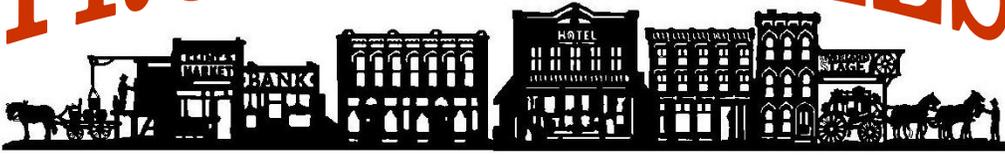


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Head to the High Country



Courtesy nysnowmobilewebmap



Valentine's Day is almost here! Be sure to take your Valentine for a snowmobile ride!

Perhaps this is not how we want our snowmobile season to turn out, but Mother Nature has not been kind to our trails. In seasons like this, if one wants to ride, one will have to travel to the snow.

Luckily for us, the Capital Region is not too far from good to excellent riding areas. Traveling about 2 hours can land you in Tug Hill, Old Forge, or Speculator.

Each offers plenty of trails to explore. Tug Hill on average receives the most snowfall, a large amount of lake effect. Old Forge requires a permit, which can be expensive, but they groom a lot and it shows. Speculator is the closest but can also be the least snowiest.

Before setting out, be sure to check trail conditions, your trailer, truck, and gear to be sure all are ready for you. Know your route, where to park and unload, have an idea of where you are going to ride, and be sure to let someone know where you are planning on riding.

Tips for the Road:

1. Try to leave home early in the morning. Arriving early allows for better parking choices and hitting the smooth trails first.
2. Midweek riding means fewer riders on the trail. Wednesday and Thursday most clubs have had a chance to groom their trails back into shape after the heavy weekend traffic.
3. Do not ride alone. Either take along a buddy or plan to meet someone at the trailhead.
4. Planning ahead always pays off.



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The snowfall we have had, has been so slight, the trails have not been able to open, except for Mariaville, and they had low snow conditions.

Take A Friend Snowmobiling - Due to a lack of snowfall and cold temps, the Lawson Lake event has been delayed until further notice.

The Club Ride as well, is on hold until the snow comes.

A large amount of snowmobilers turned out for the NYS free weekend of snowmobiling. Popular areas like Tug Hill, Old Forge, and Speculator saw very crowded trails.

Lake effect snowfall has kept Tug Hill and Old Forge well covered. From Redfield to Worth, 4+ feet of snow is on the ground at this writing.

The Club will host a pizza party for the students of Qwest Star for their work on the kiosks.

Groomer School

On Saturday January 14 a group of 8 Frontier Sno Rider's members attended the Groomer Safety Course and Groomer Show at the Salisbury Ridge Runners Clubhouse in Dolgeville, NY. The course provided some helpful tips and information to help the groomers be safer out on the trails and lay down a nice trail. Then the members were able to check out and demo some of the new equipment brought in by regional dealers.

Notable items:

Keep a log of when and where grooming was done - essential for insurance claims.

Log maintenance needed and done.

Don't dump snow on roads or driveways. or tracks
Do not groom when temperatures are above 40 degrees.

Have proper lights on for night and day grooming.

Many items to carry - flash light, chains-straps, first aid kit, cones, pry bar etc. most important a cell phone.

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Trail Log



East Berne - Brian Buchardt - Trails awaiting snow.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - Trails awaiting snow.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - Seeking landowner permission to get trail to Mariaville store off the lake so it can be funded.

Burtonsville - Jeremy Stoliker - Put up extra ribbon to help out landowner. Look for trail reroute signs.

Knox/Wright - Ron Shultes - Trails awaiting snow, gates not open yet.

Township - Skip Murrell - Trails awaiting snow.

Esperance/Delanson - Tom Rulison - The Hillview owner, Stu, passed away, business is closed.

Duanesburg- Aaron Nickloy - Stay between stakes at Duanesburg Airport, look for parking corral near Jonathan's, path thru to Stewarts.

Equipment Notes

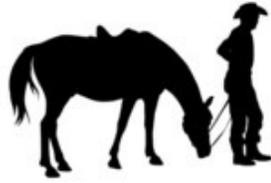
Kiosk near Duanesburg Airport needs a map and info. New kiosk in place above Sloansville/Esperance at junction of C7E and C7F and another in Mariaville on C7B. Winches put on PB70 and Bombi. New batteries installed in the PB100 and 07' Skandic. Casey has numerous size culvert pipe available to the club.



Ron Shultes tries out a Snow Rabbit groomer at Salisbury Ridge Runners in Dolgeville..

Trail Marshal says...

The Town of Knox has asked that snowmobile trucks and trailers park on the plowed lot off of Street Road in the town of Knox.



No parking in the Town Park upper lot or in the Town of Knox fire house lot.



See map below.

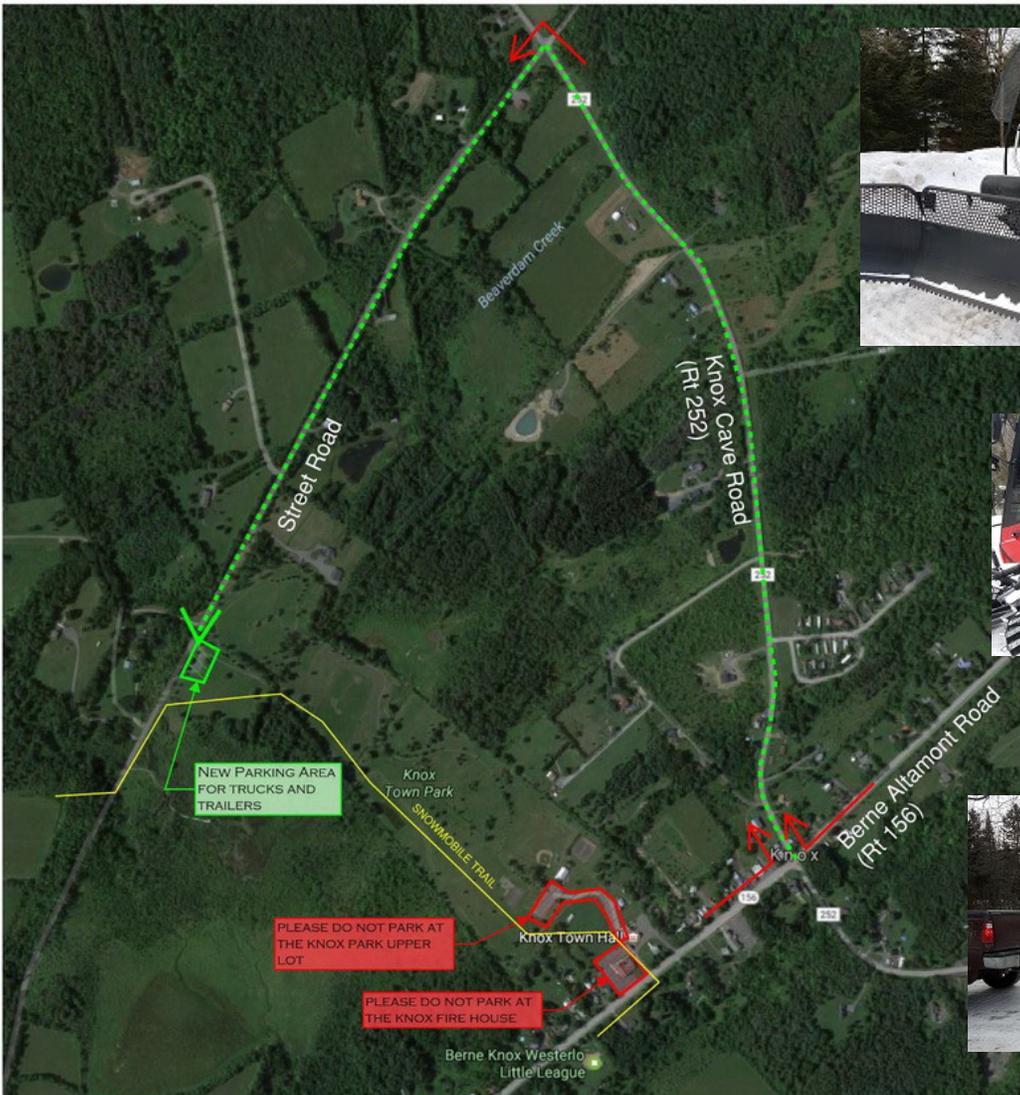
Please share to get the word out!

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If starting to get stuck unhook drag sooner than later. Make sure somebody knows your out grooming and where - also take another along with you if possible. Thanks to Laudy Hoyenga for supplying the notes.



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Ugly Weather

In the images below you can see that winter has not been kind to our trail system. Both of these weather systems brought a combination of snow-sleet-ice-rain. It is thought by many that February will see a change to cold and snow, we shall see...



Courtesy Intellicast—January 23 2017



Courtesy Intellicast—January 17 2017

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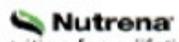
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