



THE OFFICIAL SNOWMOBILE TRAIL REPORT

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Again, Mother Nature is being wicked difficult. The Northern part of the County received several inches of snow on Tuesday night and never got that warm as the Central and Southern parts of the County.

Clubs in the Northern areas are in very good condition with more snow to work with and not as icy as the Central and Southern areas. Because of the rain and warm temperatures on Wednesday some of the low-lying areas will have water collecting, granted the temperatures are good for freezing and can allow for sleds to cross, but not for groomers. This might be case in certain areas and trails might get beat up.

Want to have studs and scratchers as some of the trails are very hard and icy in places. Reports are lakes are still slushy so if you are on any frozen body of water, please use caution.

Clubs in the Central Aroostook area woke up Thursday morning to fallen tree's due to a powerful snow squall. Please be on the lookout for downed tree's

The Deer and Moose are really liking the white carpet that all clubs are laying down, so if you see tracks on the trail this means they are out on them, so please use caution.

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TRAIL INFORMATION:

Sly Brook (Soldier Pond): Reporting all of 96 and 73 were groomed as of Thursday morning and no drifting and no reports of trees down.

Washburn Trail Runners (Washburn): Reporting That they are out inspecting trails for any trees down and will be back out to groom. Please note that there is a water hole on 105 Just passed the 90w intersection. Trail 61 is closed due to logging, please do not ride this trail. The kitchen is open Friday 8-2, Saturday 7-2, and Sunday 7-12. Hopefully we'll get a decent amount of snow from this storm passing through on Saturday!

Portage Lakers: Reporting they were out last night and will be out all week long into the weekend. They will be doing 90 and 85 Thursday night and again Friday night. When leaving town on 85 North the first 2 miles are loaded with deer due to a winter harvest operation near the trail, use caution and this is a great place for picture taking, remember to pull off the trail if you do stop. Please use caution as deer are everywhere closer to town.

Caribou: Reporting good conditions. Will be holding off on going across town until Thursday night as the water holes might be an issue with the groomers. Other than that, trails are in good shape.

Fort Kent SnoRiders (Fort Kent): reporting they had received 4 inches of snow on Tuesday and would be out Wednesday night and the rest of the week. Trails are in good shape.

Eagle Lake Winter Riders: Reporting they groomed ITS 85 North and South and 120 on Wednesday night and trails are in great shape.

Fort Fairfield Snowmobile Club:

St. Francis Sno-Angels: reporting they groomed ITS 92 and down to Carter brook.

Limestone Snowhawks: Reporting that they groomed everything in their system except the Club trail.

Central Aroostook Snowmobile club (Mars Hill, Blaine, Bridgewater, and Monticello): Reporting that they received freezing rain and are asking sledders to be on the lookout for low

hanging branches. They will be back out once the temps cool off. The section of the plowed area did bare up a little with last warm up and this latest warmup will not help so please keep a look out for dirt. Reminder of logging operation in Bridgewater. 2.3-mile plowed section, the landowner is going to allow the snowmobile trail to continue through this area if speed does not exceed 30mph, and yield to motor vehicles. If there are issues, they will close this section of trail down and the club will need to reroute 20 miles.

Ashland snowmobile club: Reporting that they are currently out now on Thursday morning out on ITS 85, they are reporting a slush hole on 85 just north of the Wrightville road, it is marked and should freeze up by days end. Watch for pooling of water that will refreeze. Watch for deer coming into town especially near the IGA.

Moose town Riders (Allagash): reporting they groomed ITS 92 on Wednesday night. Glazier and Beau Lake trails are in Excellent shape.

Frenchville snowmobile club: reporting that they have all trails groomed as of Wednesday morning.

Red Arrow (St. Agatha, and Sinclair): reporting they groomed all trails last night and reporting good condition. Moose activity on 83 near Route 161, please use caution. They will be out on 83 during the day

Chapman Ridge runners: Reporting that all trails were groomed before the warmup and will be back out on Thursday.

Aroostook River Snowmobile (Mapleton, and Castle Hill): Reporting they had everything groomed before the warm spell and will be out once the temperature drops.

Easton Trailbreakers (Easton): Reporting all trails were in good shape before the warm spell and will attempt to get back out Wednesday night.

Madawaska snowmobile club: Reporting they were out Wednesday night and reporting good conditions. They did ITS 83, 81, 83C, and 98B.

Cold Mountain Snowmobile Club (Grand Isle): Reporting they are in good condition and trails are very nice. There is a logging operation on 81c going through the woods near the tower just as the trail crosses the golf course road.

Gateway Snowmobile Club (Van Buren): Reporting the trails are in good shape. The problem water spots were covered over last night.

Presque Isle Snowmobile Club: Reporting they are out doing ITS 88 the old CP rail line and 83 which is their other rail line. They will hold off going through fields until it freezes solid to pass with the groomer.

Nordic Lakers (New Sweden, Westmanland): Reporting they groomed everything on Tuesday night and now letting it cool down and will be back out. NorthStar variety is now selling non-ethanol gas.

Pleasant Ridge Riders (Caswell) Reporting that they were going to be out Wednesday night. Parent's Country store is located right off the border trail and have something for everyone. They are carrying all brands of oil, including Amsoil. They also carry phone chargers, gloves, spark plugs, and snowmobile tow straps.

Walker Siding Snowmobile Club: Reporting that they are up and running and will have it all done for the weekend.

Southern Aroostook Report

Meduxnekeag Ramblers reporting that they need more snow especially on ITS 86, caution is advised as the trail enters the woods from the Foster Road crossing there is a big water hole, the tucker broke through. Fields are diminished to ice and dirt. Their section of 83 is icy but they are out with the tucker and coming out decent.

Bowlin Matagamon Shin Pond Snowmobile Club reporting 114 and 85 Thursday morning and reporting good conditions.

Molunkus ValleySno-Drifters reporting they were out on Tuesday.

Linneus Sno Sports reporting lots of water holes, they will evaluate once the weather cools down. They will be out Thursday night and see if they can do anything.

Oxbow-Masardis Snowmobile Club: reporting they will be out on ITS 85/81 during the day on Thursday. They are checking for blowdowns. North of Oxbow was groomed on Wednesday night, many trees needed to be removed. Trails will be hard and icy.

Benedicta reporting lots of ice in places so please use extreme caution.

East Grand reporting lots of bares spots and ice so please proceed with caution.

On the Social Side:

St. Francis Sno-Angels will be hosting a meal at the clubhouse from 11 until gone. This week's menu is Fish Chowder.

Washburn Trail runner's kitchen is open Friday 8-2, Saturday 7-2, and Sunday 7-12.

Smart-Soucie American Legion Post 176 will be hosting a snowmobiler's breakfast on February 26th from 7-9 located at 61 Albert Street, Eagle Lake. Check out Eagle Lake Winter Riders for more information. Accessible by sled off trail 73 by the Eagle Lake Inn.

Portage Lakers will be hosting their supper on the run Saturday the 26th, meeting at 5pm at the groomer garage.

Sly Brook Snoriders will be having a Chicken Parm and Spaghetti Dinner at the Clubhouse on Saturday the 26th at 4pm until gone. Only 80 servings, coleslaw, and bun for \$15 a plate. Dine in or take out.

Cold Mountain will be hosting the first annual Memorial poker run in memory of Luke Beaulieu on March 5th, at 7am. Check cold mountain Facebook page for more information.

Saturday March 5th: The County Sled Run for American Cancer Society starts with a breakfast at PISC beginning at 7am followed by registration for the Charity ride. Don't miss out on being part of the new Aerial Drone Picture for 2022. Plenty of fun scheduled all day.

Meduxnekeag Ramblers Saturday breakfast at the clubhouse on the Wiley Rd. in Littleton from 6am to 9 am. All are welcome.

Limestone will be hosting a Poker Run February 26th leaving the clubhouse at 10:00 registration starts at 9:00 \$5 per hand \$20 registration fee will be a spaghetti dinner at the end at the par N grill.