

Yellowstone Announces Non-Commercially Guided Snowmobile Access Program for this Coming Winter Season!

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Here are some highlights of this year's Yellowstone Non-Commercially Guided Snowmobile Access Program for this winter season (2015-2016).

First, each day during the coming winter season, there will be up to five snowmobiles in each of four Non-commercially Guided Transportation Snowmobile Events/trips, one from each of the four Yellowstone Park Gates.



Second, you will be required to possess a non-commercial snowmobile access permit which would be awarded annually through an online lottery system. The lottery located at the www.recreation.gov website started on September 1st to determine the trip dates for Non-Commercially Guide Leaders wanting to visit Yellowstone this coming winter season (2015-2016). The lottery will remain open until September 30, 2015.

After the lottery is finished and the initial trips are awarded (only one trip from the lottery) you can still sign up to lead a trip or a second trip at www.recreation.gov on a first-come-first-served basis for the dates still available. Note these remaining dates will be available in mid October.

Finally a total of only two trips allowed per season per non-commercial guide are allowed; the trips can last up to 3 days. Note starting this year you will be charged \$40 for each day of your permit, day permit \$40.00 two day permit \$80.00 three day permit \$120.00.

Third, each snowmobile operator will be required to have successfully completed the Yellowstone Snowmobile Safety Education Certification training course. The training

course is available online. This course was developed with the help and sponsorship of the Wyoming State Snowmobile Program. This "No Cost" course is now available at website below:

<http://provalenslearning.com/yellowstone-snowmobile-education-certificate>

Fourth, you will be required to use only current Best Available Technology (BAT) snowmobiles in your group. Note these required machines can be rented at location near the four gates.

For the complete detailed information on the Non-Commercially Guided Access Program, please see the Yellowstone Park Service website at (www.nps.gov/yell/learn/management/ngsap.htm)

For additional information on the Yellowstone Winter Use issue and snowmobile community's combined fifteen year effort to keep snowmobile access to Yellowstone in winter, visit our dedicated website www.saveyellowstonepark.com.

Please remember one of our collective main efforts during the last SEIS Winter Planning process was to have a "Non-commercially Guided access program for entry into Yellowstone. We accomplished that and now is your chance to plan a trip into the Park without a commercial guide. Please consider signing up during the lottery period, which will run from September 3rd until October 3, 2014.

After the lottery is finished and the initial trips are awarded you can still sign up to lead a trip at www.recreation.gov on a first-come-first-served basis for the dates still available. A total of only two trips allowed per season. The open signup period will begin in early November 2015 for an opportunity to lead a non-commercially guided trip into the Yellowstone Park this season (2015-2016).