



Trail Report

The approaching Winter season promises to be the best in recent memory for both snow and cold in this region of the country according to the Farmer's Almanac and other reliable sources.

In preparation for the Winter season, we will begin to mark our trail system at our annual "Trail Days" event scheduled for next weekend on Sunday, October 19 at 9 AM. We will meet at Ron Walker's house on Rollins Road and leave from there in groups to clear the trails of brush and then post the applicable signs. Please join us if you can as we never have enough people to tackle all of this work. It is a great opportunity for you to learn the trail system if you are not familiar with it, meet the club officers and even a few of our valued landowners.



The new highway construction along Rollins Road between Drury Lane and US Rt. 45 started late last month and offers a new challenge to us. We will need to mark the trails around the road construction which will exist throughout the winter months. I will visit the office of the contractors this week to learn of any special concerns and/or requests of us they may have prior to us starting the trail marking in this area. In any case we will need to exercise extreme caution in this area throughout the snowmobiling season due to the changing terrain in the area and we must also be cognizant of the equipment and supplies that may encroach our trail system. I will remain in contact with the contractors during the season to assure that everything runs smooth for them and us as well.



I want to thank Barrie Fritchie and Phil Schultz, both core members of our club for responding to a request for support I extended to all of our members late last season for post installers. Phil was able to purchase a sign installer from a local outfitter while Barrie went to the trouble of acquiring the materials and then fabricated two additional post installers himself. Both men donated these to the club and we will all surely benefit from their use in the coming weeks while we drive in the posts to mark our trail system.

We will post the club membership brochures on the trails system again this year with the hope of getting more users of the trail system to join the club and support our efforts. I will update these brochures to reflect the change in our meeting location and will have them ready within a week or so. Please contact me at 847/356-6407 if you would like to help distribute these brochures for the club in the coming weeks.



Next Month

- Trail Marking Progress Report
- Photos From The Trails

Notes

- Please Visit our Club's Website at www.gageslake-sc.org For the latest Club Event Information, Club Member Contact Information, Photos From Past Events and Much More.
- Trail Days - October 19 - Leaving from Ron Walker's house at 9 AM



Snowmobiling Safety

Snowmobiling safety is paramount to the success of our club and to the health of our members. Please take time to evaluate the integrity of your safety equipment before you venture out onto our trail system this year.

Checking the physical condition of the following items will

help to ensure an uneventful season of safe riding:

- Brakes
- Lights; Headlight, Tail Light and Brake Lights
- Reflectors
- Snow Flap
- Windshield

- Helmet
- Here are a few basic riding tips:
- Stay to the right side of the trail
 - Ride only at speeds that allow you to remain in control of your machine
 - Constantly be ready to react

to any situation you may encounter

- Dress appropriately for the current weather conditions
- Never ride alone and always tell someone where you are going
- Use hand signals to alert other riders of your intent