Snowmobiling is a popular wintertime sport among many Illinoisans. There are nearly 2,500 miles of snowmobile trails in Illinois. Some trails are located on state-and county-owned lands, while the greatest portion of trails are made available by local clubs on privately owned land. Locations for most of these trails are shown in this brochure. Many of these trails are groomed for your riding enjoyment.

Be prepared to enjoy some exciting snowmobiling adventures in Illinois next the good snowfall hits. Public snowmobiling areas are within convenient driving distance of nearly everyone in the northern half of the state. To ensure your enjoyment of these specialized facilities and to help keep them open and available for continued public use, snowmobilers must conduct themselves in an ethical manner and obey all regulations. Always remember to respect the rights of other winter trail users, protect the environment and follow the Snowmobiling Code of Ethics.

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Specific weather conditions and a minimum of 10 inches of snow accumulation on forest floor can be opened for snowmobiling. Several facilities offer snowmobiling in areas with steep hillsides, including skiing, ice fishing, ice skating and sledding. An advance call to the site for recommendations. All snowmobiles are required to register their presence at the park office or other designated registration point prior to snowmobiling.

Argyle Lake State Park: Designated trails and unimproved trails totaling 8 miles are available for snowmobiling from sunrise to 10 p.m. Parking facilities, toilets and picnic shelters are available at the park. The park is located 5 miles south of Argyle on McNabb Road. For information, contact the Park Office, 600 Argyle Lake Road, Carlinville, IL 62626; phone (217) 525-3000.

Big River State Forest: Approximately 40 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, utilizing the lower slopes of the Shawnee and pine forest lands. Trails are open from sunrise to 10 p.m. Parking areas and toilets are available at the entrance. For information, contact the Forest Office, 118 State Rd., Kewanee, IL 61443; phone (309) 574-2406.

Franklin Creek State Natural Area: Designated trails through developed hardwood forests and experimental areas are open year-round. The park is located 5 miles east of Dynasty, just north of Route 38. For information, contact the Park Office, 1800 E. Franklin Creek Rd., Franklin Grove, IL 60119; phone (815) 456-2878.

Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park: The Canal towpath spanning from Lock 29 in Ottawa to Lock 6 in Bureau Junction, and along the feeder canal to DeKalb, extends 110 miles along the Shawnee Canal. Access points and parking are located at 24 mile intervals along the Parkway, including access points near Tiskilwa, Route 32 Bridge 56 near Tampico, Route 3 West 4&1/2 miles of Rock Falls and Route 15 near Sheffield. Numerous historic aqueducts and footbridges make the canal locks a unique feature of the park. For a map on the canal Parkway, contact the Illinois State Park, 1500 W. E. Street, Sheffield, IL 61361; phone (315) 454-2258.

Illinois & Michigan Canal State Trail: Snowmobilers may use 81 miles of groomed trails and 3 miles of unimproved trails covering 24 hours a day after a 4-mile posted backcountry. Access points with parking, toilets and picnicking facilities are located at Buffalo Rock, Gahagan Woods and Chapterman state parks. Access may also be achieved in the communities of LaSalle, Utica, Ottawa, Ottawa and Marseilles. Historic stone aqueducts, canal locks and panoramic views of the Illinois River are located along the canal. For a map of the state trail and recommended areas, contact the Park Office, 272 Morris, IL 60540; phone (815) 942-0176.

Johnson-Sauk Trail State Recreation Area: Snowmobilers may use 4 miles of design- ated trails and unimproved park roads from sunrise to 10 p.m. on a limited basis. The park is located in the LaSalle and Putnam counties on Route 25 near Goodfield. For information, contact the Park Office, 2610 Franklin Rd., Kewanee, IL 61443; phone (309) 953-5809.

Jubilee College State Park: A 14-mile trail is maintained either by snowmobiles or a plow wheeled firetruck. The trail travels through woods and meadow- over rolling terrain. Parking and toilets are available at the trailhead. The park is located in Putnam County near Kankakee. For more information, contact the Police Office, 13021 West Route 15, Lowell, IL 60456; phone (815) 448-2757.

Kankakee River State Park: Snowmobile trails pass through 15 miles of this large forested park which borders the Kankakee River, offering the opportunity to experience backwoods snowmobiling is allowed from sunrise to sunset. Parking facilities. The park is located 6 miles east of Willow on Route 52 and is operated by Willow and County. The park is located 6 miles east of Willow on Route 52 and is operated by Willow and County. For more information, contact the Park Office, 5314 W. 102, Douton, IL 60434; phone (815) 932-1803.

Middle Fork State Park and Wildlife Area: Snowmobiles may use 8 miles of trails from open at 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. for snowmobiling through rolling terrain and wooded areas. Parking and toilets are available on the outskirts of the park. For more information, contact the Park Office, 10800 Kilborn Park Road, Olathe, IL 60458; phone (708) 442-4913.

Moraine View State Park: Snowmobiling is permitted on 8 miles of designated trail which are open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The park is located 12 miles south of St. Charles on Rt. 21. For more information, contact the Park Office, 9898 Cascade Rd., Morris, IL 60450; phone (815) 795-6507.

Ramsay Lake State Park: Snowmobiling is permitted from 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on 11 miles of designated trails and unimproved park roads. The trails cross the scenic 1300-acre park, featuring rolling terrain and steep hills covered by dense timber and a 47-acre pond. The park is located 1 mile northeast of Rensselaer in Fayette County. For information, contact the Park Office, R.R. 1, Box 99, Morris, IL 60450; phone (815) 475-2031.

Wolf Creek State Park: Snowmobiling is allowed on the park’s winding 15.5 mile equine trail from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. The trail offers rolling terrain, dense woods and open meadows. Parking, toilets and picnic shelters are available at the site. The park is located 8 miles northwest of Wilmington in DeKalb County, on the eastern shore of Lake Shabbona. For information, contact the Park Office, 904 S. Kirkland Rd., Sycamore, IL 60178; phone (815) 720-2945.

Sand Ridge State Forest: Some 26 miles of snowmobile trails and unimproved roads are available 24 hours a day. The scenic trail are located on private lands are the direct result of the unified voice and efforts of the many individuals working within their respective clubs, the sport of snowmobiling continues to flourish. Snowmobiling is a very social sport, offering more fun and personal enjoyment when done with the right group rather than alone. So join a club and get involved.

Founded in 1972, the Illinois Associ- ation of Snowmobile Clubs (IASC) is a not-for-profit corporation whose membership is made up of local snowmobile clubs throughout Illinois. The primary purpose of the IASC is the promotion of the safety education program, general promotion of the sport of snowmobiling, assistance in organizing new snowmobile clubs, the establishment of a snowmobile information resource centers, establishment of more interconnected snowmobile trails, and any other programs that are of common interest to snowmobilers and snowmobile clubs on a statewide basis.

If you would like to receive more information regarding the IASC or about locating a snowmobile club in your area, please contact the IASC office at the following address:

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