sunday, March 8**, giving us a welcome boost of evening

daylight as we inch closer to spring.

At **2:00 a.m.**, clocks jump ahead to **3:00 a.m.**, which means we'll all lose an hour of sleep Saturday night. If you're planning an early ride, you may want to turn in a little earlier.

Before heading to bed on Saturday, be sure to update any clocks that

don't change on their own — microwaves, ovens, wall clocks, and older alarm clocks. Most phones, tablets, and smart devices will adjust automatically.

Brighter evenings are on the way, and that means more time to enjoy the trails as the season slowly shifts toward spring. By the way, it's "daylight saving time," not "daylight savings time."

**DST is Singular Not Plural.** I must admit that I am a guilty of this heinous crime of grammar.

## Weather FORECAST

**Fri Fog**

**44° F | 38° F**

**Sat Fog/Cloudy**

**51° F | 47° F**

**Sun Partly Sunny**

**60° F | 39° F**



## TIP OF THE

### Rainbow Luck Treat

You'll need Rolos, Rainbow Twizzlers, crafty cellophane treat bags, and green ribbon. You can also make some "clouds" out of cotton candy. The awesome thing about the Rainbow Twizzlers is that they are actually in equal amounts of rainbow colors—like you really do get your red, orange, yellow, green, indigo, and violet. And, because you have equal numbers, you can make a whole bunch of your own little complete rainbows. Now...you can use cotton candy here if you want, either as a little cloud at the bottom of the rainbow, or as a back-drop for your rainbow. Then take a handful of Rolos and pop them into the cellophane treat bag. With the bag lying flat, fold the purple piece of licorice into a rainbow shape and slip it into the bag. Repeat with the blue, green, yellow, orange, red pieces of licorice, making your rainbow.

Tie the bag with a piece of green ribbon...



## LOCAL TO DO's

**\*\*Spring Melt Basket Raffle** will be held on Saturday, March 21st Shop & Drop dates 3/19 and 3/21 at the Girard Hose Company in Girardville 6pm

**\*\*March 21st St Patty's Party @ O'Neals** 4th Street Pub in Tower City —bag pipes and kilts

**\*\*Gratz 1/2 Mile** —March 28th at the Gratz fair grounds —watch a great local flat track race 10am

**\*\*Egg Hunt** by Pioneer Pole Buildings at 970 Long Run Road in Pine Grove 11am

**Willy Wonka** play at the Pine Grove area High School on March 20 & 21st; doors open at 7pm on both nights

**Benigna's Creek Winery, a local winery in Klingerstown, always has different things going on every weekend.**

**Crossroads Market & Auction is open every Friday; farmstand food & vendors in Gratz**

## 2026 Event Schedule

MARCH 14 ST PATTY'S DAY RIDE

APRIL 25 SPRING CLEANUP

MAY 16 SARGES RIDE

MAY 23 MEMBERS POKER RUN

JUNE 20 TREASURE HUNT

JUNE 27-28 SPER HARE SCRAMBLE

JULY 4 MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

JULY 18 CHRISTMAS IN JULY RIDE

AUGUST 1 BONFIRE

AUGUST 16 OBSERVED TRIALS

SEPTEMBER 5 MUD RUN RIDE

OCTOBER 11 RORR DUAL SPORT

OCTOBER 17 TRICK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 24 FALL FOLIAGE RIDE

OCTOBER 25 RORR HARD ENDURO

NOVEMBER 14 TURKEY FEAST

"We know... it's a lot of reading. But hey, at least you don't have to sign a waiver for this part."



## CONDITIONS

The snow may finally be gone, but early spring conditions are still in full force across the entire property. The campground and trails are muddy, soft, and saturated, with water still sitting in low areas and the ground nowhere near firm. Campsites are open for placing cabins or campers, but please remember: the ground is too soft for anything to be leveled properly yet. Expect shifting and settling until we get a good stretch of dry weather.

Camp roads are muddy, and four wheel drive is strongly recommended. Even if things look dry at home, conditions here are completely different.

Trails are also very muddy, especially in shaded sections and along the lower loops. Riders should expect ruts, soft edges, and water crossings that are deeper than usual. Please ride smart, stay on marked trails.

As always, it's a good idea to give the office a quick call before heading out so you know what you're driving into. Boots, mud gear, and a shovel are still part of the weekend essentials as Spring is so unpredictable.