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Jpgs available by request to publicist at karalynn@gisco.net, type Snowmobiling Seaway Trail photos in subject line please. Captions work for either image:

... These snowmobilers enjoy trails in Oswego County, NY, one of the Seaway Trail areas that is always in the running for Highest Snowfall honors. Photo: Rebecca Couch

... Hundreds of miles of snowy trails await snowmobilers visiting the Great Lakes Seaway Trail. This photo was taken in Oswego County, NY. Photo: Rebecca Couch

**The Snow-Cruising is Fresh on Great Lakes Seaway Trail**

If you watch the national news, you have likely seen winter season stories about snow piling as high as the sky in Buffalo and Oswego County, New York. Thanks to what is known as “Lake Effect” from Great Lakes Erie and Ontario, winter in the Northeast can turn the Great Lakes Seaway Trail scenic byway into a snowy playground along the two lakes, and the St. Lawrence and Niagara rivers.

Some sections of the 518-mile-long America’s Byway that is also a National Recreation Trail record more than 200 inches of snow in a winter. David Turner, Oswego County Director of Community Development, Tourism and Planning, says, “With the highest recorded snowfall east of the Rocky Mountains, the Tug Hill region of Oswego County offers vast territory for snowmobiling. More than 340 miles of state-designated trails cross through Oswego County and provide unlimited access to the Tug Hill and Adirondack Park regions.”

Snowmobilers from across the U.S. frequent trails along the full length of the Seaway Trail byway to ride hundreds of miles of groomed and natural trails.

You can ride for 14 miles from one village to another on the Fair Haven to Cato trail or go and go on 50 miles of trails through Winona State Forest on the Tug Hill. In Chautauqua County at the far western New York end of the byway, trails lead you to the café at Cockaigne Ski Center in Cherry Creek. The St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Association at [www.slcsa.org](http://www.slcsa.org) offers information for traveling 500-plus miles of groomed trails. New York State Parks found Trailwide offer snowmobiling trails to enjoy.

Patti Donohue of the Greater Rochester Visitors Association says even the central section of the byway along Lake Ontario “receives over 100 inches of average annual snowfall. The more than 15,000 registered snowmobile owners in the area enjoy the use of more than 500 miles of marked, groomed and insured trails that are part of 11,000-plus miles of snowmobile trails across New York State.”

To find nearly six dozen resources for trails, maps, clubs, lodging, maps, state snowmobiling regulations, go to [www.seawaytrail.com](http://www.seawaytrail.com).