

## Discover Adventure in Northwestern Ontario This Winter!

Some of Ontario's best riding experiences and Snow Tours can be found on the trails in Northwestern Ontario, where snowmobiling is a way of life...



**T**he longest OFSC Promoted Snow Tour is located in Northwestern Ontario. Snowmobile clubs that are part of the Northwestern Ontario Snow Trail Association (NWOSTA) maintain this 906-kilometre circle route through the rugged Canadian Shield and that's why it's called the NWOSTA Wilderness Loop. Popular entry points for this Snow Tour include Kenora, Emo, Fort Frances in the west and Atikokan in the east.

**Presidents' Ride:** Last February 15 riders set off from Atikokan to showcase this epic loop for the 2016 NWOSTA Presidents' Ride. Not only were they looking the bragging rights to some great snowmobiling adventures, but the group also wanted to demonstrate just how user-friendly and well serviced the NWOSTA Wilderness Loop really is – a ride that any group of experienced riders can comfortably enjoy.

**4-Day Tour:** For a group this large, it's a good idea to allow four full days to complete the NWOSTA Wilderness Loop, and here's what they did...



- Day one took them 225 kilometres from Atikokan to stay overnight in Sioux Lookout with a lunch and fuel stop in Ignace.
- Day two they rode 280 kilometres from Sioux Lookout with a slight detour to a Kenora hotel, with services available along the way in Dryden and a lunch and fuel stop in Vermillion Bay. (Note: Sharp minds will have calculated that the total distance over these four day adds up to 960 kilometres, 54 more than the official loop total, and that's because of this side trip into Kenora.)
- Day three went 215 kilometres from Kenora to an overnighter in Emo, including services available in Sioux Narrows and a lunch and fuel stop at Nestor Falls.

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- Day four was the return to Atikokan for the final night after 240 kilometres with services available in Fort Frances and Mine Centre for lunch and fuel.

**3-Day Option:** Its important to point out that the NWOSTA trails are good enough that a smaller group who wants to do more miles per day can do the NWOSTA Wilderness Loop is three full days. That ride could look like this:

Atikokan to Dryden (317 km), Dryden to Emo (336 km) and Emo to Atikokan (253 km).

Whatever your choice, the been-there, done-that crowd needs to add the NWOSTA Wilderness Loop to their bucket list this winter...and while you're in Northwestern Ontario, check out the Gateway to Ontario and White Otter Snow Tours too! For more information, visit [www.nwosta.ca](http://www.nwosta.ca) GSOM



## Canada Welcomes Yamaha

**A**s Yamaha heads into its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, it has announced that Toronto is the new headquarters for Yamaha's new North American Snowmobile Division, effective July 1, 2016. While the city has always been the home base for Yamaha Canada, this recent move puts the lead for the company's worldwide snowmobile business in the Great White North, where we know a thing or two about sledding!

In other Yamaha news, their new District Sales Manager Northeastern Ontario is none other than frequent Go Snowmobiling Ontario Magazine contributor and former OFSC staffer, Jeff McGirr – congratulations Jeff!

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