

Groomer Operator General Information

According to our Bylaws, you have the option to groom by yourself only after the Trail Supervisor (or designee) checks you out using the equipment. If you're a new operator, you must ride with an experienced operator until you're approved to operate on your own. Typically, two operators are scheduled per shift. However, club members can ride along as well. A non-operator riding along cannot request to be paid.

Most of the time evening shifts start after 6:00 PM on Friday & Saturday and 5:00 PM on Sunday and during the week. Morning shifts start before 4:00 AM. Any exceptions to these start times must be approved by a Grooming Supervisor.

Your safety on the trails is always a concern. Make sure you have a cell phone along with you while grooming in case something happens and you get injured or stranded. Reception is pretty good in most locations, but be prepared to walk in order to receive a signal.

The grooming machines are well heated and comfortable while running. However, always bring along your cold weather cloths, including gloves and boots. In certain situations you're required to get out of the groomer and repair a trail obstruction or signage.

Our grooming machines, and especially the drags, need to have snow brushed off of them and refueled at the end of your shift. This will be discussed in more detail at our training session(s).

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