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Rule 1. Snowmobile Trails

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312 IAC 7-1-1 Applicability

Authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#)

Affected: [IC 14](#)

Sec. 1. This rule governs the use of snowmobile trails that have been designated by the department. (*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 7-1-1; filed Aug 20, 1997, 7:15 a.m.: 21 IR 25; readopted filed Jul 28, 2003, 12:00 p.m.: 27 IR 286; readopted filed May 26, 2009, 11:20 a.m.: [20090624-IR-312090153RFA](#); readopted filed Sep 30, 2015, 11:46 a.m.: [20151028-IR-312150109RFA](#); readopted filed Sep 23, 2021, 9:43 a.m.: [20211020-IR-312210228RFA](#)*)

312 IAC 7-1-2 Snowmobile trails; seasons and controls

Authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#)

Affected: [IC 14](#)

Sec. 2. (a) A snowmobile trail is open only:

- (1) from December 1 through March 31;
- (2) if there are at least four (4) inches of snow on the ground; and
- (3) if the trail is generally covered with snow.

(b) The department shall designate persons to determine whether the requirements of subsection (a) are satisfied. These persons shall cause the trails to be posted as either open or closed at each trailhead. (*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 7-1-2; filed Aug 20, 1997, 7:15 a.m.: 21 IR 25; readopted filed Jul 28, 2003, 12:00 p.m.: 27 IR 286; readopted filed May 26, 2009, 11:20 a.m.: [20090624-IR-312090153RFA](#); readopted filed Sep 30, 2015, 11:46 a.m.: [20151028-IR-312150109RFA](#); readopted filed Sep 23, 2021, 9:43 a.m.: [20211020-IR-312210228RFA](#)*)

312 IAC 7-1-3 Use of wheeled vehicles prohibited; exceptions

Authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#)

Affected: [IC 14](#)

Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a person must not operate a wheeled vehicle on a designated snowmobile trail.

(b) The following are exempted from the general prohibition against the operation of a wheeled vehicle on a snowmobile trail:

- (1) A person operating a wheeled vehicle on a road where it intersects with a snowmobile trail.
- (2) A person operating equipment for the purpose of grooming a snowmobile trail.
- (3) A person who operates a wheeled vehicle while crossing a snowmobile trail on land which the person owns or leases.

(*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 7-1-3; filed Aug 20, 1997, 7:15 a.m.: 21 IR 25; readopted filed Jul 28, 2003, 12:00 p.m.: 27 IR 286; readopted filed May 26, 2009, 11:20 a.m.: [20090624-IR-312090153RFA](#); readopted filed Sep 30, 2015, 11:46 a.m.: [20151028-IR-312150109RFA](#); readopted filed Sep 23, 2021, 9:43 a.m.: [20211020-IR-312210228RFA](#)*)

Rule 2. Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Rivers and Streams

[312 IAC 7-2-1](#)

Applicability

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Blue River in Harrison, Crawford, and Washington Counties

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312 IAC 7-2-1 Applicability

Authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-29-6-9](#)
Affected: [IC 14-29-6](#)

Sec. 1. This rule identifies the waterways that are included by the commission in the Indiana natural, scenic, and recreational river system. (*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 7-2-1; filed Aug 20, 1997, 7:15 a.m.: 21 IR 25; readopted filed Jul 28, 2003, 12:00 p.m.: 27 IR 286; readopted filed May 26, 2009, 11:20 a.m.: [20090624-IR-312090153RFA](#); readopted filed Sep 30, 2015, 11:46 a.m.: [20151028-IR-312150109RFA](#); readopted filed Sep 23, 2021, 9:43 a.m.: [20211020-IR-312210228RFA](#)*)

312 IAC 7-2-2 Blue River in Harrison, Crawford, and Washington Counties

Authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-29-6-9](#)
Affected: [IC 14-29-6](#)

Sec. 2. (a) The Blue River in Harrison, Crawford, and Washington Counties is included in the Indiana natural, scenic, and recreational river system from river mile 57 downstream to river mile 11.5.

(b) The portion of the Blue River described in subsection (a) is divided into the following segments:

- (1) From river mile 57 downstream to river mile 42, the river is designated as a scenic river.
- (2) From river mile 42 downstream to river mile 32, the river is designated as a recreational river.
- (3) From river mile 32 downstream to river mile 22, the river is designated as a natural river.
- (4) From river mile 22 downstream to river mile 11.5, the river is designated as a recreational river.

(*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 7-2-2; filed Aug 20, 1997, 7:15 a.m.: 21 IR 25; readopted filed Jul 28, 2003, 12:00 p.m.: 27 IR 286; readopted filed May 26, 2009, 11:20 a.m.: [20090624-IR-312090153RFA](#); readopted filed Sep 30, 2015, 11:46 a.m.: [20151028-IR-312150109RFA](#); readopted filed Sep 23, 2021, 9:43 a.m.: [20211020-IR-312210228RFA](#)*)

312 IAC 7-2-3 Cedar Creek in Allen and DeKalb Counties

Authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-29-6-9](#)
Affected: [IC 14-29-6](#)

Sec. 3. Cedar Creek in Allen and DeKalb Counties from river mile 13.7 to the confluence with the St. Joseph River is included in the Indiana natural, scenic, and recreational river system and is designated as a recreational river. (*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 7-2-3; filed Aug 20, 1997, 7:15 a.m.: 21 IR 26; readopted filed Jul 28, 2003, 12:00 p.m.: 27 IR 286; readopted filed May 26, 2009, 11:20 a.m.: [20090624-IR-312090153RFA](#); readopted filed Sep 30, 2015, 11:46 a.m.: [20151028-IR-312150109RFA](#); readopted filed Sep 23, 2021, 9:43 a.m.: [20211020-IR-312210228RFA](#)*)

312 IAC 7-2-4 Wildcat Creek in Tippecanoe and Carroll Counties

Authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-29-6-9](#)
Affected: [IC 14-29-6](#)

Sec. 4. The North Fork of Wildcat Creek in Tippecanoe and Carroll Counties from river mile 43.11 to river mile 4.82 and the South Fork of Wildcat Creek in Tippecanoe County from river mile 10.21 to river mile 0.00 are included in the Indiana natural, scenic, and recreational river system and are collectively designated as a scenic river. (*Natural Resources Commissions 312 IAC 7-2-4; filed Aug 20, 1997, 7:15 a.m.: 21 IR 26; readopted filed Jul 28, 2003, 12:00 p.m.: 27 IR 286; readopted filed May 26, 2009, 11:20 a.m.: [20090624-IR-312090153RFA](#); readopted filed Sep 30, 2015, 11:46 a.m.: [20151028-IR-312150109RFA](#); readopted filed Sep 23, 2021, 9:43 a.m.: [20211020-IR-312210228RFA](#)*)

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