



THE OFFICIAL SNOWMOBILE TRAIL REPORT

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This week with the colder temperature's trails is finally starting to set up a lot harder which makes for much better trail conditions. There are still some areas of thin conditions in the fields and woods, so please use caution. Wooded sections in the Central Aroostook area are still a little light of snow and groomers are basically just panning over these areas.

With the colder temps the lakes are much safer than they have been, but please stay close to the markers as many people are out fishing the lakes.

Moose, Deer and Turkeys are out on the trails so please use caution where you see tracks.

With the increased amount of traffic many clubs are out grooming 24/7. While it is not the ideal case to groom during the day it is sometimes necessary to accomplish. Most projects are 1 machine units and they can not keep up with the traffic. So please keep this in mind that a groomer might be on the trails during daylight hours.

This weekend is the beginning of school vacation week and it looks like the trails will be extremely busy. This is a good time to check out some of the smaller trails and get off some of the busier trails. You certainly won't be disappointed with the green trails.

TRAIL INFORMATION:

Soldier Pond is reporting that their trails 96 and 73 have been groomed and are in great shape. They have seen an increase in traffic. Watch out for the Moose.

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Washburn Snowmobile club reporting that the Cat is all serviced and will have everything groomed for the weekend. They plan to groom every night during vacation week. Trail 61 remains closed and they are in hopes to be able to use it in a few weeks.

Nordic Lakers reporting that they will have everything groomed by Thursday. This includes trail 81. The new reroute of their trail 81 is a nice twisty trail, very well marked.

Portage Lakers are reporting that they are grooming every night and are seeing a lot of traffic. ITS 85 and ITS 90 are two of the busiest trails in the region, so please try and take it slow around corners as this will keep the trails in better shape.

Caribou is reporting that all their open trails have been groomed and are in good condition. ITS 90W to 105 is open and in great shape, a few thin spots in the woods but all in all this trail is nice. This year we are going back the original way. There are a few sections of whips sticking out of the trail, please pay attention.

Fort Kent is reporting good conditions

Eagle Lake is reporting good conditions with lots of traffic so please ride right and watch out for oncoming traffic.

Fort Fairfield is reporting they have everything groomed. Caution is advised on ITS 116 a small bridge in this section has suffered structural damage. IT is passable and is marked. Please slow down in wooded areas as the groomer is out 24/7.

St. Francis Sno-Angels are reporting excellent conditions and are grooming nightly. They are reporting a lot of traffic. They will be hosting a hot dog roast this Saturday at the lodge, they will be doing it out of their covered trailer from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Central Aroostook Snowmobile club is reporting they have everything groomed and will be back at it again tonight. Number 9 Lake Trail is closed due to logging and sleds need to stay off the plowed road. They are also asking sledders to keep the snow in the trails not the roadways.

Ashland is reporting they are grooming steady and in good shape. Caution is advised on 71A there is a section of plowed road and heavy logging during the week.

Allagash is reporting they are reporting everything is in excellent condition.

Frenchville is reporting that all trails are groomed and in great condition.

Red Arrow is reporting that all trails are groomed and in good condition. They will be out every night during school vacation week. Starting this Friday, they will be adding a day shift on Wednesdays and Friday's to groom ITS 83 to help keep up with the traffic.

Chapman Ridge is reporting That they have been grooming steady and are in good condition. This is one of those areas that low traffic trails and are in great shape. Check it out.

Aroostook River Snowmobile club reporting that they are in great shape and are grooming every night with an alternating schedule. These trails are awesome.

Easton is reporting that they have been over everything and are reporting good conditions

Madawaska is reporting that they are in good shape. They have a reroute that takes you around the town please pay attention to the signs.

Grand Isle is reporting that their trails are in good condition.

Presque Isle Snowmobile club are reporting their trails in good shape.

Van Buren is reporting they are grooming every night and are in good shape. 94 loop trails will be closed for at least the next couple weeks due to logging. It will be blocked at the 105-79-94 four corners. We will keep it open to the Caswell 100 on the Van Buren end and block it starting there. ITS 81 South in Hamlin is still a little thin in the fields please use caution.

Limestone Snow Hawks reporting they are up and running and will have everything done by the weekend. A must-see trail is the new Loring Loop trail very well marked and is right next to the Big Arch Hanger.

Caswell (Pleasant Ridge Riders) reporting they are grooming daily and are in good shape.

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Bowlin/Matagamon/Shin Pond – ITS 81, ITS 85 toward Mattagamon and ITS 114 to Shin Pond. The groomers have been out north and south of Shin Pond as well as north to Oxbow and south to Whetstone. Trails are looking good.

Benedicta Snowgang has been grooming on ITS 83, 83A, ITS 81 to 81A. Trails are in great condition.

Molunkus Valley Snow Drifters have been steadily grooming ITS 83, 83A and 3A as well as the trail to Bible Point. There is logging taking place on ITS 83 west of RT. 2 in Sherman so be aware as you ride. Also be on the lookout for deer in the trail on ITS 83.

A reminder that there will be a Poker run on Feb. 20 starting at 9 a.m. More information next week!

Big Valley Snow Club at Birch Point in Island Falls has finally gotten enough snow to groom all trails, ITS 112, ITS 83 north, 60 to Oakfield and ITS 83 south to Sherman. The lake is being travelled regularly by sleds but is not yet signed. The club reports that the trails are in excellent condition.

Rockabema reports that 112 east to 81 south (RR bed) is groomed as is ITS 112. All trails are on good condition. The new Owl's Nest Tavern is open, and the club encourages riders to slow down and enjoy the spectacular views!

Eastern Maine Snow Riders report that the trails are in excellent condition with a major reroute due to logging. #110 from Mattawamkeag to Drew is groomed and in excellent condition. #3 to lower Macwahoc lake is groomed and in excellent condition. Trail 1 north from 3 is not groomed yet due to logging and is rerouted to Haynesville. Please use #3 to ITS 83 towards Bible point then follow the rerouted trail to Haynesville. Part of 3a is closed for

now due to logging. Please use follow the posted green signs for new routing. (Some parts of the reroute are on other club's trails.)

Linneus SnoSports has groomed ITS 105 from Hodgdon to ITS 83, 64 to Nickerson Lake and 61 from Linneus to Oakfield. Sledders are reporting that trails are in excellent condition.

Meduxnekeag Ramblers are reporting that all their trails are in excellent condition and are opening up Club Trail 81 today. After that all trails will be open and ready for some great riding. Be careful on the border trail behind Benn's as there are some rocks hiding in the snow so exercise caution.

*Free fishing license week is February 13 through 21 by registering at mefishwildlife.com/ice fishing. Children under 15 do not need to register.

For the most up to date grooming information of our trail system and groomer tracking please visit <http://bmsspsledclub.evtrails.com>

For the most accurate and up-to date weather information, please visit NOAA at <https://bit.ly/39ToofL>

ON THE SOCIAL SIDE:

Caribou Snowmobile Club will be hosting their annual hot dog roast at Axle Siding, (ITS 83) on February 13th. Starting at 10am

St. Francis Sno Angels will be hosting a hot dog roast this Saturday at the lodge starting at 11-4.

Moose town Riders 2nd annual fishing derby is this weekend. Please check their Facebook page for details.