

Discover Anthony Lakes in northeast Oregon



INTO THE OUTDOORS
BY JAYSON JACOBY

With the long Christmas holiday fast approaching, I thought it appropriate to write about a winter recreation spot all the way on the other side of the state.

The Anthony Lakes area west of Baker City in northeast Oregon is somewhat off the beaten path. However, it offers usually excellent snow conditions, reliable weather and some unique cross-country ski trips.

To get to Anthony Lakes, which is one of only two downhill skiing facilities in Eastern Oregon, drive east of Portland on Interstate 84 through Pendleton and LaGrande to North Powder. Take the exit at this small town and follow the signs to the ski area, which is 20 miles from the freeway.

At 7,100 feet, Anthony Lake has the highest base elevation of any ski resort in Oregon, and the snow here is typically excellent powder. Cross-country skiers have many choices, ranging from the easy, one-mile groomed trail around 30-acre Anthony Lake to an eight-mile, backcountry trip for experts only.

A pass for the groomed trails costs just \$5, which is quite a bargain compared to many areas in the Cascades. Trails are groomed Thursday through Sunday, and the downhill ski lifts are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on those days. However, skiers are welcome to use the trails at any time.

Beginners should start with the Anthony Lake trail, which takes off from the south end of the parking lot. This trip passes sub-alpine fir and spruce trees along the frozen lake's shore, traverses through the summer campground, and follows a snowed-under road to a rustic forest service guard station that is not manned in the winter.

On clear days, the views along the lake are spectacular. Less than two miles to the south and rising to over 8,300 feet is Gunsight Mountain — a craggy granite peak well-named for the breach in its summit that resembles the sights on a rifle.

The other groomed trail in the area — to 15-acre Black Lake — starts from the south-east side of Anthony Lake. This isn't quite as easy as the flat trail around the bigger lake, as it climbs about 200 feet, requiring some downhill skiing skills. Black Lake sits in a narrow basin on the shoulder of

Gunsight Mountain and is surrounded by slopes of granite with a few hardy sub-alpine firs and whitebark pines.

But the adventures don't stop with the grooming machine, and advanced skiers have ample opportunities to test their skills.

The trail to Hoffer Lakes, two tiny alpine tarns which sit in a basin at the foot of 8,700-foot Lee's Peak, climbs 400 feet along a north-facing slope on which drifts often reach five feet in depth.

Another possibility is to continue west on the highway, which is only plowed to the resort.

But the biggest challenge — which also offers the most beautiful and varied scenery — is the eight-mile loop from the resort around Lee's Peak and Gunsight Mountain and back.

This trip is difficult to do in one short winter day, and it should only be undertaken by well-equipped skiing and snow-camping experts in nothing less than perfect weather.

The easiest way to start this trek is to pay \$6 for a one-time ride to the top of the ski lift. From there, follow the top of the ridge south to the Crawfish Basin trail, which winds around the south slopes of Lee's Peak above expansive



Anthony Lakes area in Eastern Oregon offers unique cross-country ski trips in a picturesque setting much different from the Cascades.

Crawfish Meadow.

This trail climbs gently to the Elkhorn Crest Trail, a National Recreation Trail that's popular in the summer with hikers and equestrians, to the view of a lifetime at Dutch Flat Saddle. On a clear day, the person lucky enough to make it to this point — and there are few who do — is treated to most of the Elkhorn Mountains, an impressive craggy collection of peaks much different in scenery from

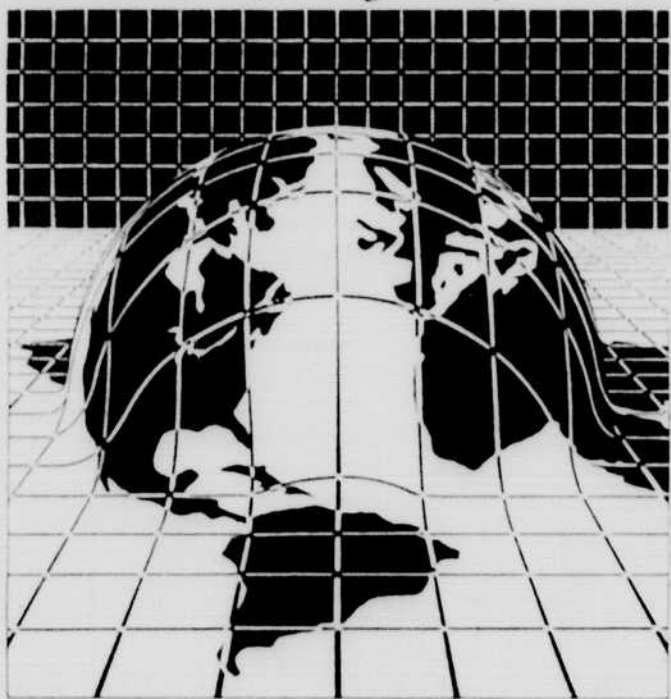
the more well-known Cascades.

Anthony Lake is four miles farther along the Elkhorn Crest Trail, which climbs for the first mile to another saddle before descending gradually to the lake.

For those who know only the Cascades and who think Eastern Oregon is just a desert, this trip will be a real eye-opener.

Jayson Jacoby is a sports reporter for the Emerald.

In Acknowledgement of



WORLD AIDS DAY

FACTS:

- ❖ AIDS was the 13th leading cause of death in 1990 in Oregon.
- ❖ 1 out of every 500 college students carries the HIV virus.
- ❖ There was a 28% increase of AIDS among women in the last 12 months.
- ❖ As of Nov. 25th 1991 815 people have died of AIDS in Oregon.

Check out the AIDS table in the EMU Lobby Today

SHARING THE CHALLENGE

*Sponsored by the Lifestyle Planning Program, Student Health Center.

Sittin' Pretty
Personalized Professional House Sitting
You're worth the peace of mind

What's important to you is important to me

Loving Care For
Home And Pets

Bonded 345-8415

One FREE Visit With This Ad

\$5 OFF CONVERSE
It's what's inside that counts.
w/ coupon

FREE CONVERSE shoelaces with every pair of shoes

LAZAR'S BAZAR
57 W. Broadway
Downtown Mall

WIN
A \$500 Scholarship
in Duck Call Tuition Payment Sweepstakes

It's to your advantage to pay your tuition by MAIL because:

- 1.) No sticker line - it was mailed to you with your bill and class schedule.
- 2.) No payment line - just drop your check payment in the U.S. mail or use the University of Oregon Drop Box in front of Oregon Hall.

Sweepstakes Rules:

- 1.) To qualify, you must be a full-time admitted student at the University of Oregon.
- 2.) Your full tuition payment (you may use the Tuition Loan Option) must be:
 - a.) mailed with correct amount of the postage affixed to envelope, to be received by the University of Oregon Business Office by **December 27, 1991**
 - (U of O accepts no responsibility for lost or misdirected mail... OR...b.) dropped into the University of Oregon Drop Box located outside Oregon Hall, by **4:30p.m., December 27, 1991**
- 3.) Sweepstakes winners will be drawn at random from all entries received. Decision of judges is final.

WUNDERLAND GAMES WORK WITH RECKLESS

SMALL FOR PARTIES & BIRTHDAYS

5¢ VIDEO GAMES **1.65**

5th STREET PUBLIC MARKET
DOWNTOWN EUGENE
683-8464

PLAY FREE 100 GAMES **VIDEO ADVENTURE**

3.75 VALLEY RIVER PLAZA THE BEST VALUE FOR VIDEO GAMES PLAYERS-ALL AGES TRY IT! YOU'LL LIKE IT!

NEAR THE CINEMAS
1011 Valley River Plaza 344-2822

RIDE SHARE

Traveling soon?
Need a ride?
Offering a ride?

Ride Share brings together people needing and offering rides anywhere in Oregon or throughout the country. For more information call **345-7600**.

STUDENTS
We ship your stuff home!

1 to 1000 pounds
Packing • Shipping
Boxes

Packaging Store

2705 Willamette
344-3106