



# ROCK THE TRAILS

Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation



## Winter Arrives: A Late Start, But Snowmobile Season Is Here!

This snowmobile season got off to a slow start, leaving many of us wondering if winter would ever arrive. But after some patience, snow has finally blanketed most of the island, and we're excited to finally hit the trails!



Although snow conditions have varied across the island, all club areas have been out grooming.

Some regions—particularly Eastern and Central Newfoundland—are still experiencing lower snow levels, which has limited grooming operations. Unfortunately, the Northern Peninsula has also seen less snow than usual. On a positive note, Western Newfoundland has received higher snowfall, allowing grooming to commence on a regular basis.

While pass sales are down this season, we've still managed to log approximately 1,880 hours of grooming so far. Your support plays a crucial role in maintaining the quality of our trails. Every pass sold helps fund grooming, trail maintenance, culvert repairs, grading, vegetation control and bridge repairs. Without your support and the dedication of our volunteers, we wouldn't have the trail system we all enjoy. Thank you to all who purchase a pass each year, helping to keep us going strong!



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### Annual NLSF Board Ride: Exploring Deer Lake

The NLSF held its annual board ride this past weekend with board members from across the island making their way to Deer Lake for the event. A special thanks to Board Director Bruce Yates, who took on the role of our personal tour guide, sharing insights into the area's landmarks and history.





# UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Get in on the action!

Several of our clubs are hosting some great events across the island throughout the month of March. For more details on the listed events, please visit the respective club's Facebook page.



Western Sno-Riders  
"Snowarama" (Easter Seals NL)



Junction Trail Blazers  
"Race on the Humber 1st Annual Winterfest Drag Races"



Exploits Trailnet  
"Poker Run"



Western Sno-Riders  
"Race on the Rock"



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**ADMISSION**  
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AGE 12 & UNDER \$5  
NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED

**DRAG RACES**  
FIRST RACE AT 10 AM

**ON-SITE AMENITIES**  
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**1 MARCH** | JTBC CLUBHOUSE AND RACE CENTRE (HUMBER RIVER GOLF COURSE) | **GATES OPEN 9 AM**



# SNOWMOBILE SAFETY WEEK

January 11-19

International Snowmobile Safety Week kicked off in January and was a great success! The NLSF led a week-long social media campaign to raise awareness about essential safety topics. The campaign focused on trail and backcountry safety, technology and rescue tools, ice safety and wildlife awareness, among other important issues.

In addition, the NLSF, WSR, Rugged Edge and Bay of Islands Search and Rescue (BOISR) hosted an informative seminar valuable advice. BOISR also showcased the latest safety tools, providing live demonstrations of avalanche beacons, thermal imaging cameras and vacuum splints. Guests had the opportunity to try out these tools and learn more about their use in emergency situations.

As a token of appreciation, we also gave away some fantastic prizes to participants. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for a week dedicated to promoting snowmobile safety!







**Weekly Newfoundland Avalanche Forecasts now available through April 5, 2025.** Forecasts will be updated by the Avalanche Canada NL team every Friday until April 5, 2025, covering the Long Range Mountains. Always check Avalanche Canada NL's most recent forecast at [avalanche.ca/nl](http://avalanche.ca/nl) before heading into the backcountry.

You can also help fellow riders stay informed by sharing your observations on the Mountain Information Network (MIN) at [avalanche.ca/mountain-information-network](http://avalanche.ca/mountain-information-network). Uploading reports is quick and easy—no special expertise required!

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- Proceed slowly near utility workers, vehicles or equipment.
- Stay off the ice, including reservoirs and rivers near hydroelectric dams where ice is unstable.

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## Behind the Scenes of Perfectly Groomed Trails

Ever wondered what goes into creating a perfectly groomed trail? Grooming snow is more than just driving a groomer over a trail – it's a precise and skilled job that requires knowledge, practice and attention to detail. Many people don't realize how much goes into creating those smooth, pristine trails that we all enjoy.

From adjusting the blade angle to managing the snow in the drag, grooming involves making real-time decisions to ensure the terrain is both safe and enjoyable. It's about balancing the equipment, the snow and the environment to make every run as perfect as possible.

In this process, operators must navigate obstacles, understand the science behind snow movement and adjust their techniques for everything from managing deep untouched snow to hard packed heavily traveled trails. It's a combination of skill, intuition and hands-on practice and it takes time to master.

Next time you enjoy the groomed trails, take a moment to appreciate the effort that goes into making them perfect.

Thank you to our groomer operators!

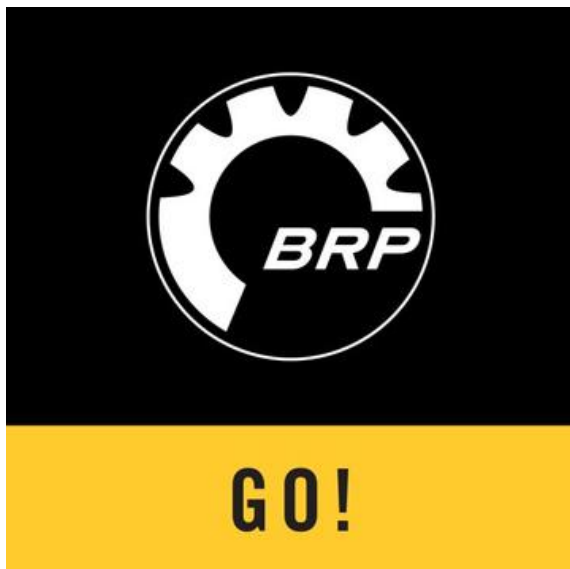


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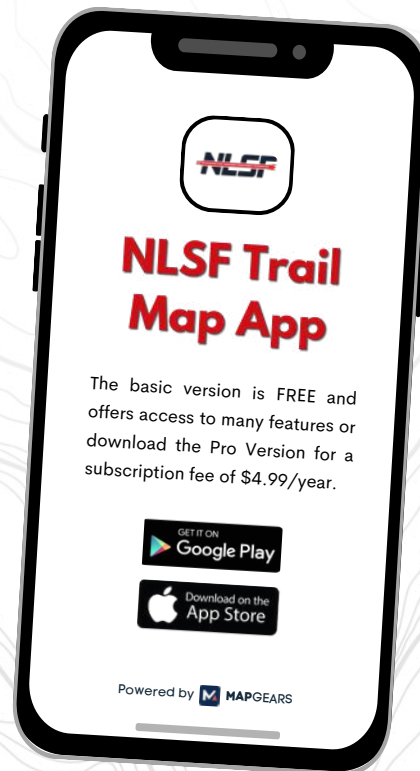
## PLAN YOUR TRIP

Check the latest grooming updates, plan and share trips with friends, access saved itineraries and much more!



## STAY CONNECTED

Our app works seamlessly with your phone's GPS to show your location and nearby points of interest, with or without cell coverage.



## Take A Friend Snowmobiling Week February 8-17

"Take A Friend Snowmobiling Week" encouraged snowmobilers to share their passion for the sport by inviting friends or family on a fun filled snowmobile adventure. From cabin retreats to scenic day trips with boil-ups, this campaign showcased the best of exploring our province on snowmobiles.

Thank you to all who shared their snowmobiling moments with us – each photo highlighted the incredible experiences of snowmobiling, from travelling on groomed trails to backcountry exploration.

A big congratulations to Jason Taylor, the winner of the 2025 "Take A Friend Snowmobiling" photo contest!



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