

Snow has finally come and snowmobiles have reved their engines, spun the tracks and voyaged into the wintry abyss. Groomers were right behind them. Hopefully you've been able to get out by now. Remember to watch out for groomers. We groom all hours of the day, not just at night. Be very careful around corners and keep your eyes open.



### If you come across a groomer, give them the right away.

They'll wave you on when it's safe. Snomobile vs Groomer- the Groomer ALWAYS wins. Don't forget to wave to them and show them your appreciation. Grooming routes take 4-8 hours typically. So it's a long day for them.

Visit our website for a link to our **snowcam by Cato NY Pizzeria**. 315-626-6662.

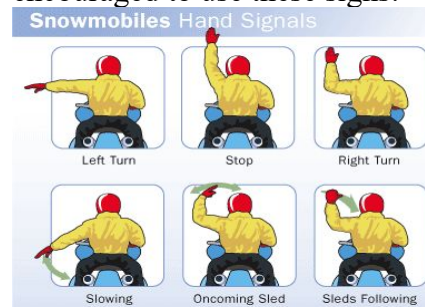
**DO NOT RIDE SIDEWALKS** in Cato or Meridian. Most villages, cities, etc have this rule. Please respect it. You could get ticketed.

**Visit our social media page & website to stay up to date.**

**Keep both hands on the handlebars.** NYSSA has considered many factors & has given snowmobile instructors directions to inform new students **NOT TO USE HAND SIGNALS TELLING HOW MANY RIDERS ARE FOLLOWING IN GROUP.**



It has been decided its safer to have both hands on the handlebars then to let someone know how many riders are following. Still use hand signals for oncoming traffic, slowing down, etc. On busy days expect more sleds coming. You are still encouraged to use these signs:



Loud sleds have closed trails. After-market cans are illegal on trails. Also, between 12am-6am you must go as slow as possible when riding < 100' from a home.

Check trail conditions before you ride. This is especially important when it's not obvious there's enough snow, or if you are riding outside of your area. map. Lake-effect snow can be hit or miss. Weedsport may have 3 inches and Cato may have a foot, or vise versa. Most clubs either post on social media, their website, or the state web trail.

### If you come across a closed trail, do not go through it.

There's a reason for it. Recently, a local trail was temporarily closed because a farmer had to spread some manure. Someone violated the temporary trail closed sign and rode through manure. Talk about a crappy ride! However, the land owner could have easily closed the trail which would have negatively affected hundreds of riders.



A nearby club wasn't so lucky and had to **shut down a trail this year** already due to people riding wherever they want. Visit our social media page and you'll see. Most of our trails are on private property. Riding off trail could constitute trespassing and result in trail closures. Don't be the one to ruin it for everyone else.

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