

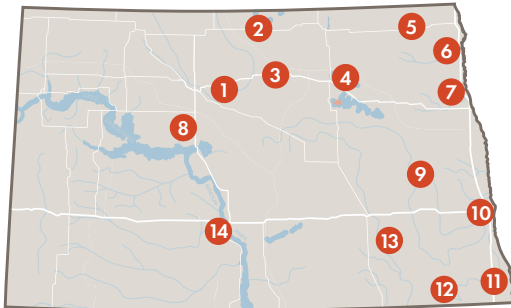
# WHERE TO RIDE

North Dakota offers 2,800 miles of riding trails on 14 different trail networks across the state. For maps and up-to-date trail conditions and openings, please visit:

**North Dakota Parks and Recreation**  
[parkrec.nd.gov](http://parkrec.nd.gov)

**Snowmobile North Dakota**  
[snowmobilend.org](http://snowmobilend.org)

For interactive trail conditions, click on the interactive trail map button.



TRAIL NAME	LOCATION	MILES
1 Sno-Trails	Minot	375
2 Peace Garden Trails	Bottineau	177
3 North Central Trail	Rugby	214
4 Lake Region Trail	Devils Lake	228
5 Northeast Trail	Walhalla	423
6 Red River North Trail	Grafton	144
7 Red River South Trail	Fordville	195
8 Sakakawea Fence Stretcher Trail	Garrison	147
9 Cattail Trail	Hope	104
10 East Central Valley Trail	Casselton	196
11 Southern Valley Trail	Wahpeton	136
12 Sargent County Trail	Milnor	88
13 Sheyenne Valley Trail	Jamestown	286
14 Missouri Valley Trail	Linton	135

# YOUTH


- Youth under the age of 10 may not operate snowmobiles on public land.
- Youth ages 10-11 may operate snowmobiles on public land if they are in possession of a ND snowmobile safety course certificate and in direct presence of a parent or guardian.
- Youth 12 years of age and over may operate snowmobiles on public land if they possess a valid drivers license or are in possession of a ND snowmobile safety course certificate.
- ND honors other state issued snowmobile safety course certificates.




# SAFETY COURSES

- North Dakota Parks and Recreation hosts seasonal snowmobile safety courses across the entire state.
- For the latest information and registration opportunities, please visit [parkrec.nd.gov](http://parkrec.nd.gov) or call 701-328-5357.

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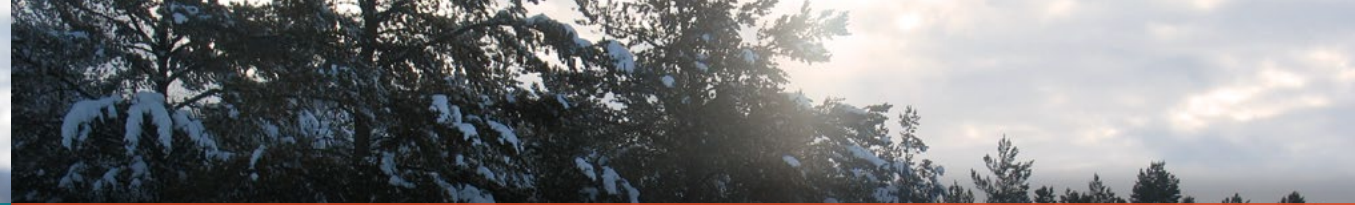


# SNOWMOBILE RIDING IN NORTH DAKOTA

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## REGISTRATION

### NORTH DAKOTA RESIDENTS

Registration is required to operate any resident snowmobile on public lands.

- The registration fee for ND resident snowmobiles operating on public lands and trails is \$50 and is available through North Dakota Department of Transportation.
- The registration period is for two years beginning October 1 of each odd-numbered year.
- The registration number must be securely affixed on each side of the snowmobile in a position as to provide clear legibility for identification.

### NON-RESIDENTS

Non-resident riders are required to purchase a non-resident public trails and lands access permit.

- The permit fee for a non-resident is \$25 per year and is valid from December 1-April 1 of the season purchased.
- Permits can be purchased at any ND state park, by phone at 701-328-5357, or online at [travel.parkrecnd.com](http://travel.parkrecnd.com) by clicking Permits.

Some snowmobiles are exempt from registration. Please visit N.D.C.C. §39-24-04 for description of exceptions.

For more information on registration regulations contact the North Dakota Department of Transportation.

## GENERAL OPERATIONS

### REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

An individual can operate a snowmobile only if it is equipped with the following, all of which must be in working order:

- One head lamp
- One tail lamp
- Brakes
- A manufacturer-installed or equivalent muffler that is connected to the snowmobile's exhaust system

### CROSSING PUBLIC ROADS

A snowmobile may make a direct crossing of a non-interstate street or highway if:

- The crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing.
- The snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or main traveled way of the highway.
- The operator yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard.
- If crossing a divided highway, the crossing is made only at an intersection of a highway with another public street or highway.

## LAWS & REGULATIONS

**“Snowmobile”** means a self-propelled vehicle intended for off-road travel primarily on snow, having a curb weight of not more than 1,200 pounds, driven by track or tracks in contact with the snow, steered by a ski or skis in contact with the snow, and which is not wider than 48 inches. The terms do not include an off-highway vehicle as defined in chapter 39-29 converted to operate on tracks.

### WHERE YOU MAY RIDE

- Private lands with the landowner's permission.
- Lands designated as official North Dakota snowmobile trails or riding areas.
- In the highway right-of-way, bottom of the ditch or along the out-slope. It is illegal to operate on the shoulder, inside slope and roadway.
- In times that require the use of lights, you must travel in the same direction as other motor vehicles on the same side of the right-of-way, unless riding on an official North Dakota snowmobile trail.

*Before riding on county and township roads, please check with local law enforcement as local ordinances may be more restrictive than state law.*

### INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

Upon request by a law enforcement officer, a person operating a snowmobile on property maintained, leased or owned by the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department shall provide proof of current liability insurance. Refer to N.D.C.C. §39-24-09.11 for more details.

It is unlawful for any person to drive or operate any snowmobile in the following ways which are declared to be unsafe and a public nuisance:

- The speed limit in the right-of-way is the same as the posted speed limit on the adjacent road.
- The speed limit on trails or other areas is at a reasonable rate of speed in relation to surrounding circumstances.
- Along, on or crossing any interstate highway.
- In a careless, reckless, or negligent manner that endangers the rider or property of another or causes injury or damage to other persons or their property.
- While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or controlled substance is prohibited. An snowmobile operator who does so is deemed to have given consent for chemical testing. Refer to N.D.C.C. § 39-24.1-01 for more details.
- Operator and passengers under the age of 18 are required to wear a helmet during operation.
- It is unlawful to operate a snowmobile within the right of way of any highway while towing a sled, skid or other vehicle unless by a hinged swivel and hitch.
- It is unlawful to operate a snowmobile within a highway right of way from April 1-November 1.