# SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GUIDE DISTRICT 17

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## Snowmobiling Safety

**Rules of the Trails**

The same rules apply on the trails as on the road. You must carry your driver's licence, snowmobile registration, and proof of insurance. The speed limit is 50 km per hour (35 mph). Helmets are required.

You must purchase on OFSC trail permit. Permits are only available online at www.permits.ofsc.on.ca. Multi-day permits are printed online after purchase, minimum two day purchase. Riders from the U.S. should register their snowmobiles with U.S. Customs before entering Canada, to avoid complications on the way home.

**Safety Tips**

An exciting part of Ontario's Sunset Country snowmobiling experience is riding on the frozen surfaces of lakes. Many of the trails are tracked across bodies of water, and the clubs take great care to mark their trails where ice conditions are normally stable during the snowmobile season. Riders are advised to follow marked trails carefully. Off-trail riding can be dangerous, and all riders are advised to follow this rule of ice running:

### IF YOU DON'T KNOW, DON'T GO

Ice conditions can change daily. This map does not indicate that any ice travel or crossing are safe. Ask several local people about current ice conditions before any river or lake riding is done.

Drive slowly at night, and watch for hidden obstructions. It is easy to become disoriented in snow squalls and darkness. If you lose your way, stop until you regain your sense of direction. Leave your lights on so that you can be seen.

Never stop on the trails; pull over to the side. Respect private property by staying on marked trails. Please show respect for the environment and wildlife during your outdoor travels. Bring back your garbage, including worn drive belts and sliders. Do not chase any wildlife that you may encounter. Please enjoy the view of a lifetime from a safe distance.

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*Approximate OFSC Top Trail Distances*

| Point A | Point B | KM |
|---|---|---|
| Falcon Lake | Kenora | 78km |
| Kenora | Vermilion Bay | 98km |
| Vermilion Bay | Dryden | 80km |
| Dryden | Sioux Lookout | 105km |
| Sioux Lookout | Ignace | 112km |
| Ignace | Atikokan | 104km |
| Atikokan | Kakabeka Falls | 322km |

Check with local clubs for CLUB TRAIL distances.

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| Destinations in Northwest Ontario | Trail | Km. |
|---|---|---|
| Kakabeka Falls to Silver Mountain | A/L07 | 60 |
| Kakabeka Falls to Atikokan | A | 248 |
| Kakabeka Falls to Shabaqua | A/L101/L102 | 61 |
| Shabaqua to Quetico North Outfitters | L102/A | 160 |
| Atikokan to Ignace | A | 112 |
| Atikokan to White Otter Castle via Browns Clearwater | A113A/L903 | 102 |
| Clearwater West Lake Exit to A trail | L903 | 28 |
| Atikokan to Crane Lake US Border | A113A/L901M | 105 |
| Atikokan to Gunflint | A/L902M | 194 |
| White Otter Castle to Ignace | Local | 65 |
| Ignace to Sioux Lookout | A | 120 |
| Sioux Lookout to Dryden | A | 100 |
| Dryden to Vermilion Bay | A | 80 |
| Dryden to Ear Falls | L301 | 125 |
| Ear Falls to Red Lake | L301 | 82 |

| Destinations in Northwest Ontario | Trail | Km. |
|---|---|---|
| Vermilion Bay to Kenora | L102 | 132 |
| Stewart Lake to A113A junction | A | 37 |
| Kenora to Sioux Narrows | A/L108 | 72 |
| Kenora to MB border | L101 | 31 |
| Kenora to Redditt | L103/L104 | 134 |
| Sioux Narrows to Nestor Falls | A113A | 55 |
| Nestor Falls to Emo | A113A | 85 |
| Emo to Fort Frances | A113A | 55 |
| Fort Frances to Rainy River | A113A/L201 | 115 |
| Rainy River to Nestor Falls | L201 | 115 |
| Fort Frances to Mine Centre | A113A | 75 |
| Mine Centre to Atikokan | A113A | 107 |
| Kenora to West Hawk Lake (Manitoba) | A113A | 60 |
| Kenora to Falcon Lake (Manitoba) | A | 70 |

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*exemptions or partial exemptions for specific user groups

NATIONALLY APPROVED SNOWMOBILE HAND SIGNALS

NWOSTA North Western Ontario Snowmobile Trails Association

This map is not to be used for exact navigational purposes. Trails are approximate position only; follow trail markers carefully! Check with local clubs for current conditions or trail changes. Use at your own risk.

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**Baudette: 1-218-634-9790**
**International Falls: 1-218-285-9226**
**Crane Lake: 1-218-993-2321**

Any additional information concerning the entry of snowmobiles into the United States is available at:
**CBP (Customs and Border Protection)**
**#2, 2nd Avenue, International Falls, MN 56649**
**Telephone: 1-218-283-8611**

## INFORMATION CONTACTS

**Atikokan**
(807) 929-2245

**Borderland (Emo)**
(807) 276-0159

**Dryden**
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## ASSUMPTIONS FOR OFSC TRAIL USE

**AS AN OFF-ROAD EXPERIENCE, SNOWMOBILING IS AN INHERENTLY RISKY ACTIVITY. The OFSC assumes every rider using an OFSC Prescribed Trail understands and accepts that:**

- All snowmobiles will be operated under a lawful trail use permit;
- All operators and passengers willingly use the trails at their own risk;
- Operators and passengers know and will obey the law, including The Occupiers' Liability Act, The Motorized Snow Vehicles Act and the Trespass to Property Act;
- It is recognized and accepted that snowmobiling is essentially an off-road activity taking place in an unpredictable environment;
- The OFSC is a volunteer-based organization with finite resources and manpower;
- It is not practical, possible or desirable to maintain all trails uniformly or to remove all potential hazards;
- The OFSC is providing the privilege of trail access without any guarantee of service or quality;
- Operators and passengers will not consume alcohol prior to or while using the trails;
- Operators and passengers will be prudent and responsible and shall ensure that snowmobiles are operated with appropriate care and control at all times;
- Operators and passengers know how to snowmobile competently and understand that the operation of snowmobiles requires full cognitive abilities;
- Weather conditions affect trails and snowmobile operation and they may change without warning;
- The maximum speed on trails is 50km/h unless reduced by law or conditions;
- There may be permitted users on the trail other than snowmobiles;
- Operators will stay to the right of the trail, notwithstanding that there are no centre lines;
- Operators know that there may be grooming or other maintenance activities under way at any time of the day or night which may take up the whole or any part of the trail and have the right of way;
- Operators and passengers know that snowmobile trails are not groomed or plowed;
- All operators and passengers know and will adhere to the principles published as the Safe Riders Pledge by the International Snowmobile Manufacturers' Association;
- Operators and passengers are aware that emergency and cell phone service may not be available;
- Operators and passengers are aware that there are generally no legal requirements for signage on trails and, when provided, it is only for assistance and convenience;
- Operators and passengers know that snowmobiling on OFSC trails is regarded as a family-oriented activity;
- Operators and passengers know the unique and particular dangers of ice crossing;
- The grooming and maintenance of trails, when provided, is meant only to enhance the comfort and convenience of the operators and passengers;
- Operators and passengers will dress appropriately for all conditions and will have appropriate safety and emergency equipment at all times.

## NWOSTA MEMBER CLUBS

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**ATIKOKAN** www.atikokan.ca
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### Become a Snowmobile Club Volunteer

Next to trails, people are the greatest asset of any snowmobile club. Grassroots snowmobiling in Ontario is built on volunteer service from many folks in the community just like you. In fact, since trail permit revenues fall short of paying all of the costs associated with groomed trails, it is only through volunteers donating their time, expertise, labour, tools or materials that your club can continue to meet the ever increasing demands of organized snowmobiling. So, if you care about great trails, please consider giving a few hours of your time to your local club- it will make all the difference on the snow!

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