

# The Meaning of a "Multi-Use" Trail...

Many of Vermont's winter trails are shared by user groups with different recreation styles. At any given time, snowmobilers, cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and dog mushers can all cross paths on the same trail. Listed below is etiquette that should be followed by each user group to maintain everyone's safety and enjoyment on the trail.



## CONTROL YOUR SPEED

## KEEP RIGHT

## KNOW TRAILS AND CONDITIONS:

Recreate within your ability

## PACK IT OUT:

Pack out everything you pack in, including trash!

## KNOW WHO MAINTAINS TRAIL:

Many trails are maintained by volunteers; show thanks by pitching in on a trail work day

**BE COURTEOUS** so everyone has a safe, enjoyable experience

## ADHERE TO RULES:

Follow all trail restrictions and closures



**DECREASE SPEED** when passing non-motorized traffic

**YIELD/PULL OFF TO RIGHT** for oncoming, non-motorized traffic

**USE CAUTION** when visibility is limited

**PASS SAFELY** and only when you have clear visibility

## USE SNOWMOBILE HANDSIGNALS:

Learn signals to alert oncoming traffic to your presence



**STAY ALERT:** Listen and watch for snowmobiles and sled dogs

**YIELD** to faster traffic

**ALLOW ROOM FOR PASSERBYS:** Step off the trail for passing recreationists; keep skis/snowshoes and poles out of traffic lanes

**STOP SAFELY:** When resting, move off the trail where you are highly visible from all directions

**DRESS VISIBLY:** Wear reflective and/or bright clothing

**AVOID DUSK** as you are less visible



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**STOP SAFELY:** When resting, move off the trail where you are visible from all directions

**DOG IMMUNIZATIONS:** Carry copies of all current rabies immunizations and dog licenses

**CONTROL YOUR DOGS:** Never take more dogs than you can control safely

**DRESS VISIBLY:** Wear reflective and/or bright clothing

**LIGHT THE WAY:** Utilize a headlamp and have reflective tape or lights on sled and dogs

**REMOVE DOG WASTE:** Pack out waste to maintain a clean trail

**Knowing and Doing Your Part Will  
Help Keep Vermont's Winter  
Trails Safe and Enjoyable...**



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