



Klondike Snowmobile Association

November 2024 News

Welcome to the Klondike Snowmobile Association's November 2024 news update! For all the latest Yukon snowmobiling news, events, trail conditions, safety tips, and more, please check out our website at <http://ksa.yk.ca>, like us on [Facebook](#), and follow us on [X](#).

K.S.A. Update

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 04 November 2024 and was well attended.

We reviewed another successful year in which our lead groomer was inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame, several trails and signs were upgraded, a long term strategic plan was developed, we continued to upgrade our fleet, and all was accomplished in addition to our usual volunteer efforts.

Our financials and membership numbers remained healthy and stable, which sets us up nicely for another successful season. Our 2024/2025 Board of Directors was elected and has already gotten started on making the upcoming year even better.

We have some exciting ideas for the upcoming season, so be sure to follow us on social media and check our website often for updates!



Current Trail Conditions

Another winter season is upon us, and that means it's time to dust off our Current Trail Conditions web page...

Want to know where groomers have been recently? Wondering if anyone has broken trail on a wilderness route this year? Looking for ideas on where to go for a ride? Find your answers on our Trail Conditions page at <https://ksa.yk.ca/trails/trail-conditions/>!

Please use this free resource often when planning your snowmobile rides, and please help us keep it up to date by sending in a report after each ride, which can be done quickly and easily using the online form at the bottom of the page.



Grooming Has Commenced!

Grooming season has begun and our volunteers are out on the trails grooming for you, so now it's your turn to get out and enjoy our groomed trails.

Helping and supporting our groomer volunteers is easy...

- Please give right of way to trail groomers, they are volunteer operated and may be out at any hour.
- Please do not create ruts, holes or mounds on the trails, they are dangerous to other trail users and difficult to groom out.
- Please support our volunteers by continuing to purchase your annual K.S.A. membership and encourage your friends to do the same.
- Please report trail conditions after each ride, it's fast and easy using the form at the bottom of our trail conditions page at <https://ksa.yk.ca/trails/trail-conditions>.
- If you are interested in volunteering with us check out our volunteer page at <https://ksa.yk.ca/membership/volunteer/>.



McIntyre Creek Park Survey

Survey time! Several groups are working together to protect McIntyre Creek and the surrounding area by creating a new park. They are now seeking public's input on a variety of things related to the formation of this park.

As the proposed boundary of the park includes sections of the Copper Haul Trail, Mt. McIntyre Trail, and some other trails frequently used by snowmobilers we thought we should share the survey link with our membership.

For more information and to take the survey head over to:

<https://surveys.yukon.ca/S2/1/ChasanChua/>



Wheeled Vehicles On Trails

It is unlawful to operate wheel vehicles on the Yukon's multi-use trails from 01 November through 31 March each year.

We love sharing the trails with as many folks as possible, however ruts in the snow are hazardous to other trail users and one wheeled vehicle passing through is often enough to destroy several hours worth of volunteer grooming efforts.

A recent development on the trails has been aftermarket tracks for side by sides. These generally work well and we use one for grooming. One down side however is that these still have potential to leave ruts on the trail if not driven carefully. If you operate a side by side on tracks this winter please be extra careful not to tear up the snow base and ruin it for other users.

Please respect our volunteers and other trail users by not creating ruts, holes or mounds on multi-use trails this winter, and please encourage your friends to also refrain from doing so. Thank you!



New Membership Benefit

The Klondike Snowmobile Association is pleased to announce another benefit for our members: 10% off regular price hotel room bookings at the Sternwheeler Hotel & Conference Centre!

The Sternwheeler Hotel & Conference Centre is a full service hotel located in the heart of downtown Whitehorse. To learn more and to book head over to their website at <https://www.sternwheelerhotel.ca/>. To receive discount please show a current K.S.A. membership card at the front desk.

Thank you Sternwheeler for supporting snowmobiling in the Yukon!



Thin Ice

Snowmobiling season is getting started in the Yukon. Please be extra careful when travelling early in the season, as there is still limited snow base on most trails which means impacting rocks and stumps is likely, and the ice on many lakes and rivers is still too thin to support snowmobiles.

For snowmobile safety tips, ice thickness charts, safety course information, useful links, and much more, visit our free Snowmobile Safety page any time at <https://ksa.yk.ca/safety/>.



Snowmobiling by the Numbers

The Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations (C.C.S.O.) has recently published some updated numbers about the snowmobile industry.

Did you know there are 730 volunteer snowmobile clubs and associations in Canada, which maintain over 130,000 kilometers of multi-use trails? Or that the snowmobile industry contributes over \$7 billion to the Canadian GDP, and volunteer snowmobilers raise over \$3 million for charity each year?

Learn more on our News page at <https://ksa.yk.ca/news/>!



A volunteer led, not-for-profit national organization which, through strong leadership, provides support to our members and provides the unified voice of organized snowmobiling at the national and international levels.

SNOWMOBILING BY THE NUMBERS

TRAILS = TOURISM

131,070	Total kilometers of organized snowmobile trails in Canada. The longest trail in the world!
3.6 Billion	Dollars collected in taxes by all levels of government each year
65,960+	Jobs from snowmobiling (times 3 for in-season)
1.5 Million	Number of family members snowmobiling in Canada
7 Billion	The total contribution to Canada's GDP
20.6+ Billion	The Canadian economic engine of snowmobiling that occurs mostly in rural Canada
100+ Million	Individual user pay fees paid by snowmobilers for the rights to membership and organized trail access in Canada
50+	Years the CCSO has been providing leadership & support to organized snowmobiling in Canada
730	Snowmobile clubs in Canada managed by volunteers providing winter tourism to rural Canada
12	Provincial or territorial snowmobile organizations in Canada
54	Average age of a snowmobiler
70%/30%	Percentage of men and women actively participating in the recreation of snowmobiling
3+ Million	Dollars raised annually and donated to charities by snowmobilers in Canada

Snowmobile trail infrastructure, like a bridge, is used by all other trail groups for hiking, biking and bike watching. The best investment in trails is through a snowmobile club.

Snowmobiling is great exercise that brings people outdoors to interact with nature and each other. It is an invigorating sport that is great for stress release and good mental health.

Snowmobiling is a great family lifestyle. It is an activity that keeps parents and kids together.

Historically, individuals who snowmobile at a young age continue to snowmobile with their parents throughout their lives, sharing great experiences as a family. In many winter regions, snowmobiling is the main form of winter outdoor recreation. In some cases, it is the main method of transportation.



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