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Update: DCR Recreational Advisory: Middle Road in Dubuque State Forest

What: Effective immediately and continuing throughout the winter season, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has closed the northern portion of Middle Road within Kenneth Dubuque Memorial State Forest in the Town of Hawley to snowmobiles. The road sustained damage earlier this year and is not currently in a condition to safely accommodate snowmobile use. DCR is currently working on a design and engineering plan for the necessary roadway repairs. Snowmobilers can use Bog Trail as an alternate route. Snowmobiling will only be accessible as conditions allow in [compliance with DCR regulations](#) until February 28, 2026. No snowmobile access is allowed after that date even if conditions are appropriate for snowmobiling. Please check [the Kenneth Dubuque Memorial State Forest website](#) for updates or email mass.parks@mass.gov with any questions.

Where: Middle Road within Dubuque State Forest in the Town of Hawley

When: Effective immediately – until further notice

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