

CLUB NEWS

Why Should Your Club Join The ATVA And Sanction Events?

There are a lot of reasons why you should join:

To get new members for your club.

Growing your ATV club can be challenging, often because it's hard to find and reach out to other ATVers.

And for individual riders, finding a club nearby can be equally difficult. The ATVA helps bring enthusiasts together.

As new clubs join, we announce them in ATVA News, which is sent to all ATVA members. And clubs are listed in the club section of www.ATVAonline.com.

To get cheap event insurance.

Clubs can sanction off-road poker runs or trail rides for motorcycles and ATVs and get affordable liability insurance. ATVA-chartered clubs can get insurance for trail rides or poker runs for as low as \$161.

Poker run and trail ride participants don't have to be ATVA or AMA members. This is a new change, and a big change, because in past years participants needed to be members. (Of course, we hope the events are so successful that non-members will want to join the ATVA!)

Has your club run into roadblocks when property owners ask for a certificate of insurance? We're here to help.

If your club promotes anything from a poker run and trail rides to hare scrambles and motocross events, the ATVA can meet your needs.

To give your club more clout

Our sport is challenged by anti-ATV forces who call for land closures, bans on children riding ATVs, and discriminatory regulations. Our Government Relations Department educates and empowers clubs, helping them become involved in political, legislative and regulatory arenas on all levels. ATVing can flourish only with the full participation of our members

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WHERE TO RIDE

Warfield Point Off Road Vehicle Park Greenville, Mississippi

Warfield Point Off Road Vehicle Park in Greenville, Mississippi, is one of the newest places to ride in the country. It opened to the public in August.

Plans for the park began four years ago when Walley Morse retired and, in his words, he "ran out of 'honey dos' around the house."

Concerned how Mississippi's Washington County was spending his tax dollars, he proposed the county develop Warfield Point Off Road Vehicle Park. The board of supervisors wasn't receptive. The big problem? How to pay for it.

Morse, who had never ridden an ATV, learned that grant money was available from the Recreational Trails Fund. The county applied for, and received, a grant and the dream started to take shape.

Morse spent some time exploring the property on foot and discovered small hills, old levees and an old road bed. He called ATVA member Glenn Myers of Alabama, who has a lot of experience laying out trail systems, and asked for help.

Together, Myers and Morse laid out the trails, helping bring the vision to reality. With Warfield Point now open, riders are having fun on the trails.

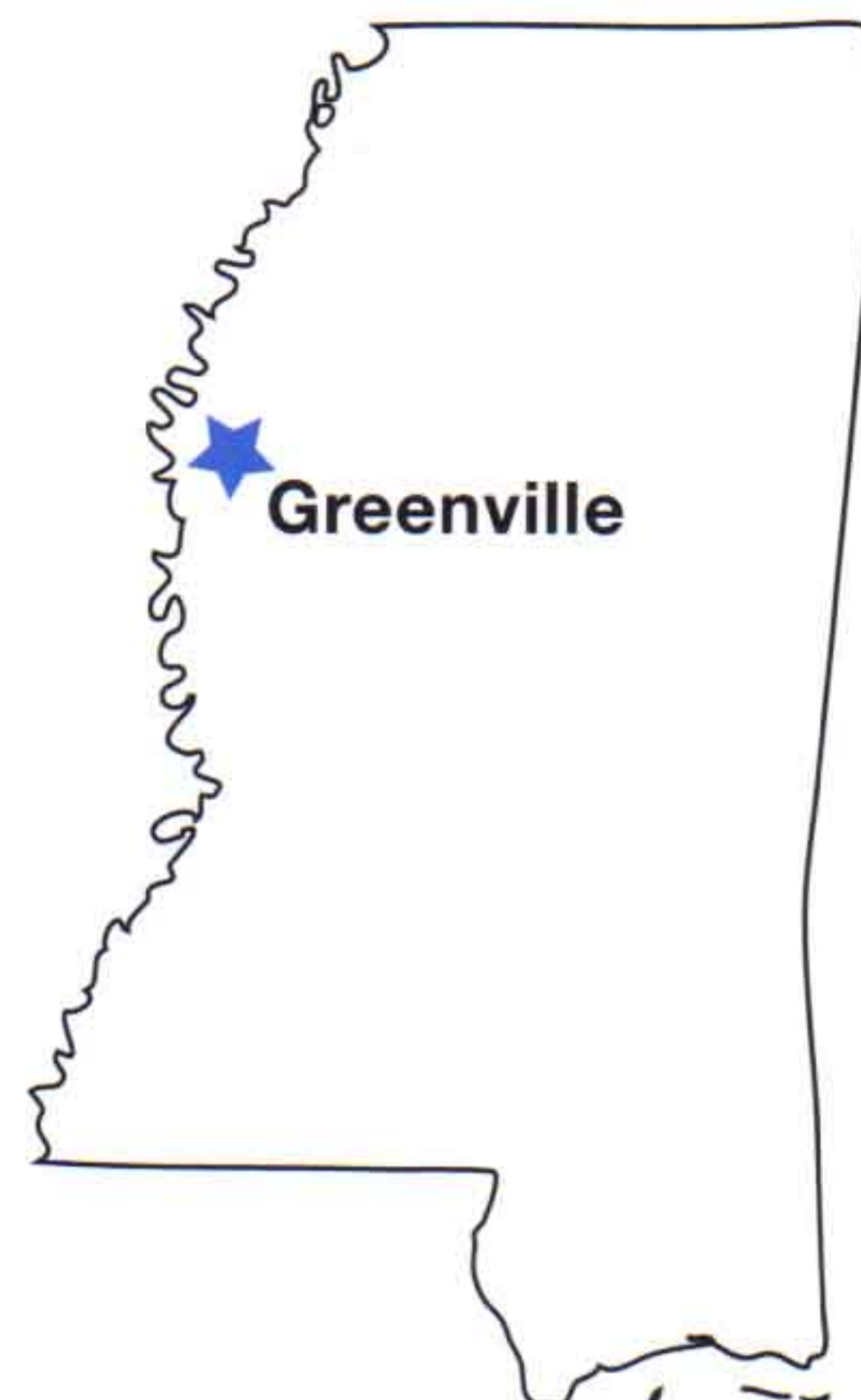
Warfield Point is not a large riding area, but it has all the features anyone would want in a good family facility.

Its 45 acres have heavily wooded trails with a natural canopy that provides that deep-in-the-woods feel and an abundance of cooling shade.

Camping is plentiful, with 59 RV sites and seven tent sites. There are restrooms with hot water and showers.

The children's playground has swings, a slide and a merry-go-round.

Camping costs \$25, or \$20 with a senior



discount. Tent camping is \$10. Riding fees for dirtbikes and ATVs are \$10 per vehicle for an all-day pass and \$5 after 3 p.m. It's open every day from 8 a.m. to dusk.

Helmets are required for all riders, but if you forget your helmet you can rent one for \$3. Riding double is not permitted.

A large, gravel parking area is handy for day use and provides easy access to the multi-use trails. Single-track trails for dirtbikes only are currently under construction.

The "Kids Zone" is set aside specifically for younger riders and provides them with hours of riding fun in their own little area while parents can sit in the shade and supervise.

An outdoor classroom will be used for ATV safety classes and other activities.

A short walk provides access to a 35-foot-high observation tower on the banks of the Mississippi River. The tower is the perfect place to enjoy some great sunset views.

The area also has a separate walking trail that is a wheelchair-accessible boardwalk. It leads to an observation platform next to the tower.

The town of Greenville, Mississippi, is only three miles away with a population of about 40,000. There are plenty of motels, restaurants, shopping and ATV dealers.

Greenville is on the western border of Mississippi. Warfield Point is just north of the Highway 82/454 bridge, on Levee Road. You are close by when you see the power plant smoke stack.

For information call (662) 662-0488, or go to www.warfieldpointpark.com.

Special thanks to all the volunteers and to Greenville Motor Sports for providing equipment and labor.



Some volunteers who helped with the park.