

TREAD LIGHTLY! PLEDGE

- Travel and recreate with minimum impact
- Respect the environment and the rights of others
- Educate yourself, plan and prepare before you go
- Allow for future use of the outdoors, leave it better than you found it
- Discover the rewards of responsible recreation

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THE TREAD LIGHTLY! GUIDE TO RESPONSIBLE SNOWMOBILING

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INTRODUCTION

*We did not inherit the Earth from our parents,
We are borrowing it from our children.
-Indian Proverb*

For many of us, enjoyment of the outdoors is the main reason we recreate—“to get away from it all.” Winter pursuits, such as winter camping, ice fishing, photography, organized snowmobile club activities, trail tour riding, etc. have all grown in popularity.

Snowmobile access to trails provides the opportunity to bring out the Lewis and Clark in all of us—to explore and enjoy the great outdoors. But we have a responsibility to take care of the outdoors just as we would our own homes.

The *Tread Lightly! Guide to Responsible Snowmobiling* will help you prepare for an enjoyable outdoor experience on a snowmobile, and at the same time, help you to be a responsible, positive influence on nature and those around you.

Now, off to the wonderful world of responsible snowmobiling, the Tread Lightly![®] way.

WHAT IS TREAD LIGHTLY!

Tread Lightly![®] Inc. is an educational program dedicated to increasing awareness in enjoying the great outdoors while minimizing the impacts of recreational use. It emphasizes responsible use of off-highway vehicles, other forms of travel, and low-impact principles related to outdoor recreational activities. Tread Lightly! strives to increase public awareness and encourage responsible outdoor practices to insure outdoor recreational opportunities are open, accessible, and well preserved for years to come.

Tread Lightly! was launched in 1985 by the U.S. Forest Service to help protect public and private lands. To maximize its effectiveness, program responsibility was transferred to the private sector in 1990, making Tread Lightly! a nonprofit organization.

Over the years, the program has steadily added new dimensions to meet the needs of all types of outdoor enthusiasts. The program's message was expanded in 1997 to include the promotion of responsible water-based recreational activities.

Tread Lightly! unites a broad spectrum of federal and state governmental agencies, manufacturers of recreational products, media, enthusiast groups, and concerned individuals who share a common goal to care for natural resources. Through education and stewardship Tread Lightly! empowers generations, present and future, to enjoy the outdoors responsibly, ensuring future use of the land and water.

The message is simple: conserve our environment! Make the commitment to follow Tread Lightly! principles, as summarized in the Tread Lightly! Pledge:

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TRAVEL AND RECREATE WITH MINIMUM IMPACT

For years, riding snowmobiles has been a popular activity and is now being enjoyed by second and third generation enthusiasts. Interest in snowmobiling has grown in popularity due in part to the ever-improving reliability of modern snowmobiles.

By understanding and practicing proper snowmobiling techniques, you will be reducing the impact you might otherwise have on the environment.

Remember to always ...

- Travel only in areas that are open to your type of recreation.
- Travel only on routes or in areas designated for motorized use.
- Avoid sensitive areas.

Snowmobiling is a wonderful way to experience a winter wonderland, and if done properly, is an environmentally appropriate way to enjoy the backcountry. Here are a few tips to help you negotiate the terrain, and enjoy your snowmobiling experience while conserving the environment.

Negotiating Terrain

- ▶ When climbing a hill, approach the summit with caution in case there is another snowmobiler, a steep downhill, a sharp turn, or some other potential hazard beyond your line of sight.
- ▶ Do not ride off cornices (snowy overhangs) if there are other riders below when there is a high probability of an avalanche occurring.
- ▶ Avoid riding on frozen waterways as much as possible. If you must ride on lakes, streams, or rivers, approach them with caution. Ride at reduced speeds to optimize your view of potential hazards.
- ▶ Always cross roadways at a 90-degree angle to the road to hasten the crossing.
- ▶ Reduce your speed on the trail when approaching a corner. Squeeze the brake lightly, at least once, to evaluate how slippery the snow is and to slow your sled in advance of the turn. Keep to the right side of the trail on every corner. Do not slide the sled through the corner, or accelerate hard out of the corner—you will damage the trail.
- ▶ The old saying is that when a snowmobile takes on a tree, trees do not lose. Be aware of trees, stumps, and even branches near the trails. Avoid them by riding in control at reasonable speeds.



Riding Tips

- ▶ Keep your feet in the foot wells when riding.
- ▶ Do not lock your brake when going downhill. Rather, pump the brake repeatedly, releasing it just as the track locks up and is about to slide, then apply the brake again to further slow the sled. Utilize the newer motor's compression brake by knowing how your machine engages easiest.
- ▶ With your upper body, lean into turns slightly to enhance the sled's maneuverability and to avoid tipping the machine onto one ski.

- ▶ Touring snowmobiles have extended seats designed to accommodate up to two riders. Do not ride two-up on a snowmobile designed for only one rider because of the hazardous potential to lose control and maneuverability. Make sure the passenger riding on the back of a two-up seat leans slightly into turns with the driver. Take advantage of having two sets of eyes on board, and make sure the passenger is watching for hazards and other snowmobiles.

Protecting The Soundscape

Natural sounds are essential to the health of the environment. Man-made noise can reduce the quality of the natural experience and is detrimental to the wildlife in an ecosystem.

- ▶ Check with land manager to determine if sound restrictions exist for snowmobiling.
- ▶ Make sure your engine and exhaust system are well tuned, your vehicle will run smoother and quieter.
- ▶ Avoid revving your engine or running at full throttles, which creates unnecessary noise.
- ▶ Respect others' desire for quiet solitude and the sounds of nature. Early morning and late afternoon is often the time when people enjoy peace and tranquility.
- ▶ Be aware that continued exposure to unnatural noise could cause chronic stress to wildlife. Take appropriate measures to reduce travel in areas inhabited by wildlife.
- ▶ Excessive sound is bothersome to some people and to wildlife. Retain and maintain your snowmobile's stock exhaust system to help reduce user conflict.



RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS

By respecting the land and water resources, wildlife and the rights of others, you ensure that not only will you be able to continue to go snowmobiling, but others will also be able to enjoy the great outdoors.

Remember to always ...

- Respect and be considerate of other users so that all may enjoy a quality experience in the outdoors.
- Respect wildlife. Be sensitive to their life sustaining needs by keeping your distance.
- Comply with signage.
- Obtain permission to cross private land.

Rules and Common Courtesy on the Trail

- ▶ Before starting a day's ride, agree, as a group, on hand signals to use on the trails. You should include signals for "stop ahead," "oncoming riders approaching," "slow-hazard or sharp curve ahead," and "road crossing clear, proceed with caution." Common signals among experienced trail riders include holding up fingers to represent how many sleds are behind you in your group, or holding up a fist if you are the last one.
- ▶ Ride single file. Trails are typically groomed wide enough for only two sleds. You must leave room to your left for oncoming snowmobiles to pass.
- ▶ Be respectful of habitats where animals feed in winter or seek shelter. Stick to the trails, and enjoy viewing the wildlife from a distance.
- ▶ Be considerate of others on the trail. A friendly "Hi!" goes a long way in building a positive image and relationship with other trail users. Be a goodwill ambassador for all snowmobilers.
- ▶ Be a courteous rider. Yield the right of way when it helps the traffic flow to be safer and smoother. Courtesy on the trails helps keep the trails open year after year.



- ▶ Keep to the right on the trails—even when you do not see any oncoming traffic. It is especially essential to stay to the right while riding around corners. Each rider must stay to the right to avoid collisions with passing snowmobiles. Reduce speeds as required to stay to the right while cornering.
- ▶ Pass on the left, but only pass another rider if that rider is aware you are coming by and waves you on. Make sure you have complete visibility of the trail ahead so you know it is safe to pull out to the left to pass. Slower groups of riders should slow down and hug the right edge of the trail to let faster riders pass.
- ▶ When stopping along a trail, pull your sled as far over on the right side of the trail as possible in a very visible stretch of the trail. Do not stop near corners, and consider how many riders are in your group so the last riders aren't parked near a corner. Park single file and watch for oncoming snowmobiles.
- ▶ Show consideration for snowmobilers, ATV riders, landowners, skiers, hikers, motorists, and wildlife. Enjoy your ride and the beautiful scenery. That means riding courteously and safely on marked trails and not littering.
- ▶ Ride only where permitted. Obey “no trespassing” signs, even if you see tracks in the posted areas. Being a responsible snowmobiler can help all riders retain their access to choice riding areas.
- ▶ Unless a marked trail clearly routes you around a locked gate, obey all gate closures as you would in a vehicle. If you have permission to go through a gate, leave it as you found it, either opened or closed.
- ▶ Respect fence boundaries and landowners' rights, even when the fences are snow-covered. Always obtain permission to cross on private land, and stay on the trail.
- ▶ Obey all trail signs, including speed limit signs, stop signs, and hazard warnings. Warning signs can refer to bridges, sharp curves, steep hills, large bumps, or road and trail crossings.
- ▶ Park in designated areas at trailheads. Do not park in restricted areas or in a way that blocks traffic or other vehicles. If necessary, unload the sleds from the trailer and then park the tow vehicle.
- ▶ Trails are for riding—not racing! Leave the competition to the racetracks. If you absolutely must go fast, enter a sanctioned snowmobile drag race or radar run. Observe speed limits: whether they are posted on every trail or not, it is your responsibility to obey the local speed limits.

EDUCATE YOURSELF, PLAN AND PREPARE BEFORE YOU GO

Before you head out on your next snowmobiling adventure, a little preparation can make your trip easier and safer, while protecting the environment. Planning for the unexpected, as well as the expected, will maximize your time outdoors and minimize your problems. Plan your trip well in advance.

Remember to always ...

- Know local laws and regulations.
- Know which areas and routes are open for your type of recreation.
- Have the right information, maps, and equipment to make your trip safe, and know how to use them.
- Be sure your sled is compatible with snow and trail conditions.

STEP BY STEP

In order to enjoy snowmobiling to the fullest, you should be prepared for the unexpected. Even when riding in remote areas, such as woods and mountains, you can enjoy hours of trouble-free riding with smart preparation. There are specific items you should pack for your personal safety, and the Snowmobile Checklist at the end of this booklet consists of items you should take to help keep you and your snowmobile running well.

Preparing for Your Trip

- ▶ Make a realistic trail plan and stick to it, then let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back. Leave a friend a map and trail itinerary in case of an emergency.
- ▶ Carry local trail maps and area highway maps to get the best idea of your location and proximity to towns, roads, and trails. Better yet, invest in a global positioning system transceiver to accompany your maps.
- ▶ On state or federally managed lands, check with rangers or land managers to clarify which lands are open for riding. Watch for signs at trailheads to verify that snowmobiles are permitted on the trails you enter. On private lands, check with landowner(s) for permission to use their land.
- ▶ Check weather forecasts as part of your planning. Dress accordingly and be willing to cut your ride short if particularly harsh weather is expected.



- ▶ Regardless of where you ride, be sure your snowmobile is properly registered with your home state or province. Some counties, states, or parks require special permits or registrations.
- ▶ Make sure you are completely familiar with the operation and controls of your snowmobile, and use riding time to get as comfortable as possible with the machine's power and handling characteristics. Read the Owner's Manual, make sure to perform regular maintenance and familiarize yourself with basic mechanics, such as changing belts and plugs.
- ▶ Check your local rules. Ride only where permitted and not in off-trail areas where you may harm wildlife or vegetation. Remember, designated wilderness areas are closed to all forms of mechanical use, including snowmobiles. There may be some exceptions in Alaskan wilderness areas.
- ▶ If you or another newcomer needs instruction or riding tips, contact your local snowmobile dealer or snowmobile club. Clubs usually have members who are certified safety instructors; they will be adept at teaching you the basics on riding techniques and safe snowmobiling.

Proper Clothing

- ▶ Snowmobile riders may find themselves in harsh weather conditions. Today's snowmobile clothing is excellent at providing warmth and preventing wind and moisture from chilling a rider. Do not cut corners when purchasing your riding gear because it is your best protection against the elements. Be sure to select garments that do not absorb moisture, robbing you of body heat.
- ▶ Wear a helmet when snowmobiling. It is your head's best protection in case of an accident. It is also the best protection from wind and cold. Full-face helmets provide the greatest safety.
- ▶ Make sure your helmet fits properly. A helmet should fit snugly without pinching or hurting. You should be able to slide a finger between your head and the helmet padding. With the chinstrap buckled, you should not be able to pull the helmet forward off your head.



- ▶ Dress in layers so you can remove clothing if you get warm or wet and put it on again when needed. The clothing closest to your skin should be non-absorbent, which wicks moisture away from your skin to prevent chills. The next layer or two should be comfortable and loose enough to trap warm air. The outer layer—your bibs, jacket, and gloves or mittens—must be the most protective: as waterproof and windproof as possible and durable enough to withstand branches along the trail.
- ▶ Keep your feet warm and dry; it is essential to staying warm as you snowmobile. Choose boots that are waterproof and have a warm lining or insulation, preferably a removable liner you can dry at the day's end. Rubber is the most effective at keeping soles sealed and waterproof. For uppers, thick leather or waterproofed fabrics are good at keeping water from reaching the insulation or liner.
- ▶ Some riders, especially those who ride in areas laced with rivers, streams, and lakes, wear flotation suits. These suits provide protective shells and warm insulation as well as internal flotation devices that keep a rider afloat if he or she ends up in water. Look for suits whose flotation materials are approved by regulatory agencies. Remember that this extra protection does not diminish the need for caution near bodies of water.

Safety on the Trail

- ▶ For training, contact State Associations. Depending upon the state, the State Association will either conduct safety training or will be able to refer you to local training sessions.
- ▶ The number one cause of snowmobile accidents is alcohol. Do not drink and ride. Even one drink impairs your response time and judgment, two vital skills for snowmobiling. Alcohol also thins the blood and allows the body to cool faster, which may be the difference between life and death in an emergency situation.
- ▶ Learn the limits of your ability and drive at safe speeds. Since stopping takes longer on slick surfaces, such as snow and ice, be extremely aware of your surroundings and of other snowmobilers so you can react and respond in time to avoid accidents.



- ▶ Ride with a partner. Not only is there fun in numbers, but riding with at least one companion is also essential to your safety. Remember that you're going off-highway, sometimes into remote country at great distance from roads and towns. The buddy system is vital to avoiding tragedy in case of emergencies, such as a mechanical breakdown or an accident. A buddy's extra snowmobile can take you both farther than you can walk back.
- ▶ A cellular phone is a smart, potentially lifesaving link to help in case of an emergency. Before your day's ride, write down local emergency telephone numbers and bring them with you. Keep in mind, however, that you may not have service in the area. In some locations only satellite phones will provide service.
- ▶ Modern snowmobiles have excellent brakes, but when riding on inherently slippery surfaces (snow and ice), you cannot expect to stop as quickly as is possible in a vehicle. If you cannot stop a safe distance from the sled in front of you, you are tailgating. Leave yourself plenty of room to stop and watch for the brake lights of riders ahead of you.
- ▶ When not on a groomed or marked trail, be aware of unmarked hazards or obstacles hidden beneath the snow, including fences, rocks, gates, and ditches.
- ▶ Play it safe as the daylight changes. Terrain and snow contours can be difficult to see at dusk. Reduce your speed, take a break, or stop for the night.
- ▶ Do not ride to the point of mental or physical exhaustion. Ride to have fun, and end the day's ride before you are too tired to ride safely.
- ▶ Ride defensively. Make safety the highest priority when deciding whether to proceed or to give way when encountering other riders and road crossings. Do not assume that other riders or motorists will always see you or respond properly.
- ▶ Watch out for trail groomers, especially at night. They are big and typically move at slow speeds on the trails. Make sure you can stop if you round a corner and encounter one. Inquire at trail stops about whether any groomers are on the next stretch of trails you will ride. Always assume that a groomer is on the trail.
- ▶ Watch out for oncoming traffic. Make sure your group's leader is a safety-first rider who signals to the group when oncoming sleds are spotted. Both groups of riders should slow while passing one another. Every rider should hug the trail's outside edge to make way for passing sleds.

Night Riding

- ▶ Avoid riding unfamiliar trails at night.
- ▶ Night riding can be delightful. However, be extra alert when riding at night and take precautions. Pack emergency gear and notify others of the routes you will take and when you expect to return.
- ▶ Your vision is limited to what your snowmobile's headlight illuminates, so reduce your overall speed, and take your time when riding at night. Be especially observant of other snowmobiles, road crossings, and hazards such as hills and sharp curves. You should also keep an eye out for nocturnal wildlife. Tinted lenses are effective on bright days, but can diminish vision at night.
- ▶ Today's snowmobiles have excellent headlights, and their effectiveness is enhanced if all riders have reflective materials on clothing and helmets. Consider adding reflective tape to jackets, helmets, and gloves or mittens, so you will be more visible to fellow riders.
- ▶ Snowmobilers can cross paths with animals. Riding at reduced speeds and not over-riding your headlights will help you see animals in time to take evasive action or stop.
- ▶ At night, a good speed gauge is not to ride so fast that you couldn't stop within the area illuminated by your headlights.

Avalanche Awareness

The best way to avoid avalanches is to be informed, travel with the appropriate gear, and avoid high risk riding areas. Check www.avalanche.org for more information on avalanche safety and if you have the opportunity, take an avalanche safety course. The tips below serve as general safety information for traveling in avalanche terrain.



- ▶ Before you go, contact the local avalanche center for the latest avalanche forecast. Be prepared with contact information of the local Search and Rescue organization in case of an emergency.

- ▶ Pack rescue gear. Wear an avalanche beacon and know how to use it. A small pack with a shovel and a probe should be worn on the body at all times. Pack a cellular phone, emergency phone numbers, and a GPS device if possible.
- ▶ If you snowmobile in avalanche terrain ALWAYS ride with a partner. Have a rescue plan before you begin. What will you do if you trigger an avalanche? How will you respond if you are the rescuer?
- ▶ Use terrain to your advantage. Follow ridges, thick trees, and slopes with safer consequences. Avoid terrain traps such as gullies, creek beds, and depressions. Don't park at the bottom of steep slopes. Watch other riders from a "safe spot" or area outside of an avalanche path.
- ▶ Any slope steeper than 25° can avalanche. Slopes 30° to 45° are more prone to slide. Avoid these steeper slopes.
- ▶ Periodically check for clues to an unstable snow pack. These clues include recent avalanches, new snow, wind loading, rain, whumping noises or hollow sounding snow, shooting cracks, and/or signs of rapid or intense warming (roller balls).
- ▶ Smooth, steep, wind loaded slopes can be very dangerous. Check stability before attempting to ride these slopes.
- ▶ If you enjoy riding steep slopes remember, ONE RIDER AT A TIME! NEVER ride above your partner. If a sled gets stuck don't send help. The extra weight on the slope may trigger an avalanche.
- ▶ Old tracks do not mean a steep slope is safe. Always check for instability.
- ▶ Understand cornice safety. Cornices are overhanging deposits of wind-drifted snow that form along the leeward side of a ridge. Cornice breaks can be caused by the additional weight of your machine. Make sure the snow trails your on have solid ground underneath. Do not ride on slopes that are overhung by a cornice.

Surviving the Cold

- ▶ Pack emergency equipment (see checklist at the end of this booklet) that will help with survival if stranded.
- ▶ If a rider develops hypothermia, warm up the person as quickly as possible by rubbing him or her vigorously and getting him or her into dry clothes. Give warm liquids. Do not give alcohol

- ▶ If you do experience operational problems or breakdown, stay with your sled, and stay on the trail.
- ▶ Know how to build a snow cave for protection. Practice making one during a trailside lunch break.



**ALLOW FOR FUTURE USE OF THE OUTDOORS,
LEAVE IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT**

One joy of snowmobiling is the chance to experience nature in winter. It is every rider's responsibility to keep nature as unspoiled as possible by respecting the woods, land, and wildlife. Protecting the environment conserves it for future generations of snowmobilers to enjoy.

Remember to always ...

- Take out what you bring in.
- Properly dispose of waste.
- Leave what you find.
- Minimize use of fire.
- Restore degraded areas.

Snowmobiling And The Environment

- ▶ Help keep areas clean by taking out all litter, including toilet paper. Leave it better than you found it.
- ▶ If you build a fire, use a fire pan to minimize your impact. Fire pans are preferable, as a fire ring will be visible after the snow melts. Properly dispose of ashes and fire debris by packing them out.
- ▶ Be aware of wildlife you encounter during your ride. Do not approach them. Animals are commonly operating at lower energy levels in winter, when food may be harder to find. Do not scare or chase them away, which will force them to expend precious energy.

- ▶ Some animals, especially large, heavy ones such as buffalo and moose, use groomed, packed trails as handy walkways. If you see them on the trail, remain a safe distance away, and they will eventually move off the trail and let you pass.
- ▶ To minimize harmful emissions, keep your engine tuned up so it burns fuel as efficiently as possible. Use only recommended and certified fuels, lubricants, and additives.
- ▶ Snowmobiling on groomed trails causes no lasting harm to the soil beneath the snow, but riding in marginal snow conditions and on exposed soil can cause damage to plants and the soil. Ride only where there is adequate snow cover, and where vegetation, including young trees and plants, is not visible.

DISCOVER THE REWARDS OF RESPONSIBLE RECREATION

If you act responsibly and do everything in your power to conserve the land and opportunity to use it, chances are that the land will remain open for you to use. Following the Tread Lightly! principles will provide you with the knowledge necessary to do your part.



- ▶ Remember—if you abuse it, you will probably lose it! Careless operation of your snowmobile can cause damage and may result in authorities closing areas to snowmobile enthusiasts.
- ▶ Snowmobiling provides the opportunity to get away from the rush of everyday life and build family traditions.
- ▶ Respect the environment and other trail users. By using common sense and courtesy, what is available today will be here to enjoy tomorrow.

THE TREAD LIGHTLY! SNOWMOBILE CHECKLIST:

An ounce of prevention is the best way to ensure your snowmobile performs reliably. Make sure it is tuned up and has undergone a thorough maintenance check before you ride. Pack some parts that can be easily installed in case they fail. Get familiar with your snowmobile so you can perform at least basic trail maintenance to avoid getting stranded.

Vehicle Checklist

- Top off your gas and oil.
- Grease all fittings as suggested in the Owner's Manual.
- Check the brake fluid level.
- Inspect belts for wear.
- Replace any worn spark plugs.
- Have a snowmobile dealer do maintenance work to keep your sled running its best.

The Basics

- Travel maps
- Extra fuel
- Spare drive belt
- Spare spark plugs

THE TREAD LIGHTLY! SAFETY EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

Tools

- Screwdrivers
- The most common sizes of wrenches for your machine
- Pliers
- Wire cutters
- Spark plug wrench
- Duct tape
- Strong wire

*A multi-purpose tool covers several of these tools by itself.

Clothing

- A helmet that fits properly
- Comfortable fog-free goggles (if helmet does not have face shield)
- Flexible, waterproof, warm gloves or mittens
- Insulated, waterproof boots
- Flotation suit, if riding on rivers, stream, or lakes

Emergency Items

- Area maps
- Global positioning system (GPS) unit
- Waterproof matches/lighter and candle to melt snow for water
- Flares
- Flashlight
- Whistle
- Signaling mirror
- First-aid kit
- Space blanket
- Tow strap
- Rope
- Knife
- Multi-purpose tool
- Snowshoes
- Extra gloves
- Warm hats
- Bottled water
- High-energy food
- Avalanche transceiver
- Avalanche probe
- Shovel
- Cellular phone

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- *Tread Lightly! Leaving A Good Impression*
- *Tread Lightly! Guide to Responsible Mountain Biking*
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- Coloring/Activity Book
- Decals—4-Wheel Drive, ATV, Boating, Camping, Cross Country/Backcountry skiing, Fishing, Hiking, Horseback, Hunting, Mountain Bike, Personal Watercraft, Snowmobile, and Trail Bike
- Apparel—T-shirts, polo shirts, sport caps, etc.
- Vehicle Accessories—bumper & reflective stickers, key rings, Tread Lightly! logo decals, and license plate frames
- Tread Lightly! Pledge Hangtag
- Tread Pledge Poster
- Souvenirs—water bottles, travel mugs, litter bags, and pencils
- Advertising Products—Multimedia CD Rom clip art disks and counter displays
- Pins—4-Wheel Drive, Trail Bike, Hiker, Horseback, Mountain Bike, Snowmobile, and Cross Country/Backcountry Skier
- Outdoor Products—banner and outdoor poster
- Trails Illustrated maps
- Delorme Atlas'

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Tread Lightly!, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the great outdoors through education. Your help through membership contributions enables Tread Lightly! to continue its educational mission. Become a member today. Individual Memberships can be obtained for a tax-deductible fee of \$20.00, renewable annually. Tread Lightly! offers Individual, Retailer/Outfitter, Dealer, and Club memberships. Each category varies in benefits and contribution levels. After joining as an Individual member, you will receive various membership items including a window decal, a copy of TreadLightly! Trails, our bi-annual newsletter, and tips applicable to your top area of interest. For more information on other membership categories contact Tread Lightly!.

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Please rank your top 3 areas of interest in numeric order

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheel Driving | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking/Backpacking | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cross/Backcountry Skiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Off-highway Motorcycle Riding | |

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