

## **Indian Creek Valley ATV Club**

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### **Understanding our trail signs and markings**

The majority of the Club's trails are numbered and marked with signs mounted on fiberglass poles. The notable exceptions are dirt bike single track (look for blue ribbons tied to trees) and some extreme ATV trails for quads only. Standard trail signs have a red background with the Club name at the top and the trail number directly below the Club's name. Below the trail number and on the left will be a color-coded geometric symbol indicating the difficulty of the trail.



Green Circles mark our easiest trails



Blue Squares indicate greater (moderate) difficulty



Single Black Diamonds mark our most difficult trails



Double Black Diamonds mark extreme ATV trails (quads only, no SxSs)

To the right of the trail difficulty symbol will be white arrow(s), single or double, indicating the direction of the trail. The picture above shows the T intersection of trails 300 and 301. If you're on trail 300, you can make a right hand turn onto 301 at this intersection. If you're on 301, you can make left or right hand turns onto 300.

#### "I want to ride all of the trails"

Al Sain, our former Club president, worked out a path that lets you ride almost all of our trails without repeating any of them. You may have noticed the small red and yellow arrows mounted on the sign posts below the trail signs. Refer to the picture above and the yellow arrow circled in yellow. These yellow or red arrows can be used to connect individual trails to form longer loops. If you follow the yellow arrows only, you will ride approximately 22 miles. The yellow loop does not include our black lined, single black diamond (most difficult) trails. If you want to include our more difficult trails, then look for posts that have both a red and a yellow arrow. Follow the red arrows until you see a yellow one. At that point you are back on the yellow loop. The yellow loop is one continuous loop, and the red sub-loops are offshoots that can be taken to provide a more challenging ride. Following the yellow loop and doing all the red options will result in a 33 mile ride.

#### Machine types and rider skill

This loop system is not for beginners. It assumes a level of skill that can handle obstacles found on blue (moderate difficulty) trails. Adding the red loops will require additional skill. This also does not account for different machine types. The loops do not include the dirt bike single track or the double diamond ATV (quads only) extreme trails. As side-by-sides continue to get wider, there may be some trails on the loop system that might not be wide enough to accommodate their size.





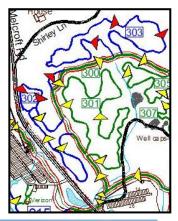


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### **Using the Map**

We have several versions of our trail maps that can be found under the <u>Trails-Maps</u> tabs of our web site. One version displays the yellow and red arrow loops information. Here is a portion of that map showing the beginning of the 300 area along with an explanation of how to use the map and follow the loop arrows. Once you cross Melcroft Road on trail 300 and climb the first small hill, you come to an intersection. In figure (1), the yellow arrow points to the left so you make a left staying on trail 300. The next intersection, figure (2), has a yellow arrow directing you to make a right onto trail 301. At the end of that trail, figure (3), the yellow arrow turns you right, back onto trail 300 again



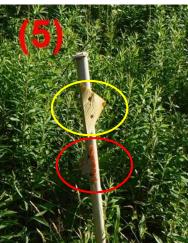






The next intersection, figure (4), has a yellow arrow with a left onto trail 302. Staying on 302, you come to an intersection, figure (5), that has a yellow arrow pointing right and a red arrow pointing left. The red arrow takes you on an optional sub-loop of 302 that will bring you back to the yellow loop portion of 302. You can take that small red loop or stay on yellow and avoid it. Finishing the yellow portion of trail 302 brings you back to an intersection with 300. At this point, figure (6), the yellow arrow directs you left, back onto trail 300.









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Continuing on 300, you come to another red/yellow option (7). Following the red arrow to the left takes you on a blue line (moderate difficulty) sub-loop of 300. Following the yellow arrow to the right keeps you on the main loop which has a green (easy) difficulty rating. At the next intersection, figure (8), you have the option to make a left onto trail 303 (blue line, moderate difficulty rated) as a red loop option or you can continue straight on 300 (green line, easy rated) to stay on the yellow loop. If you take 303, that red loop ends, figure (9), with a left turn yellow arrow back onto trail 300.



Remember, the green circles, blue squares, and black diamonds represent varying degrees of trail difficulty and correspond to the color of the trail lines on the maps. The white arrows below the trail number, indicate the directions of the trails. The yellow and red arrows mounted on the poles below the trail signs indicate the directions required to follow a continuous loop (yellow) with optional sub-loops (red), which are often of greater difficulty.

Please take a minute to go to the web site and print the maps. Then use them to practice riding sections of the loops. With practice they will become easier to follow. Before long you will enjoy all of the trails, be ready to help systematically check the trails for storm damage, and/or help in a search effort.