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Monthly Newsletter

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GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

How do you ride? Do you like to shred or take it slow and steady?

At TOMMBA, our job is to do both. We love to shred the trails and we work steadily to build and maintain more. We can't do our job without you. We can't build new trails and maintain your favorite existing trails in your neighborhood with YOU! You are the ticket to northern Michigan becoming a trail destination. Please go online and make a gift to TOMMBA today!

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TRAIL UPDATES

NEW! Offield Viewlands | Harbor Springs

Little Traverse Conservancy and Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association (TOMMBA) have partnered again to bring a biking trail to Emmet County. The Trail will be 5 miles long and located at the Offield Family Viewlands. With 100 miles of trail building experience, Flowtrack knows how to build high quality trail in northern Michigan. You may have ridden their work on Double Dog at Boyne Forest and Phase I of Palmer Woods in Leelanau. Builders will take a sustainable approach, using natural materials to ensure long-term durability of the trail and the landscape around it. Fundraising for the trail will begin in late 2022. If the project goal is met by March of 2023, trail construction will begin in August of 2023. If fundraising is still necessary at that time, fundraising will continue with the goal of trail construction in 2024.

The new Dare Ta jump line is 95% completed. Unfortunately, the snow we received in mid-November prevented our trail builder from finishing the final grading of the lower berm and placement of the topsoil on the last four jumps. This work will be completed sometime in the coming months to allow for a Spring 2023 trail opening. Once open, riders will enjoy eleven jumps as they descend over 100 feet from the top of the hill. TOMMBA recommends all riders pre-ride the new jump line, then re-ride it before taking your first free ride down the new trail. This trail will be an awesome addition to the existing trail system.

There are three (3) more future projects of the Boyne Forest Trail system including: 1) an expert level downhill trail, 2) a beginner/intermediate level downhill trail, and 3) an expert level cross country trail. These three future projects will add another 2.3 miles of awesome trails for riders to enjoy. A future hub will serve as the starting point for all these trails at the top of the hill near the center of the Double Dog loop. Please consider making a donation for the development of this new trail!

***Fatbike Grooming @ Boyne Forest Trail:** As in past years, parts of Avalanche and the Boyne Forest Trail system will be groomed for winter fat biking. If you are able to help with winter grooming efforts at Avalanche, please send your contact info to trails@tommba.org. We ask that you ride on groomed trails only when temperatures are below 35 degrees and with tires wider than 3.8". Tire pressure should be 2-5 psi depending on conditions and rider weight and no more than 7psi. Check for grooming condition updates at the North Country Cycle Sport [webpage](#).

***New Trail Signage:** We will be looking into improving signage at the Forest Trail System next summer. One of the challenges we have faced is that adding new trails means old maps become outdated. However, we have listened to your feedback and we have some ideas to improve our mapping system. Look for those to get installed in 2023.

Tanton | Petoskey

The berm behind the shooting range was complete a few weeks ago. This is great news! It means that we will restart trailbuilding efforts next spring and hopefully open the new "upper" loop by the end of summer. Once that is completed, we will begin construction on the new "lower" loop. Both loops are approximately 0.75 miles in length and are designed as beginner friendly.

TOMMBA UPDATES

Become a "Trail Spotter"

If you are a person who consistently rides a TOMMBA trail 2+ times per week, we need your help! We are looking for trail spotters to help report trail issues, specifically down trees. Several of you already do this at the Boyne Forest Trail system so we are now looking to expand this to Tanton, Avalanche, and Brown's Creek. You can report trail issues to the Northern Michigan Trails Conditions Facebook page, create an alert on the Trailforks app

Welcome Anna DeCamp

Let's all welcome Anna to the TOMMBA Marketing Committee. Anna is a passionate mountain biker with sharp camera skills and a knack for telling stories on social media. Please watch for her and her camera out on the trails.

TOMMBA Gear

HOLIDAY SWAG

Need a gift idea for the holidays? Check out all the new TOMMBA gear on our website and at your local bike retailers. All proceeds go towards building new trails in our area.

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Upcoming Events

Fat & Flurrious – January 14, 2023

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