**NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO TOUR:** For complete tour details, check out tour article **Northern Delights**. Total distance: 2,188 kilometres. **Download PDF** of itinerary.

**DAY ONE: Trailer to Temiskaming Shores** (drive time from Greater Toronto Area: 6 - 7 hours.) **Where To Stay: Quality Inn**. The region's most popular staging hotel is located on Highway 11 with direct trail access via A107Q. This full service hotel has massive parking for trucks and trailers, plus all the amenities for snowmobilers: on site restaurant/bar, indoor pool, sauna and (great) hot tub, games room, sled parking in front of rooms, and fuel/convenience store next door. The best place to start your tour!

DAY TWO: Ride from Temiskaming Shores to Cochrane (about 7 - 8 hrs.) Ride 314 km via TOP A107Q/TOP A north (turn right on Wabi River)/TOP A108 north/TOP A north. Fuel: Matheson (note: Butler Lake was closed, so if you need gas before the 191 km to Matheson, stop at Kirkland Lake), Cochrane. Lunch: Ramore. Where To Stay: Thriftlodge. Good roadside motel with hot tub and sauna, sled parking in front of rooms, ample parking, on site restaurant/bar. Located on Highway 11 just south of town. Fuel across the road. Direct trail access from TOP A.

DAY THREE: Ride from Cochrane to Abitibi Canyon and back (about 6 hrs. return via A103 to Smooth Rock Falls – plus, add play time in canyon). We rode over 8 hrs. and 334 km via TOP A/TOP A103/ TOP A east/TOPC south/TOP A106C north. Fuel & Lunch: Extreme Tours Base Camp. Other fuel: Smooth Rock Falls, Cochrane. Where To Stay: Thriftlodge.

**DAY FOUR:** Ride from Cochrane to Hearst (about 7 hrs) Ride 278 km via TOP A west. Fuel: Kapuskasing, Hearst. Lunch: Kapuskasing. Where To Stay: Companion Hotel Motel. Two hot tubs, sauna, heated sled garage and on site restaurant and bar make this hotel a must-stay. Good on trail signage leads to direct trail access from TOP A (cross railway tracks near town and take 1<sup>st</sup> local trail on left, which leads to fuel/convenience store and to the hotel at the end.)

DAY FIVE: Ride from Hearst to Kapuskasing (about 9 hrs.) Ride 376 km via TOP A west/L163east/L165 east/L159 east/TOP A west (back to Hearst)/L155 east/TOP A east/L123east/TOP A west/L127west/TOP A west. Fuel & lunch: Hearst. Other fuel: Moonbeam. Where To Stay:

Comfort Inn. Located on north side of Highway 11 across from TOP A.

DAY SIX: Ride from Kapuskasing to Timmins (about 8 hrs.) Ride 331 km via TOP A east/L125east/TOPA east/TOP A103north/L101east/TOP A105Q west/TOP A south/L103west/TOP A106C south/TOP C south. Fuel: Smooth Rock Falls, Timmins. Fuel & Lunch: Cochrane. Where To Stay: Cedar Meadows Resort & Spa. Quebec-style inn with well-appointed rooms, on site restaurant & bar, plus secure sled parking. Be sure to leave time to visit on site zoo! Ample space for trucks & trailers. Direct trail access off TOP C just north of intersection with TOP A111C. Fuel south on TOP C about 3 km.

**DAY SEVEN:** Ride from Timmins to Elk Lake (about 7.5 hrs.) Ride 275 km via TOP C south/TOP C106A east/TOP A south. Fuel & lunch: Mattagami. Other fuel: Matachewan, Elk Lake. **Where To Stay:** Elk Lake Eco Centre. Main lodge with restaurant, giant fireplace and top-notch outdoor hot tub. Six modern chalets close by with individual bedrooms, two bathrooms, plus living room and kitchen area. Sled parking in secluded lot beside chalets (turn left from main parking lot and take 1<sup>st</sup> right). Okay to drive sleds to main lodge door for registration, despite "no motorized"

vehicles" sign, but not to park there for long. Located on the south/west bank of the Montreal River just south of Elk Lake with direct trail access from TOP A. Fuel in town: follow TOP A stake line on river to north side of bridge underpass, then exit up the west bank.

**DAY EIGHT:** Ride from Elk Lake to Temiskaming Shores (about 7.5 hrs.) Ride 280 km via TOP A north/TOP A107C west/L136 north/TOP C106A east/TOP A north/ L162 east/L161 south/TOP A south/TOP A108Q east/L190 south/L189 south to Wabi River/TOP A south (right on Wabi River)/TOP A107Q east (left off Wabi River). **Where To Stay: Quality Inn** (see Day One).

**DAY NINE: Trailer Home** 

Who To Contact: Ontario's Wilderness Region, Ontario Tourism, Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (for maps, permits and trail info)

Maps Needed: OFSC District 14 Trail Guide, OFSC District 15 Trail Guide, Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs Provincial Trail Guide