

## Safety guidelines

- When operating a snowmobile, stay on the right side of the track.
- Snowmobiles may be operated off-road by drivers who are at least 15 years of age. The maximum allowable speed is 60 km/h on land, 80 km/h on ice and 40 km/h when pulling a sledge with passengers.
- Laws and regulations concerning driving while under the influence also apply to snowmobiling.
- Use of a helmet is compulsory for both the driver and passenger.
- Remember to take reindeer husbandry into consideration while driving in reindeer herding districts! Many snowmobile routes and tracks pass through reindeer pasture areas. In the event of a collision with a reindeer, please call the 112 emergency number for assistance. Also call the emergency number even if you only grazed the reindeer.

# SNOW-MOBILING

Licences for snowmobile tracks maintained by Metsähallitus

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## Where can I snowmobile in Finland?

In Finland, snowmobiling is permitted on designated snowmobile routes and snowmobile tracks. Snowmobile routes may be used free of charge, but a fee is charged for snowmobile tracks maintained by Metsähallitus.

In order to drive on Metsähallitus snowmobile tracks, you will need a personal or shared family permit from Metsähallitus. The permit is valid throughout Finland. Family track permits are only available as season permits.

- Personal track permit 3 h / 9 €
- Personal track permit 1 day (24h) / 15 €
- Personal track permit 1 week / 30 €
- Personal track permit season/family permit (1 October – 30 May) / 50 €

## Where can I purchase a track permit?

 Directly calling the permit number using mobile phone numbers registered in Finland:

- 3-hour permit: Service number 0600 551 649, Price 9.01€ + standard mobile rate
- 1 day permit: Service number 0600 551 608, Price 15.02€ + standard mobile rate
- 1 week permit: Service number 0600 551 609, Price 30.04€ + standard mobile rate
- Season/family permit: Service number 0600 551 610, Price 49.99€ + standard mobile rate

Wait for the recorded message "Kiitoksia soitostasi" ("Thank you for your call").

Then, hang up your phone and wait. You will receive the permit as a text message.

Save this message for its entire period of validity – you will be required to present it to the area supervisor upon request. Permits may not be purchased in advance – the permit validity begins immediately upon receipt of the text message. Purchased permits may not be cancelled or changed. The call will be charged to your mobile phone bill. Foreign visitors may pay for the permit using a prepaid phone plan. Mobile permit purchases are limited to 200 euros a month and to 2 purchases/day/mobile phone plan.



On the Web Store [verkkokauppa.eraluvat.fi/en/off-road-traffic](http://verkkokauppa.eraluvat.fi/en/off-road-traffic) or the service number at +358 (0)20 69 2424.



Metsähallitus customer service points and permit sales vendors authorised by Metsähallitus, e.g. numerous tourism operators.

## Terms of the track permit

- **Snowmobiling off-track is prohibited.** There are exceptions in which you can apply for a separate off-road permit from Metsähallitus.
- The track permit grants its holder the right to drive a snowmobile or other tracked vehicle on marked snowmobile tracks within areas controlled by Metsähallitus in all of Finland during the snow-covered period.
- The permit is personal and only applies to the persons listed on the permit. A track permit granted for the whole season also serves as a family permit. A family is defined as parents and children under the age of 18 living in the same household. If family members are not registered in the permit, the permit holder shall be responsible for providing the permit inspector with proof that the family possesses a valid season/family permit within a given time period.
- The permit is not valid until it has been paid for. The permit and payment receipts are to be carried at all times when driving off-road and must be displayed upon request by an authorised individual.
- The motor vehicle used must have a valid insurance policy. The permit holder is to compensate for any damage caused to Metsähallitus or to a third party by themselves or the vehicle in their use. The permit holder is responsible for reporting any damage caused.
- Vehicles are operated in areas allowed by the permit at the driver's own risk.
- The permit can be immediately cancelled if its holder violates any of the permit terms given or fails to comply with the rules and regulations for off-road traffic.



Information on snowmobile tracks maintained by Metsähallitus: [www.eraluvat.fi/en/off-road-traffic](http://www.eraluvat.fi/en/off-road-traffic), [www.retkikartta.fi/?lang=en](http://www.retkikartta.fi/?lang=en)