

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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Snowmobile enforcement checkpoints scheduled Snowmobile course set for Fort Ransom on Feb. 7

Snowmobile enforcement checks are being conducted by the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department at various locations along state snowmobile trails in Ransom County on Saturday, Feb. 7, coinciding with Snowmobile North Dakota's State Ride in Lisbon.

North Dakota Parks and Recreation is holding a snowmobile class in conjunction with the State Ride on Feb. 6 at the Fort Ransom School located at 135 Mill Road in Fort Ransom. Youth ages 12 and older who do not possess a valid driver's license must attend a snowmobile safety class and pass a written exam in order to legally operate a snowmobile on any land not owned or leased by the child's parent or guardian. Pre-registration is required by calling 701-328-5357. A \$10 fee is charged for the course.

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department is charged with enforcement of the state snowmobile regulations and safety on over 3,400 miles of snowmobile trails. The purpose of the checkpoint is to review snowmobile registrations, proof of liability insurance, operator's current driver's license or snowmobile safety certification card if they don't have a driver's license.

In two previous checkpoints, the first near Fort Ransom and second near Casselton, over 300 snowmobiles were checked and 23 violations were written. Most infractions were for failure to have or show proof of a North Dakota registration or Out-of-State Trails and Lands Access Permit. All North Dakota registrations are required to be displayed on both sides of the snowmobile in a visible place. You can register your snowmobile at all ND Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division offices.

For more information, please contact the North Dakota Parks and Recreation's Motorized Recreation Director Erik Dietrich at 701-328-5366.