

[North Shore State Trail renamed after snowmobile fanatic](#)

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The North Shore State Trail, a popular snowmobile route that extends 146 miles from Duluth to Grand Marais, was officially renamed the C.J. Ramstad/ North Shore State Trail in honor of one of Minnesota's most passionate snowmobiling advocates, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources announced this fall.

C.J. Ramstad, the former editor and publisher of Minnesota Snowmobiling, spent nearly 40 years promoting, preserving and enjoying snowmobiling in Minnesota.

The DNR joined members of the Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association, the All Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota, and Midwest Sports Publishing Association Sept. 30 to dedicate the trail.

"It is a privilege for the DNR to be part of the C.J. Ramstad legacy," said Ron Potter, DNR Parks and Trails recreation systems manager. "A true legend, he was thought of as the dean of snowmobile photojournalism. To be part of his legacy, by having one of the state trails named after him, is humbling. We are grateful for all C.J. did for the snowmobiling industry and the sport."

The trail was renamed in 2009, but the dedication event made it official by recognizing the recently installed trail signs and maps made possible by the C.J. Ramstad Memorial Trail Fund. Ramstad and his son were killed in a car accident in 2007. The North Shore State Trail was one of Ramstad's favorite places to ride.

For more information on the C.J. Ramstad/North Shore State Trail or to view a virtual tour of the trail, visit mndnr.gov.