



## **MAHOOSUC GUIDE SERVICE**

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### **Dog Sledding Day Trip Information**

**8:45 a.m.**

Guests arrive – please try not to be late as the dogs are usually loaded and waiting in their dog boxes on the truck.

Check clothing, lend out boots, insulated winter parkas, etc if need be

Look at a map of where we are going

Drive to the starting point which is about 15 – 30 minute drive

Lesson about dog sledding, get the sleds ready, each sled has a sleeping bag and cushion

Hook up the dogs, mush for about an hour or 1 1/2 hours to a lunch spot

Make a campfire and serve a hot lunch on the trail

This consist of thermoses of warm beverages (tea, hot chocolate), homemade soup, bagels, snacks and homemade cookies

The dogs rest

After lunch we hook up the dogs and mush back to the trailhead about the same distance

Load them into the trucks

**3:30 - 4 p.m.**

Arrive back at Mahoosuc Guide Service

\*It is usually 2 people per sled. How we divide people up depends on the trail conditions, size of the people, number of dogs in the team, people's desires and abilities. It is important to have strength to hold on to stand on the back and balance to stand on one runner. If you fall off and let go the dogs will keep on running until they catch another team. This is to be avoided!

\*We never decide who goes with which sled until we meet our guests and see what the trail conditions are like for the day.

\*There is a weight limit of 215 lbs as we have limited dog power to pull large people.

\*A \$100 deposit per person is required to hold space and full payment one month before the trip. We take personal checks or paypal, no credit cards.

\*\*In the season of 2020/2021 we are asking “all” of our guests to provide a negative Covid test within 72 hours of their trip.