

TRAIL SIGNS FREQUENTLY OBSERVED ON SNOWMOBILE TRAILS



USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

White on Red. Sign advises the operator and passenger of the associated risks if they decide to take the trail ahead. Failure to comprehend and comply may result in personal injury or death.



MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT 50 km/h

Black on White. Sign advises operators of the Maximum legislated speed in Ontario. The maximum speed limit is not a recommended speed, snowmobiler operators must adjust their speed taking into consideration several factors including: terrain, trail conditions, weather, visibility, physical ability, cognitive skills, equipment and experience. Failure to adjust speed and exercise due care and control may result in personal injury or death.



STOP

White on Red. Sign is used where a trail crosses a road, driveway or another trail where there is a requirement to come to a complete stop. Snowmobiler operators are required by law to stop at all road crossings and failure to comply may result in injury or death.



STOP AHEAD

Red on Yellow, with Black Arrow and Black Border. A cautionary sign indicating a stop ahead. The sign advises snowmobile operators to reduce their speed in preparation for a complete stop.



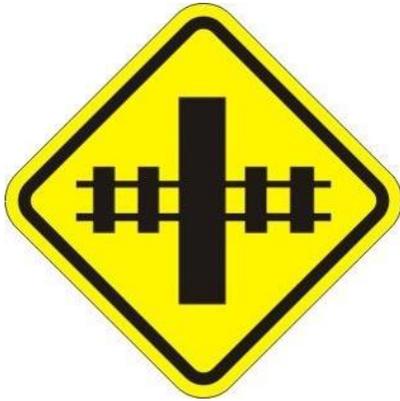
SLOW

Black on Yellow. A cautionary sign indicating to safe, prudent and legal operators a known potential hazard ahead i.e. sharp corner, steep hill, bridge crossing etc. The sign advises snowmobile operators to take corrective action by reducing their speed in preparation for braking and steering as required. Failure to comply may result in injury or death.



DIRECTIONAL ARROW

Black on Yellow. Sign provides a visual guidance when there is a significant, unforeseen change in the direction of the trail. The sign advises snowmobile operators to reduce their speed and to take corrective steering action. Failure to comply may result in injury or death.



RAILROAD CROSSING

Black on Yellow. Sign informs operators that the trail is approaching a railroad crossing. Ontario law requires snowmobile operators to come to a complete stop at all railroad crossings, failure to comply may result in injury or death.



ICE CROSSING

Black on Yellow. Sign advises operators that they are approaching a section of trail which crosses a frozen body of water. Snowmobile operators must exercise due care when crossing frozen water. Always check conditions prior to accessing the waterway, do not venture off the designated route and be aware of changing conditions, especially in mild weather. Trail signs do not imply that the route is safe, failure to check conditions may result in injury or death.



TRAIL ENDS

White on Red. Sign informs snowmobile operators that the Prescribed Snowmobile Trail has ended. Further travel may result in trespass, injury or death.



TRAIL CLOSED

White on Red. Sign informs snowmobile operators that access to the Prescribed Snowmobile Trail is not permitted and that travel on the property constitutes trespass. Further travel may result in legal charges, injury or death.



BRIDGE CHEVRON (LEFT & RIGHT)

Black on Yellow. Sign informs snowmobile operators of a bridge abutment. Operators should slow down and exercise due care when crossing bridges.



PRESCRIBED TRAIL

White on Blue as detailed in the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act (MSVA) of Ontario, the sign advises snowmobile operators that they are on an OFSC Prescribed Trail. Unless excluded through legislative regulations, the MSVA requires the operator of a snowmobile on an OFSC Prescribed Trail including those routed on Crown or public land to display a valid Snowmobile Trail Permit as issued by the Ministry of Transportation. Failure to comply constitutes trespass exposing the operator to liability.



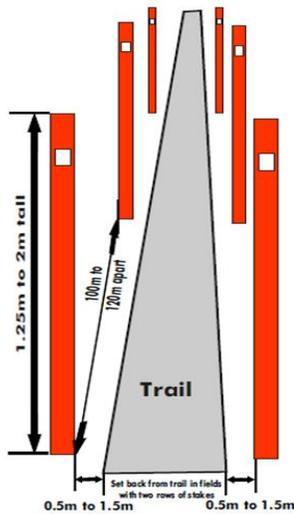
TRAIL ENTRY

Black on White with a Yellow circle. Signs advise snowmobile operators that a valid, Ontario snowmobile trail permit is required to access the property, otherwise the operator and/or passenger are trespassing. Sign advises other persons that they are entering private property only accessible to permitted snowmobiles and that all other persons are trespassing.



DESTINATION & INFORMATION SIGNS

Destination and information signs are offered to assist riders in identifying their location and to access services for an enjoyable snowmobiling experience in areas that they may not necessarily be familiar with.



CORRIDOR & LAKE MARKERS

Often orange in colour, when installed on land trails (open fields, etc.) corridor markers are installed in pairs. Corridor markers do not identify the edge of the trail, rather they define the trail route and the area within where the trail will be located and groomed.

When installed on frozen waterways as lake markers, they are installed in a single row to define the trail route, with snowmobile operators travelling on the right side of the marker. Lake trails generally are not groomed.