



Swedetown Trails Club Grooming Philosophy and Expectations

The Swedetown Trails Club strives to provide excellent groomed and tracked ski trails throughout the winter season. We have developed this document to help board members, groomers and the skiing public share the same expectations.

Here are the grooming goals and expectations for the Swedetown trails.

- We will groom all trails equally, with the understanding that early-season and late-season conditions may dictate that some trails cannot be groomed (some trails lose snow faster than others, for example).
- We will groom equally for skating and classic technique. We will set tracks as soon as possible and continue to do so as long as there is adequate snow depth. Our guideline is to set tracks when the base is 2-3". We will lift the tracksetter in thin areas as needed, but skiers may occasionally encounter dirt or leaves in the tracks, but we would rather set tracks and have the skier decide when to step in and out, rather than not set tracks at all.
 - If there is 1" or less of fresh snow in the tracks, we will not reset the tracks
 - If there is 3" or more of fresh snow in the tracks, we will reset the tracks
- We will groom all trails to the full width available throughout the season, which will provide a good experience for groups and families and will help extend the ski season.
- Our goal is to finish grooming by 9:30 am on weekdays and 9:00 am on weekends, in order to allow time for the trails to set up and to accommodate skier's schedules. At times, such as periods of heavy snowfall, we may finish later. During weekends, if it is still snowing heavily while we are grooming, we will continue to groom until 10 am.
- Our goal is to always groom trails in the indicated direction of travel. Occasionally we will groom select trails in the opposite direction in order to groom to full width. Great care must be taken by all parties to avoid collisions between grooming equipment and skiers.
- Particularly during freeze/thaw periods, we will plan ahead. Grooming may take place at different times as dictated by the weather. For example, tracks may be set and skate lanes groomed in the evenings or overnight when temperatures are colder and the snow will set up prior to the rising above freezing.
- Groomers will submit reports to KeweenawTrails.com by 10 am daily. If grooming is not complete by 10 am (as in days of heavy snowfall), groomers will provide a progress report by 10 am, then a final report when finished.

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- The Swedetown Trails Club will provide adequate resources (both personnel and equipment) to accomplish these goals.
- During the winter, the head groomer will meet with the Swedetown Trails Club's Winter Trails Committee on a regular basis to provide feedback on any resources needed or problem areas needing resolution.

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