

OSP urges safe travels over holiday weekend

OSP is urging motorists to travel safely this Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend.

Other traffic advisories to motorists are winter travel conditions and Black Friday shopping.

This holiday period (Wednesday through Sunday) will see one of the highest volumes of traffic in over a decade according to AAA Oregon and Idaho. As with other holiday weekends, OSP is urging motorists to plan ahead, expect heavy traffic and poor driving conditions, with rain expected at lower elevations and snow in the mountain passes.

Know the road conditions before traveling by going to

www.tripcheck.com.

Winter travel — Those traveling in lower elevations, expect rain and wet roadways. Increase your following distances due to decreased traction on those wet roadways.

For those traveling Oregon's mountain passes, expect snowfall and winter driving conditions. Know when traction tires are required by visiting tripcheck.com.

Too often, mountain pass crashes are caused by those not using traction tires. These crashes cause delays that last hours at times. If chains are the traction device, know how to install or use them.

Motorists are often found

struggling in deep snow and below freezing conditions attempting to put them on for the first time.

During Black Friday shopping, there has historically been major traffic issues on Interstate 5 in Woodburn on Thanksgiving evening and the following Friday due to the high volume of shoppers frequenting the Woodburn Outlet Mall.

There has traditionally been backed up traffic prior to the Woodburn exit. Motorists are asked to consider taking alternate routes to Woodburn.

OSP will be focusing enforcement efforts on motorists driving on the shoulder of I-5, parking on the shoulder of I-5 and any other hazardous behavior.

Another issue has been motorists driving past the backed up traffic and then trying to squeeze in prior to the Woodburn exit. OSP will be in the area actively enforcing traffic laws.

OSP is also urging motorists to plan their travels:

- Expect heavy traffic volumes. Take extra time to reach your destination
- Visit ODOT's traveler page www.tripcheck.com
- Be prepared in the event you become stuck during your travels — Carry water, food, and blankets in the event you

are stuck in your vehicle during your trip

- Get a designated driver (plan ahead) if you plan on consuming intoxicating substances

- Put the distractions away. Pull over to use that handheld electronic device, ask as passenger to help or wait to arrive at your destination to use them

- Watch your speed; often speeding will not get you to your destination any faster. You will fatigue faster, burn more fuel, and create a more hazardous environment on the highway.
- Be extra vigilant in highway work zones. Even when workers are not present, all work zone speed limits still

apply and fines double; inactive work zones still have equipment, detours, and incomplete changes in the roadway so drivers need to slow down and be alert

- Get rested before you travel. Fatigued drivers are more frequent during holiday weekends because of increased travel and activity; be patient and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

- Wear your safety belt. Ensure your passengers and children are properly restrained too. We see too many crashes where people would have walked away with minor or no injuries

Fishing from 1B

campground and boat launch at the County Park. Spinreel Campground (US Forest Service) on the west side of Hwy 101 offers camping for those wanting an extended stay.

Several area resorts and marinas also provide camping spaces, lodging and boat rentals.

The shoreline of North and

South Tenmile is varied as a number of streams flow from the coastal foothills and into the lakes creating several large arms and many smaller bays and inlets dotted with pilings, docks and boat houses. Both lakes are shallow with an average depth of about 15 feet and abundant aquatic weeds, willows and bank vegetation that provide excellent cover and productive habitat for warmwater fish.

Fish generally range from 1

to 4-pounds, but a 6-pound bass is not uncommon. Bass fishing is best during periods of warmer water from spring through early fall.

When spring water temperatures reach about 60 degrees F, the bass move into shallower water to spawn. During the spawn, lures and jigs that imitate prey such as small fish and crayfish, and soft plastic worms work well.

Spinnerbaits, buzzbaits and other surface lures are also

effective. Anglers should target areas around willows, docks, logs or vegetation that provide a combination of cover and patches of open water. Good locations include the Black's Creek arm and railroad trestle crossing on North Lake, and the Coleman and Templeton arms of South Lake.

• Crappie

Anglers catch crappie in both lakes with good fishing in the spring and throughout the summer. Best fishing is in the

calm water along the shoreline, in the many small coves and inlets. Crappie anglers should target shaded areas with wood structure including submerged brush and trees, downed logs and docks.

The fish are often found in schools at depths of 10-15 feet. A good set-up is light spinning tackle with 4-pound test line and a light-colored 1/32 ounce jig. Have an assortment of garland-style and curly tail jigs in a variety of bright, neutral and

dark colors and sizes.

Use a tapered panfish bobber and change the depth of the jig until you find fish. Allow the jig to sink then retrieve slowly.

Fishing is best early and late in the day, but a mid-day breeze can also trigger a bite. Crappie abundance can go through cycles every few years so check with ODFW for the latest information.

DRINKING & DRIVING CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE IN JUST ONE SHOT

Don't risk your life or the life of someone else. If you plan on drinking, plan ahead and choose a designated driver or call a taxi service for a ride home.

The statistics are startling: Nearly 11,000 people die each year in America in DUI-related traffic accidents, accounting for 31% of all traffic deaths. An additional 254,000 suffer injuries in alcohol-related accidents.

A drunk driver kills someone approximately every 48 minutes.

Studies show that even small amounts of alcohol can impair a person's ability to drive. Even at a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .02% – as little as one drink – a person's abilities to see and multi-task are compromised.

Statistics from NHTSA, MADD and The Century Council.

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Florence Bridge Club

Thursday Afternoon Pairs Session Nov. 16, 2017

Scores after 7 rounds Average: 24.0 Section A

Pair	Pct	Score	Section	Rank	MPs	
8	65.63	31.50	A	1	0.70(A)	G. Farman - J. Reisner
2	51.04	24.50	A	2/3	0.42(A)	J. Smith - J. Neimand
5	51.04	24.50	C	2/3	1 1	0.42(A) L. Little - K. Hampsten
7	50.00	24.00	B	2	0.22(B)	D. MacNeil - D. Harris
3	48.96	23.50	C			D. Gustafson - M. Weiss
1	43.75	21.00	A			J. Weatherwax - R. Parker
6	39.58	19.00	C			C. Lugg - S. Lyon

BILLIARDS

Midcoast Eightball league

TEAMS	10/15/17			
	WIN%	TOTAL BALLS	RW	GW
BEACHCOMBER CLAMDIGGERS	83	453	10	42
JERRY'S 8-BALL ASSASSINS	63	349	8	23
BEACHCOMBER BOILERMAKERS	58	333	7	18
FRANK'S MAPLETON SAINTS	50	331	6	19
JERRY'S BREAKERS	42	390	5	28
DEADWOOD OUTLAWS	42	385	5	24
JERRY'S FEMME FATALES	33	346	4	20
ICHIBAN DRUNKEN MONKEYS	25	318	3	18

TOP 10 PLAYER	10/15/17				
	AVE.	WIN%	BALLS	GAMES	WINS
TRAQUE LARSON	10	92	177	12	11
CRAIG STEWART	9	83	110	12	10
MONICA	9	67	104	12	8
RICHARD BROWN	9	58	104	12	8
BRIAN HOLCOMB	9	58	102	12	8
KAYLE HORTON	8	50	96	12	6
PHIL M.	8	50	96	12	6
CHEWY DOUGHERTY	8	58	94	12	7
SKEETER BAKER	8	58	94	12	7
JOE SMITH	8	50	93	12	6



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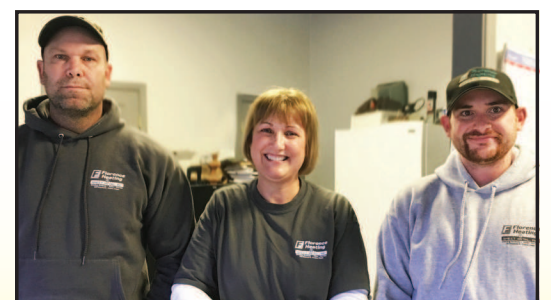
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