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Klondike Snowmobile Association November 2026 News

Welcome to the Klondike Snowmobile Association's November 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.

Snowmobiler Social Night and AGM

You're invited, and so are your friends, to our Snowmobiler Social Night on Monday 16 November 2026! Admission is free and all are welcome.

Stop by and buy a drink to support the museum, have a slice of pizza free on us, see what's new with your local snowmobile club and meet some snowmobiling friends...

Details are also posted on our Events page at https://ksa.yk.ca/coming-events.



Ice Safety

As the Yukon freezes up for another winter season we'd like to remind all snowmobilers of a few ice safety tips...

- Snowmobiling requires a minimum of 12 cm (5 inches) ice thickness.
- Ice strength varies widely depending on many factors, so waiting until the ice is 25 cm (10 inches) thick or more is highly recommended.
- If you're not sure about the ice, don't go on the ice.
- Wear ice escape picks and consider a floating snowmobile suit.
- Keep extra distance between snowmobiles when travelling over ice.
- Always travel with rope, shovel, fire starting kit and some extra clothing.
- Avoid overflow whenever possible.
- Avoid areas where creeks and rivers enter and exit lakes, and other areas known to have a strong current.
- Slow down and be vigilant for hard to see hazards such as ice ridges, snow drifts, ice fishing holes, ice road windrows, etc.

- Snowmobiles have limited traction on ice resulting in much wider turns and much longer stopping distances.
- If you find yourself on thin ice, open water, or overflow, don't stop. Keep up your momentum and gently steer towards dry land or better ice.
- During a Yukon winter it only takes a few minutes for severe hypothermia begin. If someone ends up in the water it is critical to get them out, get them warm and get them dry fast.
- If you end up in the water stay calm, keep your clothing on, swim to the edge, get out, keep your weight spread out by crawling or sliding on your stomach until well away from the thin ice, then immediately light a fire or go to a nearby shelter to begin warming up. Don't hesitate to call for help.
- If someone else ends up in the water always help from a safe distance using ropes and flotation devices so you don't fall in too.
- Visit our Ice Safety Page any time at https://ksa.yk.ca/safety/ice-safety/



Hamilton Blvd Multi-Use Trail Update

Do you snowmobile on the Hamilton Boulevard Motorized Multi-Use Trail? If so, the Klondike Snowmobile Association and the City of Whitehorse want to hear from you!

During the 2025/2026 season the Klondike Snowmobile Association and the City of Whitehorse worked together on a new two-year pilot program to maintain this trail in a way that would work for the maximum number of users.

We are now entering the second season of the pilot project, and the City of Whitehorse is collecting feedback and wants to know what you think about it at https://www.whitehorse.ca/hamilton-boulevard-paved-trail-pilot/.

The Klondike Snowmobile Association encourages all snowmobilers who use this trail to please let them know about your thoughts and experiences with this pilot project.



Trek Over The Top

We've had several members inquire about the return of Trek Over The Top, a previously-annual snowmobile adventure between Tok, Alaska, and Dawson City,

Yukon.

This event stopped happening during the COVID pandemic in 2020 and has not run since. Seeing the renewed interest in this event the Klondike Snowmobile Association has reached out to the Klondike Visitors Association up in Dawson City to see if we could assist in getting this event happening again.

Our contacts up in Dawson City we're all for it, however being an international snowmobile ride customs arrangements quickly became a challenge. Canada Border Services Agency seemed willing, unfortunately U.S. Customs and Border Protection was not.

Because of this Trek Over The Top will not run this year. We will continue to keep discussions open, so if the border situation softens and there is potential for it to return we'll be sure to post the details here in our newsletter and on our Events page at https://ksa.yk.ca/coming-events.



Wheels On Trails

Please do not operate any wheeled vehicles on multi-use trails between November 1st and March 31st.

We love sharing the trails with as many folks as possible, however wheeled vehicles often leave ruts in the snow which are dangerous to other trail users and difficult for our volunteers to groom out.

Trails are maintained and groomed by volunteers and all it takes is one car, truck or side by side rolling through to ruin hours worth of work. Please refrain from operating wheeled vehicles on multi-use trails during the snow season and encourage your friends to refrain as well.

If you notice wheel ruts on trails please report it to the Klondike Snowmobile Association using our Trail Conditions reporting form at https://ksa.yk.ca/trails/trail-conditions/, and if you see anyone driving a wheeled vehicle on the trails within Whitehorse you can also report it to their 24/7 trouble line at 867 667 2111.

Several multi-use trails around Whitehorse are gated and these gates will be closed and locked by the City of Whitehorse during the first few weeks of November. If you require access through any of the gates keys are available through the City of Whitehorse and through the Klondike Snowmobile Association, give either one a call any time for gate access.

Thank you for understanding!



Current Trail Conditions

The Klondike Snowmobile Association’s Current Trail Conditions page is up and running for another season! Check it out any time at https://ksa.yk.ca/trails/trail-conditions/.

Please use this free resource often when planning your snowmobile rides. You can see what other riders are reporting, see where our groomers have been, learn about potential hazards or re-routes, and get inspiration for your next ride.

Also, please report the conditions you encounter after each ride. Our Trail Conditions page is only as good as riders like you make it. Reporting is fast, easy, free and anonymous using the online form at the bottom of our Trail Conditions list.

Condition reports really do help other riders, and it also helps us determine where our volunteer efforts are needed most. Even if the trail is fine, average and in the same condition as previous reports, updates are still greatly appreciated.

Don't see the trail you want? Please let us know and we can add it to the list any time.

Thank you for your reports and we look forward to seeing you on the trails soon!



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