

# Wachusett Uphill Trail Use Policy

## Use of Ski Slopes prior to operation:

Please be advised that under Massachusetts law any person using any of the facilities of the ski area is considered a skier. You have duties under Massachusetts law, including controlling your speed and course at all times and maintaining a proper outlook. Using a ski area for any purpose can be HAZARDOUS and you assume all risks.

## **WARNING**

**Under Massachusetts law, a skier assumes the risk of any injury to person or property resulting from any of the inherent dangers and risks of skiing and may not recover from any ski area operator for any injury resulting from any of the inherent dangers and risk of skiing including: Changing weather condition, existing and changing snow conditions; bare spots; rocks; stumps; trees; collision with natural objects; man-made objects or other skiers; variations in terrain; and the failure of skiers to ski within their own abilities.**

## Uphill Access – Prior to Lifts Operation

The ski area begins each day with a variety of operational and maintenance activities which include and are not limited to snowmaking, grooming, snowmobile transport, etc. The following rules are in place for the winter season and are subject to change at any point.

- Please use common sense. You are being allowed to ski without paying on trails that require snowmaking, grooming, and maintenance. If you notice that work is under way on a trail, simply choose one that has no activity.
- Uphill traffic is limited to specific trails: Sundowner on the Monadnock Area, Conifer Connection on the Polar Express Area, and Ralph's Run on the Minuteman Express Area.
- As soon as the lifts begin operation, which may sometimes occur as early as 20 minutes before the posted operating time without any advance notice – skimmers and cross country skiers must cease uphill travel and transition to downhill skiing.
- Skimmers and Cross Country skiers may descend whichever trails will be open to the public that morning except for Smith-Walton.
- Trails that will be closed to the public once the lifts operate are still considered closed before the lifts operate. Please be aware the 'winching' operations take place frequently on Smith-Walton Trail and therefore should be avoided.
- All uphill skiers/boarders/snowshoers shall go up towards the left side of the trail. You must therefore have the equipment and skill necessary to head straight up the left side of the trail. Zigzagging/switch-backing across the trail is prohibited.
- The snowmobiles use the RIGHT SIDE while traveling up and use the same route (left side looking downhill) on descent. Skiers will be on the right side of the snowmobiles. They may vary from that so PLEASE be watching and listening for them.
- Dogs may on occasion be allowed on the slopes prior to operation. Of course, it goes without saying that you must clean up after your dog. Written permission must be received through the main administration office.

Using the slopes for any sort of mountaineering training, or other forms of independent instruction or any other type of commercial activity is prohibited unless prior permission is received from management.