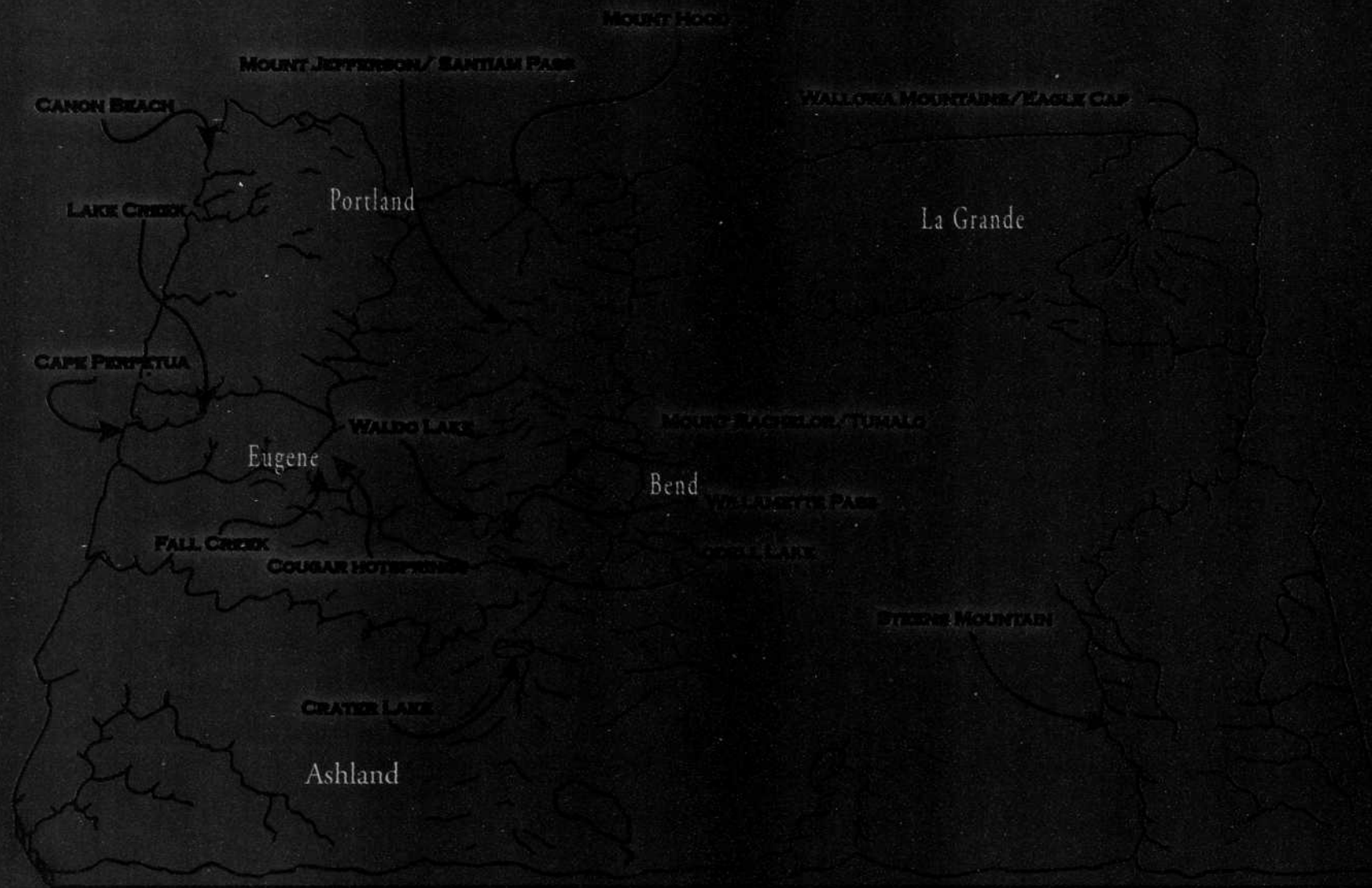


OREGON'S WINTER OUTDOOR DESTINATIONS

Need a place to go during those long, rainy, winter months? The Oregon State Parks has plenty of ideas, just stop by and ask. The resource room has a library of guide books as well as a knowledgeable staff to help you plan your outdoor adventures.



SANTIAM PASS/MOUNT JEFFERSON: 11 square miles of land crisscrossed with amazing back-country skiing trails and views of Mount Jefferson, Mount Washington and Three Fingers Peak draw people from all over the state to this area. Hoodoo Ski Resort offers Nordic skiing for just under \$30 a day and its proximity to the University of Oregon makes it a great destination for a weekend ski trip. Contact the ski area at (541)822-3799 or visit them on-line at www.hoodoo.com.

LAKE CREEK: Incredibly high water, flowing over basalt ledges, creates enormous waves and holes, perfect for winter kayaking. This creek is best run at high water levels, when every other spot in the state is too high.

COUGAR HOTSPRINGS: This is a classic example of cascade hot springs, with all natural sulphur and very hot water. The hot spring is just over an hour from Eugene, making it an ideal afternoon/evening destination. Be sure to pay the fee, because it is strictly enforced.

FALL CREEK: Perfect for a weekend day hike, Fall Creek is less than an hour from Eugene. The trail winds through beautiful, low-elevation, old-growth forest that stays snow-free year-round.

CRATER LAKE: Oregon's only national park, this five mile lake is surrounded by over 20 miles of marked alpine ski trails. Only 175 miles from Eugene, Crater Lake is a great destination for multi-day skiers. However, steep terrain make it a difficult location for beginners.

MOUNT HOOD: The tallest peak in Oregon, at 11,239 feet, and home to Mt. Hood Ski Club and Timberline Ski Resort, the Portland area mountain sees plenty of ski skiers year-round. Most ski resorts are under \$10, but just as back country trails all throughout the area as well. Contact the ski area at (503)837-2222, or on-line at www.kthood.com. Timberline winter recreation at (503)837-2222, or on-line at www.timberlineodge.com.

MOUNT BACHELOR: Home of Mt. Bachelor Ski Resort, Bachelor Snow is located just outside of Bend and close enough to Eugene to make it a popular weekend destination. Bachelor Snow just under \$10 for a day pass. Contact the ski area at (504)822-1442 or on-line at www.mtbachelor.com.

CAPE PERPETUA: Walds Lake, the second largest freshwater lake in the state, is home to the Cape Perpetua State Park. The park is a beautiful area with a network of trails that range from an easy 1.5 mile loop to a challenging 10 mile trail. The park is a great destination for a winter day hike. Contact the park at (503)837-2222 or on-line at www.oregon.gov.

WILLAMETTE PASS: Oregon's largest ski resort, almost every week during the winter in Willamette Pass. However, ski season is typically 7 weeks from dawn to dusk. The resort is a great destination for a winter day hike. Contact the resort at (503)837-2222 or on-line at www.willamettepass.com.

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