



## **Test Drive OFSC Trails At No Cost!**

### ***OFSC Announces New Try Our Trails Permit for Ontario's Family Day Long Weekend***

(Barrie, ON – January 15, 2013) For anyone who has ever wanted to try snowmobiling, Family Day Long Weekend provides an ideal opportunity – and now Ontarians are invited to test drive available OFSC trails at no charge for a permit!

In cooperation with the Honourable Bob Chiarelli and the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO), the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) is celebrating Ontario's mid-winter statutory holiday long weekend with the launch of a 2013 "Try Our Trails" Permit to encourage more people to get outdoors and enjoy winter by going snowmobiling on OFSC trails. The new permit is available at no cost to those who pre-register online and is valid only from 12:01 AM Saturday, February 16 until 11:59 PM on Monday, February 18, 2013.

"As part of our Go Snowmobiling Ontario Campaign, the 2013 Try Our Trails Permit is our invitation to Ontarians to give us a try this winter at no cost for a permit," said OFSC President Brenda Welsh. "For Family Day Long Weekend, we want to show new participants what we have to offer, to introduce them to our trails, clubs and volunteers, and to provide them with a truly enjoyable and memorable winter adventure."

The 2013 Try Our Trails Permit is available only by pre-registering online at [www.ofsc.on.ca](http://www.ofsc.on.ca) and printing out a permit good for Family Day Long Weekend only. There is no charge for either the 2013 Try Our Trails Permit or the registration process, but to access OFSC trails, the printed permit must be affixed to the sled to which it is assigned in accordance with Ontario law. Any sled on OFSC trails without a permit on Family Day Long Weekend is illegal and the operator can be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000. Riders must also carry a valid driver's licence or Snow Vehicle Operator's Licence, sled registration, proof of insurance, and follow all the rules and assumptions for safe OFSC trail riding.

The 2013 Try Our Trails Permit is a great fit with the "Get Out and Enjoy Winter" Campaign launched this season by the OFSC, Ontario Tourism and the Ontario Snow Resorts Association to introduce more Ontarians to winter fun on the snow.

With 217 community based clubs and over 150,000 family members, the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs is a volunteer led not-for-profit association, which through strong leadership, provides a wide range of quality programs and services to, and on behalf of, its member organizations. Our 30,000+ kilometre provincial network of organized snowmobile trails connects Ontario communities, providing responsible riding experiences that are safe, enjoyable, and environmentally sustainable.

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