



RAUSCH CREEK TRAILRIDERS



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MEMORIAL DAY REFLECTIONS

Memorial Day always seems to sneak up on us — one minute we're shaking off winter, and the next we're staring down the unofficial start of summer. Long weekends, cookouts, camping trips, and family traditions fill the calendar, and here at RCTR we're gearing up for our annual Poker Run and a full campground of riders ready to kick off the season. But before the weekend rush sweeps us away, it's worth pausing to remember **why** this holiday exists.

The Meaning Behind the Day

Memorial Day isn't just a break from work or a chance to welcome warmer weather. It's a day set aside to honor the men and women who gave their lives in service to our country — people who never made it home, but whose courage and sacrifice shaped the freedoms we enjoy today.

Their stories deserve more than a passing thought. They deserve a moment of gratitude. This year, instead of revisiting the history of the poppy, let's look at another symbol that carries deep meaning: **the empty chair**.

Across generations, families have quietly honored their fallen loved ones by leaving an empty seat at the table — a simple, powerful reminder of the place that can never be filled. You'll see this tradition at military ceremonies, memorial services, and even in private homes. The empty chair represents:

- A life lived with courage

- A sacrifice made willingly
- A reminder that freedom always has a cost

It's a symbol that asks nothing of us except remembrance.

A Tradition You Can Start

If you're looking for a meaningful way to honor the day with your family, consider creating a small tradition of your own:

- Set an empty chair at your picnic table
- Share the name of a fallen service member
- Take a quiet moment before your ride. Teach younger riders what the day represents

These small acts keep the meaning of Memorial Day alive long after the weekend ends.

As We Ride Into the Weekend

While we're out on the trails, enjoying the mountains, the fresh air, and the freedom to ride — let's carry that sense of gratitude with us. The ability to gather here, to explore this land, and to share these moments with our families and friends is a privilege earned by others.

So as we fire up the machines, shuffle our poker cards, and celebrate the start of summer, let's also honor the reason we're able to do all of it.

To those who served and never returned — we remember you. To their families — we honor you.

Office Hours Change

WE ARE NOW OPEN AN HOUR LATER!

SUMMER STORE HOURS

Starting Memorial Day...

Monday—Thursday 9am—3:30pm

Friday—Saturday 8am—5pm

Sunday 8am—5pm

WINTER STORE HOURS

Starting the weekend after Labor Day...

Monday—Thursday 9am—3:30pm

Friday—Sunday 8am—4pm

*Store hours may change without notice

Weather FORECAST

Fri Overcast

66° F | 47° F

Sat Rain 100%

51° F | 48° F

Sun Morning Rain/Cloudy

60° F | 55° F

Mon Morning Rain/Cloudy

74° F | 58° F

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NEED THE LOCKBOX COMBINATION FOR THE GATES?

CALL THE OFFICE AT 570.682.1075.

THE ANDREW GATE HAS BEEN CLOSED PERMANENTLY.

◆ ALL GUESTS

*Riding or not everyone must be signed in upon arrival! The guest waiver is on the outside of the office wall 24/7.

*This does not exclude members. Members must sign in every vis-



Tip of the Day! Local To Do's

- **Cooler Hack** — Freeze a few water bottles the night before. They keep your cooler cold and turn into ice-cold drinks later.
- **Campfire Coffee Trick** — Fill a coffee filter with grounds, tie it with dental floss, and boom — instant “coffee tea bag” for easy camp coffee.
- **Bug-Free Picnic** — Put a few sprigs of rosemary on the edge of your campfire or grill. The smoke helps keep mosquitoes away.

Every Friday afternoon and evening, Crossroads Farmer's Market, Route 25 between Gratz & Ber-rysburg

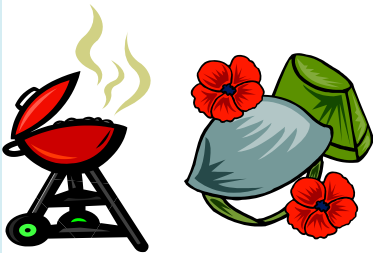
***Jack's Spot Restaurant in Pitman has many different events each month**

***Mitchell's Bar & Grill in Hegins also has many different events each month**

***Ride the green dot trail to O'Neals Pub in Tower City for ice cream or lunch**

2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MAY 23 MEMBERS POKER RUN
JUNE 20 TREASURE HUNT
JUNE 27-28 SPER HARE SCRAM-
BLE
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



BUSY BUZZING WEEKEND...



This is one of the **busiest weekends of the year**, so please pay extra attention to the **5 mph speed limit** in the campground. With kids, pets, and heavy foot traffic, SLOW truly means SLOW.

You've all reviewed the rules waiver and quiz, but we know a few “forgetters” always slip through — so here's your refresher:

- **Operations officials** will be patrolling day and night. Flag them down if you need help.
- **Guest Sign-In** is required for *everyone*, riders and non-riders. The sheet is available 24/7 outside the office.
- **No fireworks** of any kind on RC property — ever.
- **Quiet Hours Extended** this weekend:
11 PM – 7 AM. Please be respectful of your neighbors.
- **Emergency Line**: Call **570-682-1075** and leave a message. Someone will return your call shortly.
- **Helmet Safety**: Helmets must be worn and *properly strapped* during all riding activity.
- **Stay Off Township Road** and do not cut through other members' campsites.
- **Be a good neighbor** — kindness goes a long way on a packed weekend.



The staff and management have put a lot of planning into this year's Poker Run, and **everyone is welcome to participate**. Grab your map, hit the checkpoints, and enjoy one of our favorite Trailriders traditions. Rain or Shine



Dumpster Rules – Temporary Holiday Update

We know holiday weekends generate extra trash, so **this weekend only**, the limit is temporarily increased to:

✓ 4 bags per campsite (usually 2 bags)

Please remember:

- The dumpster follows the **same rules as your campsite trash can.**
- **Absolutely NO tires, appliances, electronics, metal, furniture, or building materials.**
- If you brought it in and it's not normal household trash, **you must take it back out.**

Improper dumping risks fines, service refusal, and overflowing trash for everyone. Please do your part.

Tarp Policy Reminder

We've had several issues with tarps being used in ways that violate campground policy.

Please remember:

- **No full tarping of campsites, decks, or structures.**
- Tarps are allowed **only for small, practical purposes** (covering firewood, gear, etc.).
- Tarps may **NOT** be used to create makeshift shelters or long-term enclosures.
- When in doubt, **call the office before you set it up.**
- Clear plastic sheeting also must come down!