



Klondike Snowmobile Association

January 2026 News

Welcome to the Klondike Snowmobile Association's January 2026 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](#).

International Snowmobile Safety Week

January 10th through 18th 2026 is International Snowmobile Safety Week!

Join us as we share snowmobile safety tips, spread the word about safe snowmobiling, and celebrate the thousands of volunteers working year-round to develop and promote snowmobile safety programs.

Follow us on social media for daily snowmobile safety tips during International Snowmobile Safety Week.

There's also plenty more snowmobile safety tips, statistics, links, course information, and more, available any time for free on our website at <https://ksa.yk.ca/safety>.



A Message From Parks Canada

Welcome to the Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site for the 2025–2026 winter season!

We're excited to share this snowy season with you and appreciate our strong relationship with the Klondike Snowmobile Association. Your commitment to safe and respectful trips helps ensure a great experience for all visitors and protects this unique landscape.

Here's some essential information to help you prepare for your visit:

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Safety and Emergencies: Be prepared to be self-sufficient in an emergency. Help may take days to reach you. There is no cell service anywhere in Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site, so bring a satellite communication device like an InReach or

Zoleo. Winter brings unique hazards like hypothermia, frostbite, thin ice, overflow, and avalanches. Have the skills to mitigate or avoid these hazards. Less experienced winter visitors should go with more experienced winter visitors.

Emergency contact info:

- Via satellite phone or telephone: 1-780-852-3100
- Via satellite messaging device: Use the SOS function in the event of an emergency, and your service provider will connect Parks Canada Emergency Dispatch to you.
- RCMP Carcross: 1-867-821-5555

Winter Camping Rules (Nov 1 – Apr 14): You can camp without a permit anywhere in the Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site, including the Log Cabin Parking Lot, except in Bennett City and Lindeman City. In those areas, camping is only allowed right next to the Day Use Cabins. Lindeman cabins are open but not maintained in winter and have wood stoves for warming, though firewood may not be stocked; Bennett cabin is closed.

o Pro tip: bring your own toilet paper and hand sanitizer since the Log Cabin outhouses are serviced infrequently, and non of the backcountry outhouses are serviced in winter.

Restricted Areas: Random camping and motorized use (like snowmobiles) are prohibited in Lindeman City and Bennett City to protect cultural resources. You can still walk or ski through these areas, and snowmobile access to cabins is only via the lakes (i.e. not on the trail between these sites).

Winter Fire Rules: Open fires are allowed in the Log Cabin Parking Lot, but only in a proper fire pan or drum. Fires anywhere else in the National Historic Site are not allowed, nor is cutting or gathering firewood, so bring your own.

Non-Motorized Weekends: To balance the needs of all winter visitors, snowmobile use is prohibited every third weekend, including loading and unloading snowmobiles in the Log Cabin parking lot. Please check the schedule on our website before your trip. A copy of the schedule is also posted on the Klondike Snowmobile Association's website on the Events page. Thank you for choosing other destinations on these weekends! We appreciate you!

More Information:

o Website: Parks.canada.ca/Chilkoot o Email: chilkootinfo@gc.pc.ca

o Phone: 867-667-3910

Happy Trails!



How's Your Etiquette?

A little bit of trail etiquette goes a long way towards making everyone's winter experience safer and more enjoyable. Please help us make snowmobiling a safe and

enjoyable experience for everyone by practicing a few basic habits...

- Travel at speeds reasonable for the place, time, conditions and your skills. Slow down when meeting others on the trail.
- Keep right. Most multi-use trails are wide enough for two snowmobiles to pass, please use the full width of the trail so the snow packs down evenly making it safer for others to use and easier for our volunteers to groom.
- Maintain your snowmobile, always travel with appropriate equipment, and stop to offer assistance to others when they look like they might need it.
- Avoid creating ruts, holes, mounds, etc. on trails. They're difficult to groom out and dangerous for other riders. Don't operate wheeled vehicles on the trails during snow season.
- Stay on designated trails when available and avoid riding in environmentally sensitive areas, near traplines, on private property, etc.
- Be respectful of the land, wildlife and other trail users.
- At the staging area always make sure your parking job isn't blocking access to any trails, roads or driveways.
- Ride safe, ride sober.
- Report trail conditions after each ride, the information is super helpful to your local snowmobile club and to other trail users.

Learn more on our website any time at [https://ksa.yk.ca/trails/trail-etiquette/!](https://ksa.yk.ca/trails/trail-etiquette/)



Group Ride Update

Hello fellow snowmobilers! We were planning a group snowmobile ride in the Whitehorse area in December however we had to postpone it due to abnormally cold temperatures.

We are still planning a few fun and exiting rides for January and February, and you are invited!

Check out our events page at <https://ksa.yk.ca/coming-events> for dates and details.

Also, if you have an idea for a group ride, please let us know! We're always looking for suggestions on when and where our members would like to ride.



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