

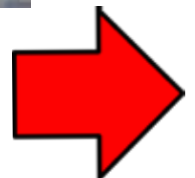
What To Know About Riding Snow Bikes on VAST TRAILS.....

Snowbikes MUST HAVE or PAY A FINE:

- ✓ **Head Light and Break Light (Fine \$88)**
- ✓ **Proper Muffler System (Fine \$622)**
- ✓ **Registered and VAST TMA (Fine \$203)**
- ✓ **Liability Insurance (Fine \$162)**
- ✓ **STAY ON TRAILS (Fine \$392)**



See the back for definitions of a snowmobile and snowbike



What Defines a Snowmobile/Snowbike

A snow-bike can be considered a snowmobile, under Vermont law, either sold as a snow bike or with a conversion kit, but it also must follow the same guidelines. There are hefty fines in place for riders operating motorized vehicles that do not comply with the Vermont State statutes listed below!

Title 23, Chapter 29, Section 3201

Defines a “snowmobile” as a self-propelled vehicle intended for off-road travel primarily on snow, having a curb weight of not more than 793.783 kg (1,750 lbs.); driven by track or tracks in contact with the snow and steered by a ski or skis in contact with the snow. The maximum width of a snowmobile shall be no more than 48 inches. An all-terrain vehicle converted to operate with tracks shall not be considered to be a snowmobile.

Title 23, Chapter 29, Section 3205

All snowmobiles shall be equipped with one or more operational: Headlight, red rear light, a fully functional brake in good mechanical condition, efficient muffler, such other equipment and devices as may be required to meet the noise level specifications outlined below. If the snowmobile is equipped with a windshield, it shall be free from sharp or jagged edges. Lights shall be on during operation and the lenses of headlights shall be clear, as supplied by the manufacturer, and unimpaired by the installation of colored lenses or other devices that would impair the ability of the headlight to perform to its original equipment design specifications.

Muffler devices, noise levels. Any snowmobile manufactured on or after the following dates shall be equipped with a muffler system and such other equipment or devices which reduce maximum machine operating noise to a noise level of not more than: (1) as of September 1, 1972, 82 decibels on the A scale at 50 feet, in a normal operating environment; (2) as of September 1, 1973, at such level as established by the Commissioner by rule except that the level may not exceed the level established in subdivision (1) of this subsection. (e) Prohibited sale; illegal noise level; notice to consumer. No person shall sell for operation, or offer to sell for operation within the State of Vermont: (1) A snowmobile manufactured after the dates specified in subsection (d) of this section unless it complies with the sound requirements specified in subsection (d) of this section. (2) No snowmobile shall be equipped in any manner which permits the operator thereof to bypass the muffler system. (3) Replacement exhaust muffler. No person shall sell or offer to sell a replacement exhaust muffler system which will not meet or exceed the exhaust noise reduction capabilities of the snowmobile manufacturer’s original equipment specifications for the snowmobile. (4) Consumer information on noise levels. Any person selling or offering to sell a snowmobile or replacement muffler system shall include in the specifications thereof precise information concerning the designed maximum sound levels of the snowmobile or replacement muffler system.