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## **ATV CLUB ENCOURAGES RIDERS TO STAY HOME, STAY SAFE**

**Pembroke, ON:** APRIL 11, 2020. Our riders and our community are important to us, as such, Renfrew County ATV Club (RCATV) is asking riders to Stay Home, Stay Safe ... the trails will wait. As we all watch the COVID-19 daily changes impacting our lives, safety and priorities, so too are there going to be changes to how we use the trails this spring and summer.

**First and foremost RCATV is recommending staying at home and not riding until States of Emergency have been cleared! RCATV will be abiding by the guidelines and direction set out by both County of Renfrew and Province of Ontario and keeping their trails closed until such time as restrictions on travel are removed.**

We recognize that cabin fever is setting and spring weather taunts us to ride, however out of respect for the businesses and individuals taking significant measures to stop the spread of COVID-19, we too ask our riders to do their part and stay home and off trails.

Our trails will most likely remain closed beyond May 1. When trails do open, riders will be asked to respect the following:

- Ride in your local area only to minimize the spread and impact of COVID-19
- Respect provincial and municipal state of emergency guidelines for social distancing
- Be self-sufficient: Access to amenities may continue to be severely limited
- Ride responsibly and refrain from highly technical trails to reduce further impact on emergency services

When permitted, registered RCATV volunteers will be engaged to help get trails ready so that we can quickly launch the trail riding and trail tourism back in Renfrew County. If you are interested in becoming a registered RCATV trail volunteer, contact [info@renfrewcountyatv.ca](mailto:info@renfrewcountyatv.ca)

For up to date trail status for Renfrew County ATV trails please visit <https://map.renfrewcountyatv.ca>. For trail status across Ontario, visit the Ontario Federation of ATV trail site <http://www.quadon.ca> or download the QuadOn mobile application before planning your summer riding trips.

Renfrew County ATV Club is steward to over 1000km of trails, abandoned railbeds and connecting routes that attracts riders from across Ontario and Quebec each year. We proudly engage with our community as tourism enablers, and as such, we have a responsibility in keeping our trails and community safe, and we will have a part in helping to relaunch our regions' trail tourism.

We hope to be hosting you on our trails soon, but until then please stay home and continue efforts to keep your families and community safe.

To find out more about the Renfrew County ATV Club and its commitment to riders, trails and trail tourism, please visit [www.renfrewcountyatv.ca](http://www.renfrewcountyatv.ca) or call 613-635-1528.

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