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Snow Stompers Volunteer Program FAQs

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer Snow Stomper in our pilot program this winter!

The goal of the Snow Stompers program is to pack down trail areas to make them more accessible to people throughout winter. By packing these trails, folks who do not have snowshoes or prefer a more stable surface, will have more options to get out in nature.

Please see our FAQs below.

Q: What's a volunteer Snow Stomper?

A: Snow Stompers will pack certain sections of trail this winter. They will be assigned a section (see below) and will snowshoe their section after each significant snowfall to help pack the snow for other trail users.

Q: Is this the first year Duluth Parks & Rec is coordinating this program? A: Yes! This is a pilot program and we are excited to get the word out about these trails!

Q: How many trail segments are a part of the Snow Stompers 2020-20201 program? A: We've selected 7 segments of trail across the city, totaling over 10 miles of packed trail use (see below).

Q: Can I apply even if I don't have snowshoes?

A: Yes! We have a limited number of snowshoes available for use for folks to use if they are interested in being a Snow Stomper, but don't have snowshoes. Let us know in the form below.

Q: How many people will be assigned to be a Snow Stomper?

A: Though anyone can get out and snowshoe on these trails, we will have 21 official slots available, 3 per trail. You may sign up as a "household". One application per household, please.

Q: What happens if I can't stomp my segment after a snowfall?

A: We know things come up and you might not be able to complete your stomping after every snowfall. If you become regularly unable to be a Snow Stomper for your segment, please let us know.

Q: What else do I need to know?

A: We are asking participants to help us track their hours they are putting into this program. After each Snow Stomper outing, we are requesting that you fill out your volunteer hours to help us gauge the impact of the program in its first year. More information on tracking hours will be released once selected for the program.



Q: Where do I sign up? A: You can find an application at: <u>duluthmn.gov/parks</u>

Snow Stomper Trail Sections:

- Ely's Peak Loop Trail, Superior Hiking Trail (Approximately 3 miles)
- Green Street to the Zoo, Superior Hiking Trail (Approximately 1.25 miles)
- Lincoln Park Drive (Approximately 0.75 miles)
- Twin Ponds to 24th Ave W, Multiuse Trail (Approximately 1.95 miles)
- Chester Rim Multiuse Loop Trail (Approximately 1.16 miles)
- Chester Creek Trail (Approximately 1.75 miles)
- Morningside, Vermillion Rd to Jean Duluth Rd, Superior Hiking Trail (Approximately 0.96 miles)