



 **CARIBOU**
Parks & Rec. Dept.



THE OFFICIAL SNOWMOBILE TRAIL REPORT

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As I am writing this report the temperature is 42 degrees and sunny. With the next couple of days being in the 40's and a little bit of rain on the way, most projects are going to take a few nights off from grooming. This little warm up will not hurt the 4 feet of snow that we have, and once the temps cool off clubs will be back at it.

The clubs and groomer operators have been very busy this year with the early start and all the storms that the County has endured. Most projects up in the County have exceeded their grant allotment, so there have been clubs that are starting to cut down on grooming, so you might run into some not so perfect trails. Please keep this in mind when riding and you are wondering why the trail might not be smooth. The good news is the State will be helping projects who have exceeded their hours. The State will help with fuel purchases from January 1st through March 31st.

Please be respectful that the temps will be above freezing and spinning of tracks will increase the deterioration of the trails quickly.

CAUTION: Deer are everywhere they are being spotted in Caribou on trail 83B, In Ashland on ITS 85, Portage on ITS 85. Please keep an eye out all the time as we all know that deer live throughout this County. Also, as the snow is getting deeper this means that all the big game animals will be venturing out onto the trails as it is easier walking for them.

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TRAIL INFORMATION:

Soldier Pond is reporting that their trails are still in good shape and hope to be back out grooming on Sunday.

Washburn trails are holding up well and will be back out once temps drop. They will be demoing a new Tucker 2000 and trail paver drag on Thursday.

Nordic Lakers groomed their trails on Thursday and are reporting good conditions. Trail 81 down behind the capital hill area, please use caution as the water is starting to eat the edge of the trail.

Portage Lakers are reporting that they have been over their system and are reporting good conditions. They will be back out on Sunday morning. Please use caution off the 105 intersection with ITS 90 as there is a logging operation, it is very well marked.

Caribou is reporting good conditions and have been over their entire system all week and will be back out once temps drop. There is a new logging operation on ITS 90W just before the 105 trails. It is well marked.

Fort Kent is reporting that their trails are in excellent condition and are ready for a busy weekend. They will be back out once the temps drop.

Eagle Lake is reporting good conditions and will be out once temps drop.

Fort Fairfield is reporting that they have been over everything the past two days and will go out again once temps drop.

Central Aroostook Snowmobile club is reporting they have been over their ITS trails in the last 2 days. Rt. 70a and #9 lake trail were in good shape, so they did not groom them.

Ashland is reporting they have groomed all their ITS trails as of Thursday afternoon and will be back out once temps drop. There is still a lot of deer on ITS 85 between Ashland and Portage.

Allagash is reporting that they have groomed everything before the warm up and will be back out once temps drop.

Frenchville is reporting their system all groomed as of Thursday morning and are going to wait until it gets colder.

Red Arrow has groomed everything and is waiting until colder temps. Irving has plowed out a road on ITS 83 on the powerline South of the Coulomb Road.

Chapman Ridge Runners are reporting that they are in good shape.

Aroostook River Snowmobile club has groomed everything and waiting until temps drop.

Easton is still down and are reporting not the best conditions.

Madawaska is reporting good conditions and has been doing double duty helping Grand Isle as they are still down.

Grand Isle is reporting that they are still down. They groomed their entire system last night using Madawaska's machine.

Presque Isle Snowmobile club is reporting that they will be back out once temps drop.

Van Buren is reporting that they are in good shape and will be back out when temps drop.

Caswell is reporting they are in good shape. Trail 100 to trail 94 remains closed. Trail 102 to trail 89 in the Connor area is now open. Please use caution as they are going through a logging operation. Logging operation on trail 81A please use caution.

Southern Aroostook:

Oxbow-Masardis groomed ITS 85 and 86 on Monday and will be going back out once temps drop.

Benedicta Snow gang has groomed trails on Monday and Tuesday, they will be back at it once temps drop.

East Grand snowmobile club are reporting good conditions.

Shin Pond is reporting great conditions and will resume once temps drop.

* A Reminder: Landowners are within their rights to conduct logging operations on their own land. It is their business. They are nice enough to allow the Clubs access to get from one place to another. Please show respect and stay on marked trails and use caution.

Please keep an eye out on the County's Facebook pages for the latest updates on trail conditions.

For the most accurate and up-to date weather information, please visit NOAA at <https://bit.ly/2CIXDBP>

ON THE SOCIAL SIDE:

Oxbow club will be having a club ride to Whipple's Camp Sunday, meet at the Clubhouse at 11:30

Presque Isle snowmobile club will be hosting an antique sled ride and show this Sunday at the Clubhouse starting at 10.

Gateway Snowmobile club will be having a breakfast March 17 from 7-11 at the Van Buren Community Center. Snowmobiles will have access from ITS 81 watch for signs.

Washburn Trail Runners clubhouse will be open Friday, Saturday 7am to 2pm and Sunday 7am to 12.

Saint Francis Sno Angels will have their clubhouse open for lunches starting at 11am and will continue throughout the winter.

Pleasant Ridge Riders will be hosting a breakfast on March 17 from 7-10 at the clubhouse in Caswell.

For sledders who are interested, there is now Snowmobile storage available for Monthly accommodations in Caribou. They are located at the Crown Park Inn; phone number is 207-493-3311. Units are Small, Medium, and Large. Price is \$50, \$75, \$100.

Caribou Snowmobile Storage located off trail 83A near Caribou Cabins. Call for more information call 498-3508.