

CLIMATE CHANGE

changing rain & snow

Keep travel

routes clear

changes in winds

warmer

temperatures

TRAVEL ON LAND, WATER & ICE - ADAPTATION OPTIONS



Change equipment \checkmark



- People in the north are already changing the way they travel on land, water & ice by doing things like:
- using ATVs instead of snowmobiles
- using boats and motors for shallow water
- taking lighter loads in boats
- using lighter equipment on thinner ice

Keep routes clear



 Making sure trails and routes stay accessible may mean putting more time and effort into keeping trails clear (removing fallen trees, keeping brush down, etc.).

New or different routes



 Taking a different route or creating a new trail might be needed if low water levels, thin ice, or changes to the land make traditional routes unsafe or obstructed.

Plan trip & prepare



- Trip planning and carrying emergency supplies can help keep people safe in the face of changing and unpredictable weather.
- · Actions can include:
 - checking the weather forecast
 - sharing your travel plans with someone you trust
- · Supplies can include:
 - food and water
 - first aid kit
 - extra medication
 - satellite phone or SPOT device

Bridge crossing



- Climate change is making the ice-on season shorter and affecting the thickness and quality of ice.
- Permanent bridge crossings over water on popular routes and trails could make crossing ice safer and extend the length of time people can travel.

Monitor ice conditions



- Monitor ice conditions in the area and share that information with the community.
- Ice thickness can be measured with an axe or auger, or with ice-monitoring sensors like ground penetrating radar, like the ones used in the SmartICE program.

Ice rescue



- Ice self-rescue is knowing how to get yourself out of the water. Partner-rescue is knowing how to help someone else out of the water.
- Consider arranging ice rescue training in the community.
- Having safety equipment (floater suits, ice picks, throw ropes, etc.) and knowing how to use it can make a difference.
- Communities may want to consider making safety equipment available for people to use.





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