

Snowmobiling at Mt. Spokane

Mt. Spokane State Park has been a popular location for snowmobiling for many years. From dark old growth forests, to open sub-alpine meadows, to ice covered streams, to a cozy wood stove in a 1934 log cabin, to a three-state view from the summit, there is much to enjoy. Mt. Spokane is also a popular place for nonmotorized recreation and has an abundance of wildlife, so it is important that snowmobilers are knowledgeable of the following rules.

Designated Snowmobile Areas

Snowmobiling within Mt. Spokane State Park is permitted **only** in designated areas. Currently snowmobiling is permitted:

⊖ **On the groomed snowmobile trail** as shown on the topo map.

⊖ **Within the narrow summit corridor**

⊖ **On designated ungroomed roads and trails** which include the Day Road, the Blanchard Creek Road, the Connector Road (Trail 191) between the Blanchard Creek Road and the Kit Carson Loop Road, and the single-track Trail 130 from Trail 160 to Day Mountain.

⊖ The **open meadows** around the CCC Cabin and Mt. Kit Carson.

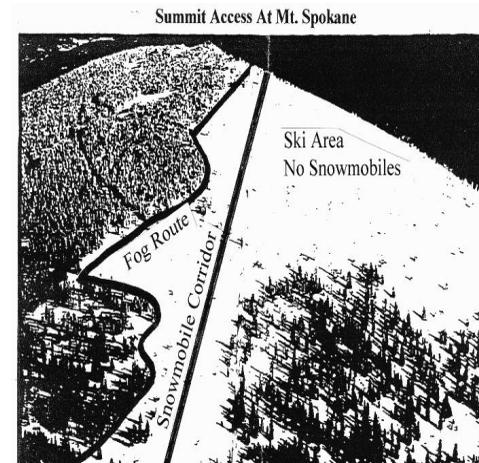
Snowmobiling is prohibited in all other areas of the Park including the Bald Knob Campground, Big Spring Picnic Area, all forested areas and undesignated meadows, all road berms and embankments, all plowed roads (except at designated crossings), the alpine and Nordic ski areas, Ragged Ridge, marked snowshoe trails, and behind any “No Snowmobiles” sign.

Mt. Spokane is *not* an area for hill climbing or off-road travel. Rather, it is a place to go for well groomed trails and scenic vistas.

Summit Corridor

A narrow corridor to the summit of Mt. Spokane is available so that riders can enjoy the magnificent view from the top. This route into the alpine ski area was made possible through a cooperative effort between the ski area concessionaire, Washington State Parks, and the Winter Knights Snowmobile Club. Snowmobilers are expected to ride cautiously straight up the hill from the Cook’s Cabin hairpin on the summit road (groomed snowmobile trail) to the TV towers at the top. From the towers, riders may

proceed slowly to a parking area just before the top of the chair lift, in order to walk to the Vista House. Riders are then expected to ride straight back down the slope and return to the groomed trail. The Vista House is generally open on weekends and holidays during the ski season for hot drinks, chili, and snacks. Check www.mtspokane.com for updates.



The corridor may be marked with signs and poles, but these markers can be quickly obscured by frost and blowing snow. On days with very low visibility, riders should follow the tree line on the northwest side of the route in order to avoid straying accidentally into the ski area. Riders who are unsure of the route should

not attempt an ascent on foggy days. Riders must *always* watch for skiers and yield to them.

Also Remember:

- ⊖ Maintain a safe speed for the conditions.
- ⊖ Yield to other recreationists.
- ⊖ Never ride while under the influence of alcohol or narcotic drugs.
- ⊖ Give wildlife plenty of space.
- ⊖ Carry an emergency kit, extra food, and a map of the area.
- ⊖ Maintain a well-tuned machine, including a legal muffling device.
- ⊖ Watch for and yield to trail grooming equipment.
- ⊖ Maintain a current snowmobile registration.
- ⊖ Only ride when there is adequate snow cover to protect vegetation.
- ⊖ Exit the park by closing time at 10:00 PM (Dec. 1-March 31) or dusk (April 1-Nov. 30).

Snowmobilers are subject to regulations under RCW 46.10 and other applicable park rules and state laws.

For more information, contact the park office: 509-238-4258