

Community Matters:



Riders enjoy an afternoon on C4A crossing Gayle Corscaddens meadow.

"Everything I want is on the trail. Views of the Battenkill and trip to Willard Mountain, Gassing up at Mobil a Hot Chocolate at Dunkin Donuts with Lunch at Green Acres and parts and service at Country Power Products and ParkerMX What a beautiful place to ride and friendly people/faces everywhere, I love Washington County, Thank You Landowners!"



The SnoBlazers perform a mock snowmobile accident rescue drill with help from the Greenwich, Middle Falls and Easton Fire Departments.



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**Club Meetings, 7:00PM the 4th Wednesday of
each Month at the MFFD.**



LANDOWNER INFORMATION



Rich Badgley's Farm on C4A crossing Cottrell Road

We promote safe, courteous and lawful use of snowmobiles for individual and family recreation while protecting our landowners, improving trails and supporting our community.



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"SNOBLAZERS HAVE 172 PRIVATE LANDOWNERS WHO ARE THE FOUNDATION OF THE SNOWMOBILE TRAIL SYSTEM"

INFORMATION FOR LANDOWNERS

Nearly 80% of all snowmobile trails in New York State and 95% of the trails in Washington County are located on private lands. Without the generous support of thousands of private landowners across the state and hundreds across the county, there would be no snowmobile trail system for wintertime enjoyment.

Snowmobiling is a long time family activity which provides over \$800 million dollars annually to the state and local economy during the winter months.

The landowner, when giving permission to a snowmobile club, continues all rights of ownership of the land the trail is on. The landowner is simply allowing the local club seasonal use of a specific portion of the landowner's property for a snowmobile trail. Clubs seeking landowner permission for a trail are requesting permission for seasonal snowmobile use, NOT for other trail uses.

By giving permission for seasonal access to the club, the landowner does not incur additional liability under protections of the General Obligations law. The incorporated snowmobile club assumes the responsibility for the condition of the snowmobile trail. Its liability insurance policy as part of the New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA) protects the club for its trail maintenance actions and protects the landowner that gives permission for the trail.

The landowner may have the club install bridges and culverts, install signs and groom the trail according to his or her wishes. The club is a willing partner with the landowner to provide the safest trail possible for use on the landowner's property.



The Sloan Family enjoys an afternoon snowmobiling to a hot dog roast at Lee Porter's

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW OF NYS

9-103. No duty to keep premises safe for certain uses, responsibility for acts of such users.

A. an owner, lessee or occupant of premises whether or not posted as provided in section 11-1211 of the environmental conservation law, owes no duty to keep the premises safe for entry or to give warning of any hazardous condition or use of or structure or activity on such premises to person enter for such purposes:

B. an owner, lessee or occupant of premises who gives permission to another to pursue any such activities upon such premises does not thereby

- (1) Extend any assurance that the premises are safe for such purpose, or
- (2) Constitute the person to whom permission is granted an invitee to whom a duty of care is owed or
- (3) Assume responsibility for a incur liability for any injury to person or property caused by any act of persons to whom the permission is granted.

2. This section does not limit the liability which would otherwise exist

A. for willful or malicious failure to guard, or to warn against, a dangerous condition, use, structure or activity, or

B. for injury suffered in any case where permission to pursue any of the activities was granted for consideration....

As included in this brochure the club should provide each landowner with the name of the club, a contact person, and that person's telephone number so that the landowner can get immediate response if a problem arises with the snowmobile trail. The club can also provide contact information and an e-mail address for NYSSA, if the landowner wishes that information.

Landowner's giving permission for a snowmobile trail do not jeopardize their right of continued ownership of the property. All the landowner is doing is allowing the local club seasonal use of a specific portion for snowmobile trail.



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NYS Statute for Negligence

S 25.23 Liability for negligence.

Negligence in the use or operation of a snowmobile shall be attributable to the owner. Every owner of a snowmobile used or operated in this state shall be liable and responsible for death or injury to person or damage to property resulting from negligence in the use or operation of such snowmobile by any person using or operating the same with permission, express or implied, of such owner, provided, however, that such operator's negligence shall not be attributed to the owner as to any claim or cause of action accruing to the operator or his legal representative for such injuries or death.