



PRESS RELEASE

**The snowmobile season is upon us:
the Fédération des clubs de motoneigistes du Québec invites snowmobilers to exercise caution.**

Terrebonne, December 18, 2019— Regions throughout Quebec will soon be in the midst of the next snowmobile season, we already have a few centimeters of snow on the ground in some regions! The wait has been long and we must be patient in order to have beautiful trails. We still need a few important elements before we can fully enjoy snowmobiling. We need for the ground to freeze and be covered with a fair amount of snow to cover the elements that may affect the safety of users. Furthermore, groomers need to get out and make several runs in order to adequately prepare the trails. Enthusiasm should not take precedence over your obligation to exercise caution. The Fédération des clubs de motoneigistes du Québec (FCMQ) reminds snowmobilers to exercise caution and awareness, particularly on bodies of water, notably by not riding on trails which have not yet been staked by club volunteers.

Club volunteers are currently hard at work preparing the trails for the coming season. Snowmobilers are thus advised to contact their local club in order to confirm the official opening of their trails. Whether it is via its Web site (www.fcmq.qc.ca), its Facebook page or its *iMotoneige* mobile app, the FCMQ provides various means for snowmobilers to verify trail conditions throughout the season.

***iMotoneige* : Free updates now available !**

iMotoneige app offers an efficient and quick access to all Quebec trail maps, and this with no need to have a data plan or even a cellular signal.

The updates include more than 800 service points, superior quality base map, suppression of all itinerary markers with one click, kilometers or miles display along with the use of new colors for grooming periods!

You will also find the Quebec trail conditions issued by the FCMQ along with regional tourism associations. *

May it be out in the trails or in the comfort of your own home, the *iMotoneige* app is an indispensable app to plan your outings, discover a region, or visit astonishing touristic attractions by snowmobile!

iMotoneige is your next destination!!!

**Grooming delays inform you as to when the groomers have passed, whereas the trail condition take into account many aspects such as snowfall, ice, traffic, etc.*

Events planned for January 2020

Snowmobile clubs and FCMQ provincial trail wardens will be undertaking joint patrols on the weekend of January 18th and 19th as part of the « Snowmobile trails Open House » event, as well as January 18th to 26th for “International Snowmobile Safety Week”. The FCMQ and its partners in safety will be present on the trails, in clubhouses and licensed areas, amongst others, dispensing advice on safe and responsible riding practices.

Safety, an investment for life!

Each year, the FCMQ provides up-to-date training to its club and provincial volunteer trail wardens, thereby ensuring that every one of its 1,200 wardens has the necessary knowledge and skills to help safeguard the safety of trail users.

Keep right, respect the posted speed limit, plan your rides, etc... a wealth of information on best riding practices is available on the FCMQ Web site (www.fcmq.qc.ca).

Adopting a safe riding attitude is the best way to ensure your safety!

About the FCMQ

The Fédération des clubs de motoneigistes du Québec, a sectorial tourism association, is a not-for-profit organisation that has been serving its members for more than 45 years. It is dedicated to the development and promotion of safe snowmobiling throughout Quebec. The FCMQ defends the interests of its 199 member clubs and their 100,000 individual members. More than 4,500 volunteers contribute in excess of 800,000 hours annually towards the maintenance of the provincial snowmobile trail network.

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