



## WINTER OUTDOOR SPORTS DEPARTMENT POLICY

### **PURPOSE:**

To provide and manage facilities in St. Louis County Parks to accommodate users of winter outdoor sports.

### **POLICY:**

It is the policy of the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation to make County Parks available for the outdoor recreation activities listed below when ground conditions are favorable and the wind chill is greater than 10 degrees Fahrenheit.

### **PROCEDURE:**

#### **Sled Riding**

Sled riding is permitted in all County Parks, except Lone Elk, Veterans Memorial and Kennedy. Sledding may be prohibited in other parks or sections of parks if the area is deemed dangerous. If so, such areas will be specifically posted.

Parks where sledding will be actively promoted because of favorable slopes include:

- Creve Coeur (back loop and adjacent to PP01)
- Jefferson Barracks (scenic circle)
- Endicott (north end)
- Sioux Passage (adjacent to maintenance building)
- Queeny (behind complex)
- Suson

In these parks, priority will be given to snowplowing to the first parking lot and providing warming fires for citizens, when appropriate.

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### Ice Skating

Ice skating prohibited in County Parks.

### Cross Country Skiing

Cross country skiing is permitted in all County Parks except Kennedy and Veterans Memorial and the buffalo are in Lone Elk. Special programming, including lessons and ski equipment rental, may be offered in selected areas.

### Snowmobiling

Snowmobiling is permitted in the following parks. Snow has to be a minimum depth of 2".

Sioux Passage  
Antire Valley

Snowmobiling activity should be closely monitored and may not interfere with other activities. If snowmobiles are interfering with other activities or they are operating on soft, damageable turf, they should be advised to move to another area or leave.

**Note: Snowmobiling does not include 3-wheel motorcycles, quadrunners or any other type of off-road vehicles. No snowmobiling on trails.**  
**Park Hours**

If activities listed above are on-going, extend park hours until 9:00pm or until 7:30pm if no activity is present.

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Director

Date

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