

Snowmobiling allowed in Ontario: OFSC



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The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs announced that snowmobiling will still be allowed under the current rules of the province-wide shut-down.

The OFSC cited a section of the Stay AT Home Order which states: "The following outdoor recreational amenities may open if they are in compliance with subsection (3) with the permitted uses listed in subsection 16 as "Snowmobile, cross country ski, dog sledding, ice skating and snow shoe trails."

OFSC trails will remain open as they are considered a "permitted recreational activity, allowable across the province, provided the participants comply with all other provincial and local public health unit directives."

Trail grooming operations are also allowed in the province.

While trails are open snowmobilers are limited as to which trails they can use.

Feeder trails between public health regions will be closed to avoid having sledders moving between regions.

In addition, you should only be riding with those in your household in groups of five or less and only ride trails if they are in a yellow or green availability.

The OFSC reminded riders that the information they provided refers only to riding the trails "not travelling with your trailer to get to the trails, so questions about getting to the trails and travel restrictions should be directed to local law enforcement agencies such

as municipalities and public health units across Ontario. Anyone found to be trailering a snowmobile to a starting point in another health district may find themselves subject to a fine.

The Orangeville Snowmobile Club has been operating local trails, however they are hoping for more snow as there isn't much of a base so far this year.