



Welcome to the Snowmobile Capital of Alberta!
Whitecourt Trailblazers – Facts & Stats - 2024

- **485 KMS of developed groomed** snowmobile trails in Whitecourt Areas maintained by the Whitecourt Trailblazers. Trail maps and GPS tracks are downloadable from our website (www.whitecourtrailblazers.ca)
- **Over \$3 Million- current replacement** value of Snowmobile Trail System, Warm-Up Shelters and Grooming Equipment.
- **8% of the 6000 KMS of Snowmobile Trails in Alberta** are in the Woodlands County (Whitecourt Area)
- **5000 Snowmobiles** – the number of movements on our trails during the snowmobile season annually. The trails are generally open from December 15th to March 15th. Check our website for conditions.
- **\$4000/year for the average snowmobiler-** is 44 years old and spends \$4000 each season on snowmobile recreation
- **Top Snowmobile Destination** Whitecourt is one of the top destinations in Alberta. We are one of the largest and most active clubs in Alberta. Whitecourt is one of the favorite trail destinations in Western Canada for visitors who enjoy the scenic and well-maintained trail system
- **53% of snowmobilers trailer** their snowmobiles regularly to go riding, on average travelling 60-120 kms to reach their favorite riding area. Snowmobiles is a major winter tourism and economic driver for Whitecourt.
- **2900KMS – average snowmobiler rides** 1520 miles per season
- **75% of your trail pass dollars stay in Whitecourt** – 75% of the ASA Membership Trail Passes sold in Whitecourt goes right back to the Whitecourt Trailblazers Snowmobile Clubs and goes into the 485km snowmobile trail system in Whitecourt. Through membership funding 50% comes back to the club and the remaining comes back as grant funding-enhancements of the trails (grooming, maintenance, facilities)
- **600 Membership Passes** – the Club will sell on average annually - 600 trail and day passes
- **Fundraising** – The Club fundraises through the sale of ASA Memberships, Sponsorships, Events, AGLC Raffles and Casinos, Grants (ASA, AB Government and local) and donations
- **\$400,000 Grooming Equipment** – Snowcats (2 large cats and one snowmobile) and snowmobile trail drag systems. We groom the more popular trails more. Some of the trails with less traffic will be every month as conditions warrant. Whitecourt is well known for having one of the best-groomed trail systems in Alberta.

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- **\$10,000 Annual Trail Brushing Program Budget** – to remove willows, alders and underbrush growth on the trails during the off season in order to keep the trails safe and free of debris
- **\$200 per KM** – Our annual costs to maintain the trails are \$100,000 annually/\$200 per KM of Trail. These costs include; grooming, brushing, replacing stolen and vandalized signage, repairing trail damage due to ATV traffic and groomer repairs, however this does not include groomer replacement or time and equipment donated by Club Volunteers for trail cleaning. The Clubs net proceeds from the sale of one ASA pass allows the club to maintain 250 metres of trail for the season. Thank you for purchasing your ASA Membership Trail Pass.
- **50 Active Club Members** – Our active members donate their time and equipment 12 months of the year to maintain the trail system. Visit our website to learn how you can become a Trailblazers Volunteer today. www.whitecourtrailblazers.ca. Volunteerism is encouraged as every volunteer makes a difference.
- **95% Family Fun** – Snowmobiling is a great family activity that keeps parents and kids together. 95% of snowmobilers consider it a family activity as the majority of snowmobile owners are married and have children.
- **600 Snowmobiles average** – attendance at our annual 2-day snowmobile rally held during the Alberta Family Day Long Weekend in February. Visit our website for the upcoming rally information
- **4000 Hours** – active Trailblazer Club members volunteer annually as a group of 50 active members. Some volunteers give more than 500 hours annually. Please keep in mind that our Club volunteers are snowmobilers just like you, and we can use your help. Visit our website to learn how you can become a Trailblazers Volunteer.
- **Ride Responsibly** – Please use respect on the trails, keep to the right and watch for oncoming traffic. Obey all Caution and Stop signs. Dress for the conditions and ride within your experience and skill level. Remember we have a Zero tolerance for alcohol on the trails. Insurance and Registration is a must!
- **2 Staging Areas, 3 Cabins and 4 Lookouts-** Our Club has 2 Staging Areas (Eagle River Recreation Area and Groat Creek), 3 Warm-Up Shelters (Summit, Gundy and Carson Lake) and 4 Look-Outs/Rest Stops (Athabasca River, Goodwin Lake, Groat Canyon, Shiningbank)
- **Use Respect** – The lookouts and the warm-up shelters are maintained by volunteers for your enjoyment. Please leave them in better condition that you found them by taking a few minutes to pick up any trash left behind by others. We have provided garbage cans at all these locations, but we encourage riders to take their own trash out with them. If you packed it in, pack it out.

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- **The Golden Triangle** – the 350Km trail system that links the communities of Swan Hills, Fox Creek and Whitecourt. This trail system is accessible from all 3 communities and is generally groomed and ready to ride by February 1st each season. Check the Clubs websites and The Golden Triangle website for current trail conditions before departing on the Adventurist Golden Triangle Bucket List. The Golden Triangle is maintained through efforts of the 3 snowmobile clubs, 3 Towns and 3 Counties of Woodlands, Big Lakes and MD of Greenview.
- [Canadian Council Snowmobile Organizations - Facts & Myths](#)
- [Canadian Council Snowmobile Organizations - Snowmobiling by the Numbers](#)
- [ASA – Alberta Snowmobile – Economic Impact of Snowmobiling in Alberta – 2009](#)
 - \$387.8 Million in annual spending in Alberta
 - \$142 Million in tax revenues by the 3 levels of Government from impacts of snowmobiling in Alberta
 - \$36.6 Million in tax revenue collected by the Government of Alberta from Snowmobiling
 - 6574 full time jobs created from Snowmobiling in Alberta
 - \$12.6 Million in tax revenue by Municipal Governments in Alberta from Snowmobiling

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