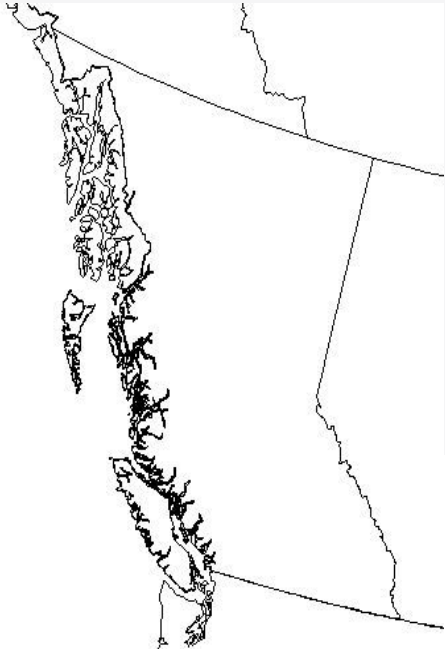


**A POCKET GUIDE TO
SOME BASIC PRINCIPALS
FOR RECREATING IN THE
BACKCOUNTRY OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA**



“Enjoying a day on the mountain”



**WHICH FOOTPRINT DO
YOU LEAVE AFTER YOUR
BACKCOUNTRY
EXPERIENCE?**



**WE HOPE IT'S THE ONE
BELOW!!!!**



**THAT'S RIGHT, THERE'S
NOTHING THERE!!**

**BASIC
STEWARDSHIP
GUIDELINES
FOR SNOWMOBILE
RECREATION IN
BC's
BACKCOUNTRY**



**BC-"THE BEST
PLACE ON EARTH"**

BASIC STEWARDSHIP AND BEHAVIOUR



BEFORE YOU GO

- Identify the areas in which you are going to ride.
- Is it Private Property or Tenured land and have you obtained permission to ride there?
- Are there Environmental or Wildlife concerns and are you aware of them?
- Have you advised anyone not going with you where you are going and when you should be expected back?
- If you are snowmobiling in unfamiliar terrain have you acquired maps of the area?

HAVE A PLAN!

RIDING IN THE BACKCOUNTRY

- Please observe the "Pack it in-Pack it out" rule at all times.
- If using cabins or shelters provided by others for snowmobilers, remember that this is a valuable service provided by the host in the area you are in, and treat it accordingly. Remember that others have put in a great deal of effort to provide you with this service and that you are a guest.
- Many areas promoted for Recreational Snowmobiling contain Cutblocks and Logged over areas. Please be aware that these areas have been replanted and avoid accessing them if stems are visible, as running over these stems with a Snowmobile will cause considerable damage. This also includes Skid Trails as they have been replanted as well.
- When crossing rivers or streams try to cross where bridges have been provided or where there are natural ice bridges, which you have deemed safe for use. Do not drive through streams, as this could cause Environmental damage.
- Always be aware that you may be snowmobiling in watersheds, which are being used for human consumption.
- In case of an emergency, volunteer assistance. Always carry essential emergency equipment such as a light source, shovel, and first aid kit.
- If riding in an area, which has Groomed Trails, always, buy a trail pass where required, and observe the rules of the trail. Your trail fee helps pay for the development and maintenance of the trails.
- Always carry the necessary Safety equipment required for the terrain you will be riding in. (Avalanche areas, etc.)

WILDLIFE CONCERNS

- Do your best to have as little impact on wildlife as possible.
- If you are riding in authorized areas and you encounter wildlife, give them room. Winter is a much more difficult time for wildlife as it takes most of their energy just to survive.
- If you cannot safely avoid an encounter, leave the area in the least intrusive manner possible.

Observe all applied rules and regulations concerning wildlife in the area you are riding in, and use **COMMON SENSE!**