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Ski fever!



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Whether a racer or a trekker, the Oregon skier has choices

Winter is here and the first snow has fallen. Eugene skiing enthusiasts are within a few hours drive of numerous ski resorts, and most are now open.

Hoodoo Ski Bowl and Mt. Bachelor lie to the east, Mt. Ashland to the south, and Mt. Hood 160 miles to the north.

HOODOO

Hoodoo, 83 miles east of Eugene on Highway 126, is the closest and is expected to open this weekend. The resort has three runs.

Hoodoo is open Sunday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The resort includes a restaurant, bar and ski shop, and lessons are available, taught privately or with a group. Equipment can also be rented.

An all-day, all-area lift ticket costs \$8.50, while night only passes are available for \$5 and half-day passes for \$5.50. A swing shift pass (1-9 p.m.) costs \$7.50.

MT. BACHELOR

Mt. Bachelor is a study in contrasts. It is an almost perfect volcano cone offering a unique combination of powder snow and sunshine and is considered one of the "50 top ski areas in the United States and Europe," according to the resort's brochure.

Located 22 miles west of Bend, off the Cascades Lake Highway, it is the Pacific Northwest's largest ski area with seven chairs, 1,700 feet of powder and

three day lodges.

Adult lift rates are \$8 per day on weekends and holidays and \$7 on weekdays.

MT. ASHLAND

Ski Ashland Inc. is a resort located on Mt. Ashland south of the city of Ashland, 200 miles down Interstate 5 from Eugene.

Traveling either way on Interstate 5, take the Mt. Ashland exit at the Siskiyou summit and follow the signs. The resort has two chairs and three surface lifts.

Rentals, lessons and a lodge are also available.

MT. HOOD

Ski areas on Oregon's highest peak are Multipor-Ski Bowl, Summit, Timberline and Mt. Hood Meadows.

Multipor-Ski Bowl has three chairs, several rope tows, a day lodge, snack bar and ski shop.

Summit is an area designed for beginners, with rope tows and one T-bar lift. The resort has a day lodge and snack bar.

Timberline has three chairs, several ropes, overnight accommodations, a snack bar, restaurant and lounge, and ski shop and school.

The largest resort, Mt. Hood Meadows, has six lifts, three rope tows, a day lodge that has a snack bar restaurant and lounge, and a ski shop and school.

Mt. Hood is easily accessible from Portland via Highway 26.

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