

Snowmobiling

As part of our commitment to advancing sustainable tourism, we encourage our tourism partners to improve their sustainability performance by providing them with the guidance below.

- ✓ Ensure applicable legal **permits & permission** to access the activity area are in place
- ✓ Ensure **insurance** is in place for guests and team
- ✓ Identify **health & safety** risks, implement management systems, and provide appropriate safety equipment
- ✓ Ensure enough team members are available in case of **emergency**
- ✓ Monitor activity **area conditions** (including weather) in advance & during the activity
- ✓ Plan activities to only take place when **adequate snow cover** can reasonably be assured
- ✓ Be familiar with activity area and ensure that **navigation and communication** tools are in good working order
- ✓ Maximise local **economic benefits** through employment and purchasing
- ✓ Avoid single use & disposable items, pack out what you take in, and pick up any **rubbish** found along the way
- ✓ Use **eco-friendly products**, e.g., cleaning products
- ✓ Be **waterwise** and take pro-active measures to use water sparingly
- ✓ Minimise **energy** used in the activity as part of a climate action strategy
- ✓ Fit machines with **noise suppression** equipment, where available
- ✓ Provide **information in advance** about your sustainability actions, activity accessibility, what to expect, and what to bring with
- ✓ **Screen participants** to make sure that the activity is well suited to their fitness & level of ability
- ✓ Manage **group size** to minimise impacts on people & the planet, and ensure safe guide : participant ratio
- ✓ **Brief participants** before activity starts about do's and don'ts, safety, low impact operation of snowmobiles, hazards to be aware of, group pace and communication, not disturbing / removing flora and fauna, rubbish collection and disposal, 'winter bush toilet' etiquette, and rules regarding alcohol and fires
- ✓ **Share information** about local nature and culture along the way
- ✓ Show **respect** for the land, waterways, wildlife, and other activity area users, including right of way and overtaking considerations
- ✓ Avoid **sensitive areas**, e.g., lakeshores, riverbanks, wetlands, meadows, and avalanche risk areas, and crossing frozen waterways
- ✓ Repair and compensate for any **damage** caused to the activity area
- ✓ Participate in conserving activity area **integrity**; notify authorities of concerns and participate in rehabilitation projects