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## Monthly Newsletter

*September 15, 2022*

### TRAIL UPDATES

#### **Tanton | Petoskey**

Over the summer the TOMMBA team and members have cut in a segment of the new beginner's loop. We cannot underestimate the effort this trail is to build. Mother Nature has created a challenging environment and the team must create a clearing trail before they can work on the trail itself. Once the berm is completed beyond the shooting range near the parking lot, we will continue construction on the new loop. The original Tanton trails are still available to ride in the meantime. Hoping to unveil this new trail in the spring.

#### **Boyne Forest Trails | Boyne City**

We are still on track for mid to late October unveiling of "Dare Ya", our new 1585' jump line running down the middle of Double Dog. The build is expected to begin October 1. Take a look at the progress on "Dare Ya" as you enjoy this popular trail system.

#### **Avalanche Mountain | Boyne City**

As you may have noticed, the new berms, jumps and tabletops are complete and riding great. Don't forget to challenge yourself with an epic run on Stroll the Steeps. Take some time and put in a few miles at this location near downtown Boyne City.

#### **Brown's Creek | East Jordan**

Brown's Creek Trail was built in 2016-2018 and we are adding additional miles. This is an intermediate ride with challenging short, steep hills and tight switchbacks. Overall, there is a wide variety of soil types and vegetation and scenery. If you are looking for a great ride near a stream, with some stone and rocks, through the pines, and all close to town – this is the one to pick. Very fun! Plus, East Jordan also has some great new restaurants in town. Check it out this Fall!

### TOMMBA UPDATES | eBikes

throttle are **not allowed**.

**A class 1 or low-speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle** is a bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

**Responsible riding** is a powerful advocacy tool that can help keep trails open to mountain bikes. If you are interested in seeing more access for Class 1 eMTBs on non-motorized trails, please:

- Treat everyone you encounter on the trail with kindness and respect. Consider adopting a yield-first strategy when meeting oncoming users on the trail.
- Know your mountain biking etiquette. You are, after all, a mountain biker! Brush up on how to promote respect, inclusivity, safety, and enjoyment on trails.
- Be cautious with your speed. Class 1 eMTBs can get up to high speeds quickly. Pay particular attention to, and slow down when approaching blind corners and encountering people and animals on or near the trail.
- Know your battery range and risks. You don't want to run out of juice out on the trail. Additionally, understand how to safely and properly charge, maintain and care for your battery to prevent fire hazards.

## TOMMBA Gear

### NEW TOMMBA GEAR IS HERE!

New TOMMBA hats are now available.

**Coming Soon.** Our new t-shirts on being printed and will be available soon. Three new designs in two shirt colors will be available. Check out this sneak peek!

**Order Now**

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### FALL SHIRT SALE

The TOMMBA store needs to make room for all this new merchandise so we're having a Fall T-Shirt Sale. All of our in-stock, logoed Performance T-Shirts are made from super-breathable, moisture-wicking, stain-release, and odor-resistant material.

### Sale Merchandise

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## Fall Events

### PEAK2PEAK Mountain Bike Classic – October 22

Good luck to our TOMMBA members that are racing this fun ride in Thompsonville, MI. Be sure to go out and cheer on our members. Click [here](#) for more race information.



### Iceman Cometh Challenge – November 5

Best of luck to the ICEMAN riders. If you are not riding, go down and cheer on our TOMMBA members and enjoy the race vibe. Click [here](#) for more race information.



### Fall TOMMBA Member Event

We are in the process of planning our annual Fall



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## Sponsors



Thank you to Boyne Mountain and Center City Gym for their generous support of TOMMBA and the trails we build. Please support their businesses!



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## Talent Wanted



Have a passion for photography and creating Social Media content? Enjoy planning fun events for friends? Want to get more involved with the mountain biking community? Join the TOMMBA Marketing Committee. Contact Jim at [jmclain@tommba.org](mailto:jmclain@tommba.org) for more information.

## Member Moment

Members Sue and Pete Wieland from Gaylord enjoy riding their bikes throughout Michigan and beyond. This epic photo is from their 2021 assault at the ICEMAN COMETH. Be sure to say “hi” to them when you see them on the trails.



## Thanks to Our Loyal Partners



Charlevoix County Community Foundation is generously matching every dollar donated for our trail expansion at Boyne Forest Trails. This doubles our ability to develop new and exciting trails for you to ride.

**Currently, we are \$11,000 short of our \$35,000 goal.** Please consider donating to TOMMBA today and let's keep building awesome trails.

**Donate Now**

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North Country Cycle has generously donated their time, taco mastery and effort to raise funds for the new “Dare Ya” trail. That full donation jar that you have seen during Taco Tuesday goes directly to trail development. Thanks to NCC for their continued partnership.



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