

Allegheny Forest Snowmobile Regulations

A valid state registration for snowmobiles from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources is needed to ride on Allegheny National Forest Trails. It is Pennsylvania law to register your snowmobile. Out-of-state registrations are honored for all states EXCEPT Maryland, New Hampshire, New York or Vermont, in which case you must have a Pennsylvania registration too. A PA registration application can be obtained by calling the ANF office at 814-723-5150, or PA DCNR, Snowmobile/ATV Unit at 717-783-9227.

**** All motorized vehicles are prohibited on the Reservoir's frozen surface, including but not limited to snowmobiles, ATVs and amphibious craft.**

Trail users should be aware of local conditions, other vehicle traffic, and potential safety hazards. Many of our trails are on joint use roads. Users should be aware they may encounter vehicles at any time.

We ask trail users to report any unsafe trail conditions to the Allegheny National Forest. Phone numbers for reporting are: Marienville Ranger District: (814) 927-6628; Bradford Ranger District: (814) 362-4613; or ANF Supervisor's Office: (814) 723-5150.

During snowmobile season (12/20-4/01), the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PADCNR) offers a snowmobile hotline (877-766-6253) with information on snow conditions and grooming that is updated every Tuesday and Friday. The Warren office of the Allegheny National Forest has a recorded message with trail and snow conditions available after business hours (814-723-5150 - after hours dial extension 901).

Pennsylvania requires that persons be at least 16 years of age and carry proof of insurance to operate on any joint use road (many ANF trails are joint use roads). Pennsylvania also requires snowmobilers to wear a helmet. It is a violation of PA Motor Vehicle Code to operate a snowmobile under the influence of drugs or alcohol. For more information, please contact the PA DCNR, Snowmobile/ATV Unit at 717-783-9227.

Trail Host Program: There are several trail host locations along the Allegheny Snowmobile Loop. These host houses offer trails information, maps, directions and safety assistance. Trail Hosts are identified by orange vests and pennants. Volunteers maintain these sites, located at the following grid locations on the Allegheny Recreation Map E-6 near FR 160 and SR 59; and B-8 at Hickory Creek Wilderness Ranch. These host locations are marked by a red H on the map. The recreation map also shows the location of recreation areas (including longitude and latitude), hiking trails, ATV trails, cross-country ski trails, and the snowmobile trail system. (625957 bytes)