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A Message

To Winter

Multi-Use

Trail Users



The Meaning of a "Multi-Use" Trail...

Many of Vermont's winter trails are shared by user groups with different recreation styles. At any given time, snowmobilers, cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and dog mushers can all cross paths on the same trail. Listed below is etiquette that should be followed by each user group to maintain everyone's safety and enjoyment on the trail.



CONTROL YOUR SPEED

KEEP RIGHT

KNOW TRAILS AND CONDITIONS:

Recreate within your ability

PACK IT OUT:

Pack out everything you pack in, including trash!

KNOW WHO MAINTAINS TRAIL:

Many trails are maintained by volunteers; show thanks by pitching in on a trail work day

BE COURTEOUS so everyone has a safe, enjoyable experience

ADHERE TO RULES:

Follow all trail restrictions and closures



DECREASE SPEED when passing non-motorized traffic

YIELD/PULL OFF TO RIGHT for oncoming, non-motorized traffic

USE CAUTION when visibility is limited

PASS SAFELY and only when you have clear visibility

USE SNOWMOBILE HANDSIGNALS:

Learn signals to alert oncoming traffic to your presence



STAY ALERT: Listen and watch for snowmobiles and sled dogs

YIELD to faster traffic

ALLOW ROOM FOR PASSERBYS: Step off the trail for passing recreationists; keep skis/snowshoes and poles out of traffic lanes

STOP SAFELY: When resting, move off the trail where you are highly visible from all directions

DRESS VISIBLY: Wear reflective and/or bright clothing

AVOID DUSK as you are less visible



USE SNOWMOBILE HANDSIGNALS:

Learn signals to alert oncoming traffic to your presence

STOP SAFELY: When resting, move off the trail where you are visible from all directions

DOG IMMUNIZATIONS: Carry copies of all current rabies immunizations and dog licenses

CONTROL YOUR DOGS: Never take more dogs than you can control safely

DRESS VISIBLY: Wear reflective and/or bright clothing

LIGHT THE WAY: Utilize a headlamp and have reflective tape or lights on sled and dogs

REMOVE DOG WASTE: Pack out waste to maintain a clean trail

**Knowing and Doing Your Part Will
Help Keep Vermont's Winter
Trails Safe and Enjoyable...**



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