

RIDE SAFE

(Ottawa, ON: 5 January 2021) - The UCSR District consists of the area west to Napanee, north to Arnprior and east to the Ontario/Quebec border and has over 3000 km of marked, groomed trails. The UCSR is committed to delivering the best possible trail riding experiences for snowmobilers this winter.

On 26 December 2020 at 12:01 am for provincial of Ontario went into a provincial shutdown to stop the spread of COVID-19. The UCSR is monitoring this situation closely and is taking proactive measures to support all efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19. We encourage all riders, club volunteers and landowners to take all the steps necessary ensure you and your families safe.

The 16 clubs that make up the UCSR operate primary within four public health areas with a small section of trail into the Renfrew County and District Health Unit. **We ask that riders know your health unit as you are expected to only snowmobile within your local health unit.**

As trails open, snowmobilers are reminded to:

- Avoid unnecessary travel
- **Ride only within your health unit**
- Do not trailer or travel in other areas of Ontario
- Check your local public health guidelines prior to each and every ride

Ride safe:

- Snowmobile with members of your household
- Form your own regular riding bubble
- Always maintain physical distancing
- Practice socially responsible behaviours when visiting trail accessible services
- Avoid overcrowding around/near trail accessible services
- Wear a mask, covering your nose and mouth, when not wearing a helmet
- Carry personal hand sanitizer and use it often



Plan accordingly:

- Many businesses that are normally open and accessible via the trail may be closed or have limited access
- Unattended buildings such as washrooms and warmup shelters will be closed
- Clubhouses will be closed
- Carry extra fuel
- Bring snacks and water to consume trailside
- Take any garbage home with you
- Establish local daytime rides within your health unit

The OFSC Interactive Trail Guide (ITG) and the Go Snowmobiling App are the sole sources for trail status updates. Keep in mind that:

- To discourage travelling by snowmobile beyond public health region boundaries, the OFSC has made trails between health units temporarily unavailable (showing Red on the ITG) until further notice
- Trails to Quebec will also remain closed
- Reconfirm routes and available services before setting out on a ride

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The UCSR, District 1 of the OFSC, is a volunteer led, not-for-profit association that provides the voice for organized on-trail snowmobiling in Eastern Ontario. The UCSR consists of 16 snowmobile clubs with over 3000 kms of groomed snowmobile trails managed by over 1,000 dedicated volunteers generating up to \$70.8 million in economic activity (18/19 season) in eastern Ontario each year.

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