

"Still plenty of Snow" in New Brunswick, February 2016

There is still plenty of winter and snowmobiling left in New Brunswick. We have had trails open, groomed and maintained since December 15th, 2015 when our first major snowfall of 58 cm fell and has never completely departed. While another recent mild spell the middle of February took away many trails, this is not the situation province-wide.

All of the pictures you will see below were taken on Thursday, Friday or Saturday (February 18th, 19th and 20th) after the major "melt" on February 17th and 18th.



Trail 17 East at Campbellton



Trail 19 East toward Mt. Carleton



Trail 305 at Jacquet River

Almost all of NBFSC Zone 1 (the west is icy), all trails in Zone 2, all trails in Zone 3 and much of Zone 5 trails are still very ride able. There were some icy patches around the Cities late last week but a snowfall overnight on Saturday, (Feb 20) has provided the lubrication required upon a very hard trail base to access the hotels and services.

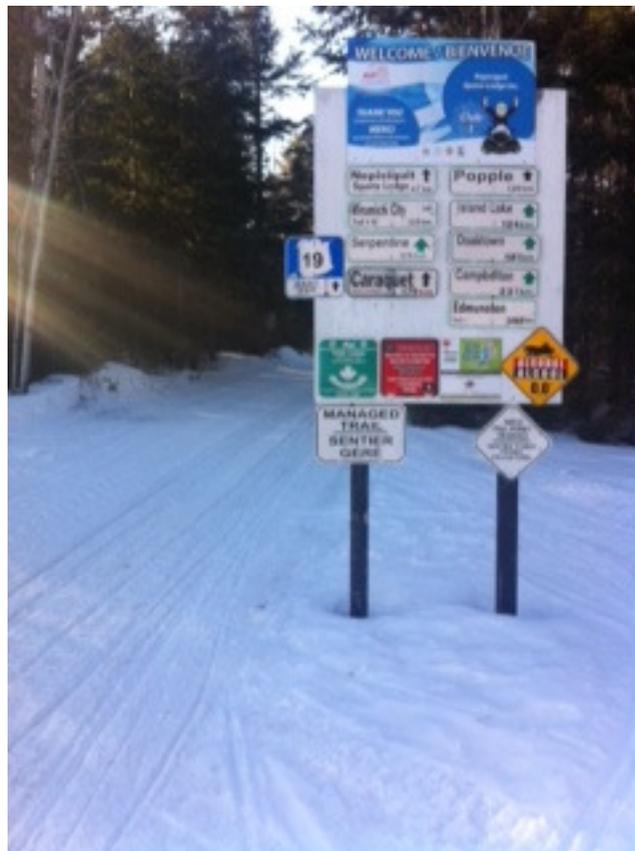
Another option is trailering to the center of New Brunswick as close as Boiestown or Doaktown. The rail line – NBFSC #42 – is very ride able and NBFSC Trail #58 continues to be groomed twice a week (above the Plaster Rock-Renous highway), every week since beginning grooming operations the 2nd week of January, 2016.

And still, way down in Zone 8 – specifically the Fundy Highlands also have new snow and freshly groomed trails on the grounds south of Sussex, Riverview and Moncton.

All the snowmobile trails, except for any new snow that has fallen recently....are very hard (frozen) and thus also do not need groomed as often as, say, last winter (2015). Bottom line; the NBFSC Grooming Status website may indicate it has been 7 days since trail grooming occurred however overall the trail may still be very ride able (and smooth), just very hard with the recent mild winter weather.



Trail 17 West at Restigouche Snowmobile Club Clubhouse



Trail 19 East at Bathurst

If you have not had enough riding this season, please consider a trip to the trails in these parts of New Brunswick. The trail base is excellent and there is still plenty of snow, temperature dependant. While this is shaping up to be our poorest snowmobiling season since the no-snow season of 2006...we are proud to report and say, *"there is always snow in New Brunswick"*.



Trail 19 at Bathurst



Trail 19 at St. Quentin