



Douglas Area Trails Association Snowmobile News

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Renew or Join DATA Using New Online Membership Payment Option

Visit our website at www.douglasareatrails.com to see the website updates or to renew or join DATA. The newly updated website features an updated trail map, updated photos, and an online membership/trail sponsorship payment option. Take some time to explore the new look and new options. You can also find more information on the Groomer Tracker app to find out the groomer locations. Hope to see you on the trail.

A Word From The President

Tanner Goeke

The snow has arrived yet again! Hopefully this time it will stick around this winter. We have received enough snow and cold to get out and open the trails for this season. Please get out and ride! Support our local businesses along the trail who support us snowmobilers.

All of the work done to the snowmobile trails would not be possible without our team members on the DATA crew. Nick and the team have done a lot of mowing, tree trimming, signage, and packing work all to get our trails in tip top shape prior to riding season.

We will continue to keep everyone updated on the trails as the winter progresses. Facebook is the best way to keep updated on how the trails are looking but we do update the website as well.

Groomer Tracker APP

For a small fee of \$9.99 per year, you can track the groomer activity in Douglas County and other clubs who have signed up for the Groomer Tracker app. Visit groomertracker.com, download the app. The trackers are active on all DATA groomers. Check it out!

Stay on The Trails – Do Not Trespass

With the bit of snow we've received this season, we are already receiving calls from landowners regarding trespassing on their property along with requests to move the trail because of the trespass. Many times, our only options are to run the trail in the ditch or close the trail completely.

Please do your part in staying on the trail so the right to ride is preserved for everyone.

Trail Funding – The Importance of Renewing Your Snowmobile Registrations

As we continue to struggle with getting consistent snowfalls, snowmobilers continue to delay renewing their snowmobile registrations. When this happens, the funding for maintaining and grooming snowmobile trails is reduced or becomes non-existent resulting in the only funding available for trail maintenance and grooming comes from other sources such as fund raising or charitable gambling. Also keep in mind that whether the snow arrives or not, the crew does all the work in the fall of each year to make the trails ready for snowmobiling.

Currently, any trail maintenance and grooming by DATA is being funded by charitable gambling funds or funds from previous years that have been placed in savings. Equipment and trail improvement grants are available and they require a 25% club participation for the purchase of equipment. These funds come from DATA's savings account.

In 2026, the word on the street is Grant-In-Aid funding may be available for the first and second payments, pending the renewal of snowmobile registrations.

You can help by renewing your snowmobile registrations, sponsoring a trail for \$100 per mile of trail, by joining or renewing your membership with DATA and MnUSA, and by visiting the Depot Smokehouse and Tavern in Alexandria and participating in the charitable gambling opportunities offered at this location. The Depot is our charitable gambling site and they offer easy access from the Central Lakes Trail along with many food and beverage options.

DATA & MnUSA Memberships

DATA needs your help and support. We encourage you to be a member of DATA and MnUSA. DATA builds and maintains 368 miles of trails in Douglas County and maintains relationships with 600 landowners. MnUSA was created 40 years ago so snowmobilers would have a voice at the state level. Do you know someone who would like to become a member of DATA? Visit our website at douglasareatrails.com and click on the Membership link.



A Message from The Depot Smokehouse & Tavern

Support the Douglas Area Trails Association by purchasing charitable gambling pull tabs when you stop at The Depot Smokehouse & Tavern. There is plenty of parking and The Depot is located right on the Central Lakes Trail in beautiful downtown Alexandria.

Spectacular Ride for Charity Scheduled for February 28

Location: Depot Smokehouse & Tavern
Registration: 12 pm
Ride: 1 pm
They will be partnering with We Got Your back, DATA Trails, and Let's Go Fishing. (More information coming) Click [here](#) for more info.