

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Statewide Snowmobile Trail System Data

General description

There are over 10,300 miles in the Statewide Snowmobile Trail System traversing 45 counties, maintained by over 200 clubs, and is funded through 53 municipal sponsors. This vast trail network is comprised of lands under the jurisdiction of OPRHP, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), NYS Canal Corporation, national forest land, local governments and many private landowners who have increasingly opened their property to snowmobiling with insurance coverage provided by the state snowmobile program.

Data Collection Methodology

Data is collected using GPS units by individual snowmobile clubs and local county sponsors. The NYS OPRHP Snowmobile Unit converts the GPS data into GIS data.

Benefit of Using Data

This data is beneficial to snowmobile enthusiasts, property owners, business owners and municipalities searching for information about the location of state funded snowmobile trails.

Limitations of the Data

This data changes periodically as new trails are added or others are taken out of operation. Trails are approved yearly through a grant process. Trail conditions also change frequently and vary by location. Trails on private land can be closed at any time.

For official and detailed information about funding of trails, please see the NYS OPRHP Snowmobile Unit at:

<http://nysparks.com/recreation/snowmobiles/>