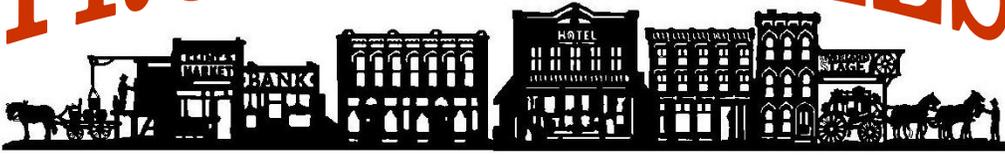


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Trail Conditions

Before hitting the trail this season be sure you know the trail conditions. Your ride and your future riding will depend on it.

The Frontier trails will officially be ready to open, but not necessarily "open" on December 21, Wednesday. This means don't go and ride without first checking the club website to see what is open and what is not.

Trail bosses make the decision as to whether the trails in their area are ready to have snowmobiles on them. Just because 2 feet of snow has fallen does not mean go riding. There may be hazards on the trail you are not aware of and that is why the trail has not opened yet.

If there is no report on the website for the trail you wish to ride, you can contact the trail boss directly, phone numbers are listed here and on the website.

Returning this season is a revised trail conditions trail map which can be found on the Trail Conditions page of the Frontier website.



An example of the Trail Conditions map that will be used on the Frontier website. This image shows the trails around Richfield Springs.

Trails in green are open and ready to ride. Trails in red are closed, do not ride on them. Trails shown in yellow are open with caution as conditions may not be for all riders.

Reports will be received from the trail bosses and updated on the website as soon as possible. This way riders will have the most up to date conditions before heading out on trail.

Riders are encouraged to leave reports on the club Face Book page as well. Constructive feedback is welcome.

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**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!!**



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Gerry Lenseth reports he and Brian Buchardt removed bad idler wheels from the Bombi and shipped them out to be reconditioned.



The retrofit work on the idler wheels for the Bombi and the drive sprocket for the PB 070 have been completed by Fall Line and the pallet is enroute back to Albany. I will pick it up early next week when it arrives and deliver to Karls (saving additional freight charges).

(At left; Bombi with idler wheels removed in Karl's garage.)



Pat Stempel brush hogging trail S-72 near Joslin School Rd.
(photo by Brian Buchardt)

Trail Log



East Berne - Brian Buchardt - Trail closure between Simons Rd and Turner Rd. C7B. Working on reroute. Need help.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - Need Trail Bosses to provide need for street/road crossings names and destination distances signs.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - Scott King and I installed all stop and stop ahead signs at road crossings. One field left to sign.

Burtonsville - Jeremy Stoliker - Looking for a possible reroute of C7E near the Schoharie Creek, as it is a steep section with stream at bottom.

Knox/Wright - Ron Shultes - Trails are looking good. One bridge will need a new deck.

Township - Skip Murrell - Township trail is all set. Both gates are still closed till the end of next week. I will open the gates next Sunday to make it easier when we do get snow.

Esperance/Delanson - Tom Rulison - Trying to find a new route up the hill out of Esperance as there is a lot of street/road edge riding currently.

Duanesburg - Aaron Nickloy - The new septic system at the airport has prompted a reroute that will run behind the firehouse and will end at an acceptable parking area next to Jonathon's. This will work well, but everyone must stay on the trail or we will lose it.

Groomer Stations:

Skandics: 2-02',s to Jeremy, the 03' to Jerry S., the 06' to Rich Valetta's, 07' to Bob Frost and the 13' to Casey. The PB100 and Bombi to Karl's for Knox/Berne and the PB70 to Tom's for Esperance/Duanesburg. Turn around areas and trail boss limits will be worked out when we get snow.



Open Trail?

The time is near when we launch our snowmobiles and go to the trails.

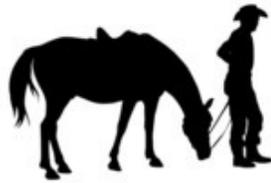
Let's be sure the trail is open before making tracks. If even one track is made, it can cause that trail to be closed to all snowmobiles.

It is very easy for other snowmobilers to become confused when they see tracks on a trail they thought was closed, is it now open?

Know before you go, check the club website for the latest news on trail status.

Some snowmobilers think that just because hunting has ended, that the trails are now open for riding. There are a number of reasons the trail may be closed, the number one reason is lack of proper snow cover. The general rule is a layer of 6 inches. This is only a reference as snow can be light and fluffy to hard and icy. The more dense the snow the less thickness required to protect the ground underneath.

The bottom line is you are responsible to know whether the trail is open or not.



New Kiosks

Frontier Sno Riders would like to thank Questar III in Hudson, NY for donating time to build 3 new trail



This new kiosk has been delivered to the Mariaville area, junction of C7B and the local trail into Mariaville.

kiosks with materials provided by the club and club members. These will house our trail maps at various points on the trail system. Thanks also goes to Travis Costello for organizing the builds.



Boreas Ponds Last Chance

Local media outlets support restricted access and push to keep entire area as Wilderness, which means no snowmobiles will ever be allowed in. With all the public hearings now complete, only letters can help save access for snowmobiles to this "area which offers spectacular views of the Adirondack High Peaks." (a quote from the Editorial page of the Schenectady Gazette)

In an effort to appease snowmobilers, offers are being made to create a brand new trail which would run alongside of the Blue Ridge Road. This really only serves to keep snowmobiles from the Boreas Ponds forest and would offer the same view as you would get from an automobile traveling the roadway. Which is if you have ever travelled that road, very limited viewing of the High Peaks.

The anti-access movement has fought for years to keep snowmobiles from within the deep forest, continually pushing for trails to be located alongside highways. The movement fails to realize that snowmobilers enjoy the solitude found at the end of a dead end trail miles from any highway.

Please take a moment and write a letter supporting the Wild Forest designation for the Boreas Ponds tract. We may never have the chance to get this close to the High Peaks again.

Please visit this site and fill out the form, it will take you all of 3 minutes to have your voice heard!

<http://www.accessadk.com/contact.html>



*Imagine if you could see the High Peaks this close on a snowmobile!
(courtesy <http://www.cnyhiking.com/BoreasPonds.htm>)*





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(continued from page 1 - Trail Conditions)

Another graphic will be found on the Trail Condition page, this will list the trails in a chart format and include a date when last updated. Comments may be provided about a trail here.

Open
 Caution
 Closed

Trail	Status	Comment	Last Updated
C7B			4/1/16
C7C			4/1/16
S70			4/1/16
S70A			4/1/16

Trail Closed



Due to landowner concerns, a section of C7B just north of East Berne has been closed. A reroute is being worked on, but not secured yet. Help may be needed, stay tuned!



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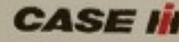
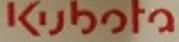
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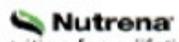
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