

Motorized Snow Vehicles Act

Trail permit required

2.1 (1) No person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle upon a prescribed trail except under the authority of, and in accordance with, a trail permit for the motorized snow vehicle issued under subsection (2) or except on lands occupied by the owner of the motorized snow vehicle. 2000, c. 30, s. 3.

Display of evidence of trail permit

(4) Every driver of a motorized snow vehicle upon a prescribed trail shall display evidence of the issue of the trail permit on the motorized snow vehicle in the form and manner prescribed by the regulations. 2000, c. 30, s. 3.

Ontario Regulation 185/01 (Trail Permits)

4. Subsections 2.1 (1) and (4) of the Act do not apply to a person belonging to a class of persons listed in Column 1 of the Table only in the circumstances set out opposite the class in Column 2 of the Table and only if the person carries with him or her while driving the motorized snow vehicle on the prescribed trail the documents listed opposite the class in Column 3 of the Table. O. Reg. 185/01, s. 4.

Item	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
13.	(a) Licensed anglers.	While engaged in angling activities during open season, as defined in the Ontario Fishery Regulations made under the <i>Fisheries Act</i> (Canada), pursuant to a valid fishing or fishing/hunting outdoors card and a valid sport fishing validation tag, both issued under the <i>Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997</i> , and while travelling on Crown or other public land directly to or from the area open for angling, within the meaning of the <i>Fisheries Act</i> (Canada), if the trail is the only access route from the closest road to the area open for angling or is the only safe access route to the area open for angling.	(a) A valid fishing or fishing/hunting outdoors card and a valid sport fishing validation tag, both issued under the <i>Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997</i> .
	(b) Anglers 65 years old or older or under 18 years old.		(b) A valid fishing or hunting outdoors card issued under the <i>Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997</i> or, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A driver's licence ii. A motorized snow vehicle operator's licence, or iii. A birth certificate
14.	Licensed hunters.	While engaged in hunting activities and carrying hunting equipment on land other than the trail, during open season, as defined in the <i>Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997</i> , pursuant to a valid outdoors card and a valid licence to hunt, both issued under that Act, and while travelling on Crown or other public land directly to or from the hunting area and carrying hunting equipment, if the trail is the only access route from the closest road to the hunting area or is the only safe access route to the hunting area.	A valid outdoors card and a valid licence to hunt, both issued under the <i>Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997</i> .

What it means:

Anglers and hunters do not require a permit to travel on OFSC trails to access fishing or hunting areas, so long as:

1. **They are properly licenced for fishing or hunting**
 - a) Appropriate Outdoors Card and validation sticker for the activity; or
 - b) Younger than 18 years of age (Driver's Licence, Birth Certificate or a Motorized Snow Vehicle Operator's Licence); or
 - c) 65 years of age or older (Driver's Licence, Birth Certificate or a Motorized Snow Vehicle Operator's Licence)
2. **They are travelling on Crown or other public land directly to/from the area.** **
3. The trail is the only access route (or only safe access route) from the closest road to the fishing or hunting area (i.e. shortest route to area)
4. They are carrying the appropriate equipment for fishing or hunting
5. It is during an open fishing or hunting season

NOTE: In addition, it is important to remember that this only applies to the requirement for a TRAIL PERMIT. In order to legally operate a snowmobile outside of an individual's own property, they are required to carry:

- a) **Valid Driver's Licence/Motorized Snow Vehicle Operator's Licence**
- b) **Proper ownership information**, including the following:
 1. **Valid Registration Numbers** – both sides of motorized snow vehicle
 2. **Annual Validation Sticker** – left side of motorized snow vehicle
- c) **Insurance card:** Proof of liability insurance

** *Once you access a portion of the trail that is located on private property, you are legally required to have a trail permit or written landowner permission, regardless if you are attempting to access public land for fishing and hunting activities.*