



All You Need to Know About the Wisconsin Trail Pass— July 1, 2015

Snowmobile registration will cost \$30 for three years, which has been changed from \$30 for two years.

Registrations purchased or renewed before April 1, 2015 are good for **two** years and will expire July 1, 2016. Registrations purchased or renewed after April 1, 2015 will be good for **three** years and expire July 1, 2018.

All snowmobiles will be required to have an annual trail pass to operate on a public trail or corridor.

The trail pass stickers, which will be 3" x 3", must be permanently affixed by their own adhesive to the bottom center of the windshield. The trail pass will be purchased separately from the registration and will be needed regardless of when the registration expires. All snowmobiles will need an annual trail pass sticker (purchased yearly) and registration stickers to operate on Wisconsin trails. A trail pass will *not* be required to operate on private property (not on a trail), on a snowmobile route, or on frozen water if not on a marked corridor. Legislation is being introduced to exempt snowmobiles registered as antiques (35 years old and older) from the trail pass requirement. It will be each individual's responsibility to purchase the trail pass for any snowmobile registered in their name.

The trail pass will cost non-club/AWSC members \$30 and can only be purchased through the DNR.

Trail passes will be available online at dnr.wi.gov, through the DNR service centers or at any DNR authorized agents. All trail pass stickers will be sent out by mail. Legislation is being introduced that will allow for operating a snowmobile with a printed receipt until the stickers are received in the mail.

Members who belong to both a snowmobile club and the AWSC will be able to buy the trail pass for \$10.

The **discounted trail passes will only be available through the AWSC** and it will be the responsibility of the AWSC to verify current membership. They will be available by:

1. Ordering online at www.awsc.org with a credit card
2. Mailing in an order form with payment
3. Calling the AWSC office and placing an order with a credit card
4. Walking into the office and placing an order

You will need your AWSC membership number (found on your membership card and WSN address label) and the registration numbers from the snowmobiles for which you are purchasing passes. All trail pass stickers will be sent by mail. For the first season, there will *not* be the option of riding with a receipt for the discounted trail pass; the sticker must be attached to the snowmobile. Members will want to order their trail passes early and not wait until they are ready to ride to take advantage of the discount. It will still be the club's responsibility to collect your club membership dues and submit the \$10 AWSC dues to the Association. Memberships are good for one year and, if it is current, you will be allowed to purchase a discounted trail pass for every snowmobile registered in the name of the member, their spouse or any of their children under the age of 19.

Under certain circumstances, some snowmobiles will not qualify for the discounted pass.

If you belong to a club that has less than ten members or is not a Wisconsin snowmobile club, you will not qualify. According to the state statutes, you will qualify for the discounted trail pass if the snowmobile is owned by a person who is both a member of the AWSC and a snowmobile club organized in Wisconsin that meets at least 3 times per year, has at least 10 members and promotes responsible snowmobiling. AWSC Associate Members are not members of a club; you will have to belong to a snowmobile club and the AWSC through that club. Commercial memberships purchased through a club will be considered members of that club and qualify snowmobiles owned by the person on the membership. Commercial memberships purchased directly through the AWSC are not considered members of a club. Snowmobiles registered to a business will not be eligible for the discount.

The non-resident trail pass will increase from \$35 per year to \$50 per year.

This annual trail pass is required for any sled not registered in Wisconsin. They will be available through the DNR the same as in the past. The non-resident trail pass will not qualify for a discount for club membership. Non-residents may choose to register snowmobiles in Wisconsin, but will be liable to the Department of Revenue for sales tax on the purchase of the machine. Non-residents with a Wisconsin registration will qualify for the \$10 trail pass if they belong to a Wisconsin snowmobile club and the AWSC.

All revenue generated by sale of registrations and trail passes go into the snowmobile segregated fund.

It is this fund, administered by the DNR, which is used to fund the infrastructure and pay the clubs to maintain the funded trail system. It will be the Snowmobile Recreation Council's responsibility to decide how any increase will be distributed through the snowmobile trail program.

AWSC dues are used to operate the Association and provide benefits and services for our membership.

Membership dues are separate from the trail pass and do not go into the state snowmobile fund. Clubs are free to set their dues at any amount. The discounted trail pass was meant to be an incentive to encourage club membership.

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