

Snowmobiling On Crown Lands

A number of trails have been established on Crown lands by the department of lands and forests to accommodate some of the snowmobilers who prefer this kind of prepared and marked trail development.

These trails are located in areas of relatively heavy snow cover and are established to supplement the trails developed in provincial parks and the many other trails marked by snowmobile clubs, winter resorts and private landowners.

There is no charge for the use of these trails which include the provision of parking areas, toilets and garbage containers.

(1) Horseshoe Lake Trail - This trail commences from a parking lot location 14 miles north of Coldwater on the Severn Falls Road (Simcoe County Road 17). The trail is a circular 18 mile route and can be travelled in three to four hours at normal cruising speed. It provides a wide

variety of terrain including lakes, marshes, high rocky cuts and timber lands. Two stop-over points have been developed.

(2) Ptarmigan Trail - Commencing from the same starting point as the Horseshoe Lake Trail, this

new trail east of Coldwater Road 17 will cover a distance of 20 miles. It commences with four stop-over points and touches Match Lake, Eastern and Dumbell lakes.

Further information on these trails may be obtained by contacting the department of lands and forests, (705) 664-2141.

(3) Wilson Lake Trail - This trail commences on Highway 69 approximately 19 miles north of Coldwater. The parking area is approximately one mile east of Wilson Lake road.

The return trip through forested land miles distant with stop-over sites included in the village of Arthurs Bay trail requires no travel on lakes, and creeks have been bridged.

For further information contact District Forestry department of lands and forests, Parry Sound, 746-2141.

(4) Kendall Trail - Located in the scenic Pine Ridge area northeast of Oshawa, this area provides an excellent setting for trail riding on five miles of market and open areas. Trails from Newcastle to five miles on Highway 23 east at the village of Kendall on County Road 10 travel four miles to a parking area. Visitors requested to respect private lands and surround this recreation area.

Further information on this map available from the department of lands and forests, Lindsay, 324-6121.

(5) Galway Trail - A 26 mile marked trail has been established in Galway Township approximately 10 miles north of Coldwater. The parking area is adjacent to Highway 36. This trail passes through a wide variety of conditions and topography and although it passes through a number of small lakes, travel on ice is required to complete the circle.

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The Christmas Ghost

... a Christmas story that Charles Dickens would have enjoyed
By STEPHEN LEACOCK



The other night I was sitting up late - away after nine o'clock - thinking about Christmas and of the great changes that have taken place.

I was thinking of the old stage coach on the snowy road with its roof piled high with Christmas turkeys and a rosy-faced "guard" blowing on a keybugle and the passengers getting down every mile or so at a crooked inn to drink hot spiced ale -

I was thinking of the Christmas landscape of long ago when night settled down upon it with the twinkle of light from the houses miles apart, and contrasting the scene with the glare of motor lights on our modern highways -

In other words I was comparing yesterday and today. And on the whole yesterday seemed all to the good.

I noticed as he spoke that he seemed to waver and shiver as if he were made of snow. I couldn't help but pity the poor fellow, he seemed so immaterial.

"Do you mind," he went on, in the same dejected tone, "if I sit here and haunt you for a while?"

"By all means," I said, "please do."

"Thanks," he answered, "I haven't had anything decent to work on for years. This is Christmas eve, isn't it?"

"Yes," I said, "Christmas eve."

"Used to be my busiest night," the ghost complained, "best night of the whole year - and now - say," he said, "would you believe it! I went down this evening to that dinner dance they have at the Ritz Carlton - thought I'd stand behind one of the tables as a silent spectre, the way I used to in King George III's time -"

"Well?" I said.

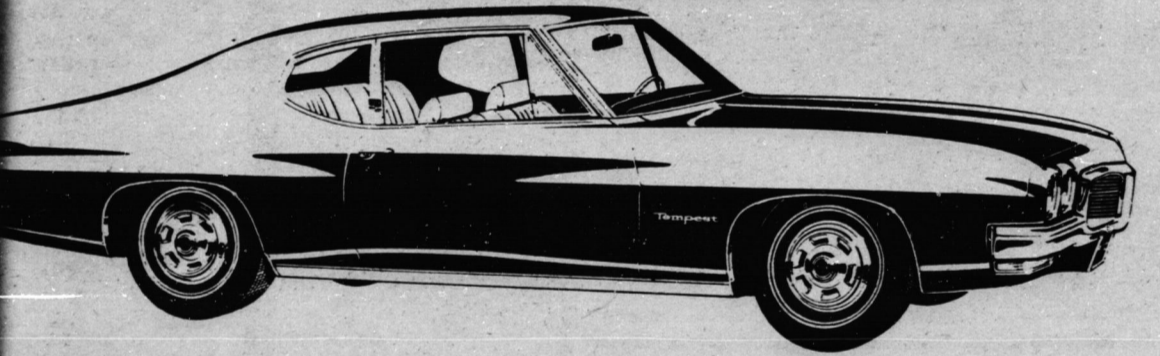
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"Are you a ghost?" I asked. "Yes," he said,

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