

## SNOWMOBILING INFORMATION & REGULATIONS

Some 80 miles of the Hennepin Canal trail is open to snowmobilers, with the exception below<sup>\*\*</sup>, when certain criteria are met. The trail must be declared open by site staff, which will be posted at certain access areas and will be on a 24 hour recording at the site office (815)454-2328. To declare the trail "open" requires six inches of frost in the ground and four inches of snow on the ground. The entire trail is either open or it is closed; there are no partial openings/closings. When the trail is closed, the entire facility is closed to snowmobile use.

The trail on the towpath is the only signed trail. Snowmobilers may ride the ice at their own risk, when the trail is declared open. The water does not always freeze solidly inside the tubes. Riders using the ice should be aware that such things as ice conditions, ice skaters, and structures (including tubes) exist.

Please be aware of and respect other people who may be using the Canal for other recreational purposes. Take care when approaching and crossing roads, and traversing trail tubes.

We enforce all regulations and laws concerning the use and operation of a snowmobile according to Illinois statutes at the Hennepin Canal Parkway.

### Mainline (east to west):

Lock 2 to Bridge 15 <sup>**</sup>	South towpath	21.7 miles
Bridge 15 to Bridge 17A	North towpath	4.8 miles
Bridge 17A to Bridge 18A	South towpath	0.5 miles
Bridge 18A to Bridge 39	North towpath	23.7 miles
Bridge 39 to Bridge 40 <sup>**</sup>	South towpath	2.7 miles
Bridge 42A to Lock 29	South towpath	1.5 miles

**\*\*CLOSED: EAST END, Lock 3 to Bridge 4 (5.7 miles); WEST END, Lock 26 to I-80 (5.3 miles). Closures are due to flood damage to the trail, making it impassable !!!**

### Feeder:

Bridge 45 (Route 40, Rock Falls)	Summit Pool West towpath	27.5 miles
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Have a safe, enjoyable experience!