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Welcome to the New Year!

While Mother Nature is still messing with us a bit, some snow has fallen. Clubs have started to go out and clear downed trees, pack what they have received, and fill holes to try and form a good base. Weather looks warm this weekend, but there is a possibility of some flurries. We need cold weather and more snow, but it's a

PLEASE be patient and ride ONLY ON TRAILS that are marked OPEN. Riding on closed trails or off-trail is ILLEGAL. Riding closed trails will close trails permanently!

Stay off all bodies of water, as they are NOT SAFE yet.

Use CAUTION, trails, especially corners, are icy beneath the thin snow coverage. Riders should expect early season conditions and watch for open water bars and buried objects!

Pittsburg Ridge Runners Trail System

The area picked up 4-6". The club is grooming as temperatures permit until Sunday. If conditions remain cold, they hope to start grooming on a semi normal schedule

Monday. Please continue to stay off trails that are CLOSED; as snow depth builds, they will be opened.

Swift Diamond Riders Trail System

Trails that are OPEN are clearly marked. Connections to Pittsburg, Colebrook, and Errol are now open. Grooming as conditions allow. Parking is at the SDR Club House on Diamond Pond Road or at Coleman State Park. Please do not block the pumps or the clubhouse groomer entrance. Riders should expect hard pack and ice in places. On the below map the CLOSED trails are marked out with a pen.

Colebrook Ski-Bees Trail System

Some snowfall received in the past couple of days. Trails are open with early season conditions from poor to good. Club is grooming as conditions allow. Use CAUTION!

Baker River Valley S.C. Trail System

Trails are open except for Cheever Trail, which is CLOSED between Patty Bailey's Bridge (PT153) and River Road, as there is water in Parris Field. DO NOT ride there as doing so could close this trail permanently! Club is out trying to pack the trails, but most are ungroomed and wet.

East Conway Trail System is open, conditions unknown.

Moultonboro Trail System is open, conditions unknown.

Ossipee Trail System is open but no grooming going on.

Seven Lakes Trail System is open and groomed. New snow has been received. Ice on lake is slushy. Conditions good.

State-Owned Recreational Rail Trails and Parks

The following state properties are also open for riding, but are not groomed. Rider must stay within Parks or on the Rec Trails as surrounding trail systems are not open. Most gates remain closed at this time (crossbars are in the closed position). Riders should slow when approaching gates and travel through the gate bypass openings.

- * Bear Notch is open and they are grooming. Note that the railroad tracks are CLOSED until January 5th.
- * Jericho Mountain State Park gates in/out of Park are closed. Riding only legal in the park. Thin cover.
- * Pisgah State Park gates are open. No known connection out of the park.
- * Ammonoosuc Recreational Trail
- * Ashuelot Recreational Rail Trail (Keene to Hinsdale) gates are closed.
- * Cheshire Recreational Rail Trail (Fitzwilliam to Walpole) gates are closed.
- * Fort Hill Recreational Rail Trail (Hinsdale) gates are closed.
- * Hillsborough Rec Trail gates closed
- * Presidential Recreational Trail (Gorham to Jefferson) gates are closed.
- * Rockingham Recreational Trail, Fremont Branch (Windham to Epping) gates are closed.
- * Rockingham Recreational Trail, Portsmouth Branch (Newfields to Auburn) gates are closed.
- * Sugar River Recreational Trail (Newport to Claremont) gates are open.
- * Warren Recreational Trail (Warren)

Rail corridors with tracks still in place are NOT LEGAL to ride on.

All snowmobiles must be legally registered for the current riding season: https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/ohrv/registration.html

Regular snowmobile trail condition updates will be posted here on Thursdays of each week. You can also get information on our Facebook Page, or by contacting the clubs directly.

Additional Resources and Information

- * BOT's Trail Conditions Facebook page
- * NH Snowmobile Corridor Map (Interactive online map)
- * Snowmobile Club Information (for specific trail info)
- Snowmobile User Information
- * New England Snow Depth Map
- * NH Weather Radar
- * Winter OHRVing
- * Cabin Rentals at Coleman Estates

For information on NH's OHRV & Snowmobile regulations view the NH OHRV & Snowmobile Digest of Regulations at: http://www.eregulations.com/newhampshire/OHRV/

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