



Mackinac Island State Park Commission
Policy

Snowmobiles

Minutes: November 3, 1972, p. 1353
January 26, 1994, p. 2820
September 22, 2006, p. 3665
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December 9, 2015, p.

Preamble

For the purpose of this policy, snowmobiles are defined as any motor-driven vehicle designed to travel on snow or ice which is driven by a single endless belt tread in contact with the surface upon which it is operated and steered by two sled type runners or skis. Also, the Commission recognizes that snowmobiles are motor vehicles and wishes to reaffirm the traditional ban on unlimited use of motor-driven vehicles on State Park lands and roads.

The Mackinac Island State park Commission permits the controlled and restricted use of snowmobiles over selected State Park roads for:

1. Residents of Mackinac Island for safe and convenient access to the shore and for health, safety, education, and work convenience purposes.
2. Non-residents who commute to Mackinac Island.
3. Recreational snowmobilers traveling to Mackinac Island for day trips.

The Commission has statutory authority to issue temporary permits for the operation of motor vehicles over roads situated on Mackinac Island State Park lands and the City of Mackinac Island has the similar authority over City owned property. Both the Commission and the City share the same concerns and goals in permitting and regulating the use of snowmobiles on Mackinac Island.

POLICY

The Commission authorizes the issuance of joint Mackinac Island State Park Commission/City of Mackinac Island temporary motor vehicle *annual* permits (form attached) for the use of snowmobiles for residents and commuters on Mackinac Island between November 15 through April 15, conditions permitting. Said permits may be issued by the Commission Director (or assignee) or the City of Mackinac Island Police.

The Commission also authorizes the issuance of joint Mackinac Island State Park Commission/City of Mackinac Island temporary motor vehicle *daily* permits for the use of snowmobiles for visitors to Mackinac Island between November 15 through April 15, conditions permitting, through self-registration. Said registrations are available at British Landing, Mackinac Island Airport, MSHP

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Field Office and the City of Mackinac Island Police Department.

Decals for annual permits shall be affixed and prominently displayed on the snowmobile. Daily envelope receipts are to be kept with the snowmobile operator.

The commercial operation of snowmobiles is prohibited. The maximum speed limit for snowmobiles is 25 miles per hour in the Mackinac Island State Park.

The following roads are open for snowmobile use for annual permittees:

That part of Hoban Road lying within the State Park and north of Harrisonville to Annex Road, all of Annex Road from Cadotte Avenue to the junction of British Landing Road; British Landing Road; State Road; all parts of Lake Shore Boulevard within the State Park; Fort Street to Turkey Hill; Turkey Hill to Huron Road; Huron Road from the City boundary behind the golf course to the top of Mission Hill; Mission Hill; Cadotte Avenue from the Grand Stand to the four corners adjacent to Carriage Tours barns; Stonecliffe Road from Annex Road to Stonecliffe gate; Forest Way from the north Stonecliffe gate to shore; Custer Road from Huron Road to Garrison Road; Garrison Road from Huron Road to Annex Road; Cupid's Pathway from Custer Road to the boundary with Private Claim 110; Whitefield Road from Annex Road to the City line; Airport Road to the airport terminal building; Algonquin Road from Cadotte to Annex Road; West Bluff Road from Grand Hotel to Annex Road; and Leslie Avenue from British Landing Road to Resource Recovery Plant.

The following roads are available for daily permittees:

All of Annex Road from Cadotte Avenue to the junction of British Landing Road; British Landing Road from Annex Road to south end of State Road; British Landing Road from M-185 to north end of State Road; State Road; all parts of Lake Shore Boulevard within the State Park; Fort Street/Hill to Huron Road; Huron Road from the City boundary behind the golf course to the top of Mission Hill; Mission Hill; Cadotte Avenue from four corners adjacent to Carriage Tours barns to Market Street; Garrison Road from Huron Road to Annex Road.

Any violation or misuse of the authority granted under such permits shall be valid grounds for the immediate revocation of such permit, and subject to penalties of up to \$500 per occurrence.

Snowmobile Permit Fees:

Resident and Commuter Annual – \$5.00 (Discounted Early Registration, Nov. 15 – Dec. 31)

Resident and Commuter Annual - \$15.00 (Regular Registration, Jan. 1 – Apr. 15)

Visitor Daily - \$5.00 (Valid until noon the following day, Nov. 15 – Apr. 15)