

Snowmobile Trail Permits



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New Brunswick's extensive, managed snowmobile trail system supports a significant winter tourism industry. It is estimated that the number of snowmobile users in New Brunswick is in excess of 20,000. Maintaining the system of trails was dependant on funding from permits that users voluntarily purchased each season from the New Brunswick Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (NBFSC).

*In the interest of fairness and sustainability, the Province of New Brunswick has introduced a mandatory snowmobile trail permit system. This will ensure stable funding for trail upkeep and maintenance. **The mandatory system, similar to that of other provinces, is based on a user pay mechanism.** It is expected to provide economic benefits for the province and safety benefits for users.*

Q. Who requires a snowmobile trail permit?

A. Any snowmobile operator who uses the managed trail system is required to purchase a trail permit.

Q. Where can a snowmobile trail permit be purchased?

A. Permits can be purchased from any of the 62 New Brunswick Federation of Snowmobile Clubs throughout the province or from their local supporting businesses. A list of outlets can be obtained by calling the NBFSC at (506) 325-2625.

Q. Should a snowmobile trail permit be displayed?

A. Yes, each permit will be issued as a "decal" that must be visibly attached to the operator's snowmobile.

Q. Who is exempt from requiring a snowmobile trail permit?

A. Individuals and their immediate family, who operate a snowmobile only on managed trail that is located on property they own or occupy, are exempt from having to purchase a snowmobile trail permit.

Q. What about snowmobile access to winter camps and/or woodlots?

A. By agreement with the trail manager, individuals who are not engaged in general snowmobile touring, will be able to use a defined portion of the managed trail to access a camp or woodlot on their property.



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Q. What is a Trail Manager?

A. The Trail Manager (NBFSC) is the authority appointed by the Minister of Business New Brunswick, for the purpose of managing the day to day activities surrounding the province's snowmobile trail system.

Q. What about enforcement procedures?

A. Police, game wardens and deputy game wardens have the authority to stop snowmobiles, as well as other authorized/unauthorized vehicles on the managed trail system, for an inspection of documents and equipment.

Q. What is the penalty or fine for not having a snowmobile trail permit?

A. The operation of a snowmobile on the managed trail system, without a permanently displayed valid permit, is subject to a fine of \$70 - \$250 dollars.

Q. Are ATVs permitted on the snowmobile trail system?

A. Other than snowmobiling, any motorized activity on a managed trail from December 1 to April 15, is prohibited. Exceptions for certain limited purposes are possible with the agreement of the trail manager.

Q. The managed trail goes through my property and I need to cross it to get from one part of my land to the other. Can I cross the trail?

A. The law allows a property owner to make an agreement with the trail manager, as to where the owner and his family can cross the managed trail, to get from one part of a property to another.

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