



CONDITIONS REPORT

Areas east of Bend and sno-parks

The forecast looks fairly mild this weekend with only a slight chance of rain, so head east for some desert air or a hike through the snowier Ochoco mountains east of Bend.

Monday is a fee-free day for the national forests in Oregon and Washington to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Day and encourage all Americans to visit their public lands.

For a full list of conditions updated regularly, please visit centraloregonexplore.com

HIKING AND DAY USE SITES

NOTE: Many of the trails along seasonally closed highways and forest service roads remain open, but can only be accessed by hike, snowshoe, cross country ski or snowmobile due to accumulating snowfall. See Forest websites for more details and restrictions.

Deschutes National Forest

- **Bessie Butte Trail:** Open
- **Boyd Cave Day Use Area:** Open
- **Horse Butte Trailhead:** Open; mostly snow free and clear
- **Pine Mountain:** Open

Deschutes National Forest — Diamond Peak Wilderness

- **Crater Butte Trailhead:** Open
- **Fawn Lake Trail:** Open
- **Snell Lake Trail:** Open
- **Whitefish Creek Trail:** Open
- **Yoran Lake Trail:** Open
- **Stag Lake Trail:** Open

Ochoco National Forest

- **Baneberry Trailhead:** Open
- **Barnhouse Trailhead:** Open
- **Black Canyon Fork (Formerly South Fork) Trailhead:** Open
- **Black Canyon West (Formerly Dusty Camp) Trailhead:** Open
- **Boeing Field Trailhead:** Open
- **Coffeepot Trailhead:** Open
- **Cottonwood Trailhead:** Open
- **Cougar East Trailhead:** Open
- **Cougar West Trailhead:** Open
- **Fry Trailhead:** Open
- **Giddy-Up Go Trailhead:** Open
- **Green Mountain North Trailhead:** Open
- **Green Mountain South Trailhead:** Open
- **Hammer Creek Trailhead:** Open
- **Keeton Trailhead:** Open
- **Kelsey Trailhead:** Open
- **Line Butte East (Formerly Fawn Creek) Trailhead:** Open
- **Line Butte West Trailhead:** Open
- **Lookout Mountain Lower Trailhead:** Open
- **Lookout Mountain Upper Trailhead:** Open
- **Mascall Corral (Formerly Apple West) Trailhead:** Open
- **Mother Lode Mine Trailhead:** Open
- **Payten Trailhead:** Open

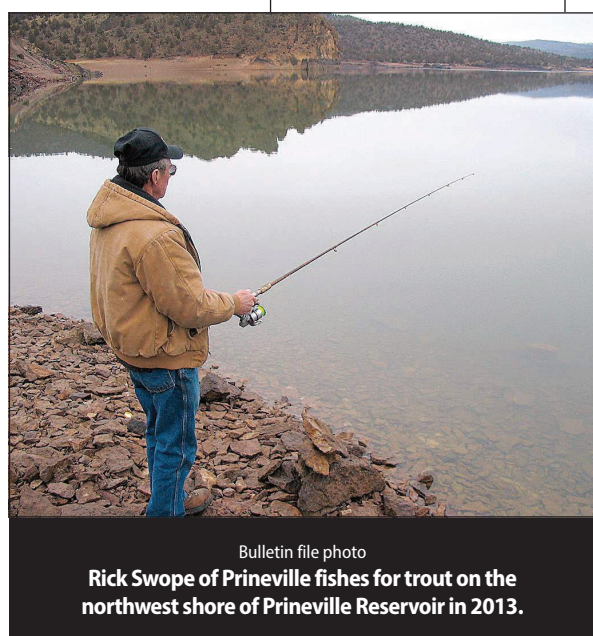
- **Potlid North Trailhead:** Open
- **Potlid South Trailhead:** Open
- **Rim (Formerly Apple Middle) Trailhead:** Open
- **Rock Creek Trailhead:** Open
- **Round Mountain North Trailhead:** Open
- **Round Mountain South Trailhead:** Open
- **Scotty Creek Trailhead:** Open
- **South Prong Trailhead:** Open
- **Steins Pillar Trailhead:** Open
- **Twin Pillars North Trailhead:** Open
- **Twin Pillars South Trailhead:** Open
- **Wildcat North Trailhead:** Open
- **Wildcat South Trailhead:** Open

Bureau of Land Management

- **Badlands Rock Trail:** Open
- **Black Hills ACEC:** Open; climbing and geocaching are prohibited
- **Chimney Rock Trail:** Open
- **Crack-in-the-Ground:** Open
- **Dry River Canyon Trail:** Open
- **Flatiron Rock Trail:** Open
- **Green Mountain:** Open
- **Huntington Wagon Road:** Open
- **Lower Crooked River:** Open
- **North Fork:** Open
- **Oregon Badlands Wilderness Tumulus Trail:** Open

OREGON STATE PARKS

- **Fort Rock State Natural Area:** Open; day-use hours 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; rock scrambling closed in



Bulletin file photo
Rick Swope of Prineville fishes for trout on the northwest shore of Prineville Reservoir in 2013.



Makenzie Whittle/Bulletin file photo

Steins Pillar Trailhead in the Ochoco National Forest is open but may be limited due to snow

Columbia Park access closure

As of July 22, Deschutes River access is closed due to safety concerns and to prevent further erosion to the river bank. The access point will be closed until further notice. For more information visit bendpark-sandrec.org

SKI AREAS AND SNOW PARKS

- *Updated 8 a.m. Jan. 14*
- **Hoodoo:** Open; 47.9 inch base; Hodag lift is closed
- **Mt. Bachelor:** Open; 66 inch base; Red Chair is being used as backup for Pine Marten and First Rays lift is closed
- **Willamette Pass:** 35 inches at lodge; rentals and tickets must be reserved online in advance
- **Dutchman Sno-Park:** Open; 42-54 inches; good conditions, limited parking and no overnight camping; 40-foot max length limit for vehicle/trailer combination; expect heavy use
- **Edison Butte Sno-Park:** Open; 12-20 inches; good conditions; area roads closed to highway vehicles through March 31, 2021
- **Kapka Butte Sno-Park:** Open; 30-42 inches; good conditions; area roads closed to highway vehicles through March 31, 2021
- **Meissner Sno-Park:** Open; 15-30 inches; good conditions; area roads closed through April 1, 2021; no dogs; lodge currently closed
- **Skyliner Sno-Park:** Open; unknown snow depth, access road closed for the season, road is now a ski/snowshoe trail
- **Swampy Sno-Park:** Open; 30-42 inches; good conditions; no dogs; area roads closed through March 31, 2021
- **Vista Butte Sno-Park:** Open; 30-42 inches; fair conditions; area north of parking area closed to snowmobiles, use Kapka Butte or Wanoga
- **Wanoga Snow Play:** Open; 18-30 inches; good

Deschutes National Forest

- **Crescent Lake Sno-Park:** Open; 8-12 inches; fair conditions due to low snow
- **Crescent Junction:** Open; 8-12 inches; fair conditions due to low snow

Fire restrictions

Fire danger is currently listed as Moderate in the Deschutes National Forest. Fire danger is listed as Low in the Ochoco and Willamette National Forests.

Industrial Fire Precaution Level is currently at Level 1 for the Deschutes and Ochoco national forests and the Prineville District — Bureau of Land Management.

conditions; expect heavy use; pack out broken sleds and all trash; shelter is closed

- **Wanoga Snowmobile:** Open; 18-30 inches; good conditions; area roads closed to highway vehicles through March 31, 2021
- **Newberry (Six Mile Sno-Park):** Open; 2-4 inches; fair conditions due to low snow.
- **Newberry (10 Mile Sno-Park):** Open; 15-27 inches; good conditions; road beyond park closed to vehicles for the season
- **Three Creek Sno-Park (Lower):** Open; 2-4 inches; poor conditions due to low snow
- **Three Creek Sno-Park (Upper):** Open; 8-16 inches; fair conditions due to low snow; Forest Service Road 16 may not be plowed immediately after a storm
- **Walt Haring Sno-Park:** 8-12 inches; fair conditions due to low snow

Ochoco National Forest:

- **Bandit Springs Sno-Park:** Open
- **Mark's Creek Sno-Park:** Open
- **Ochoco Divide Sno-Park:** Open
- **Walton Sno-Park:** Open

Willamette National Forest

- **Gold Lake Sno-Park:** Open
- **Ikenick Sno-Park:** Open
- **Little Nash Sno-Park:** Open
- **Maxwell Sno-Park:** Open; Mountain View and South Maxwell shelters are closed
- **Potato Hill Sno-Park:** Open
- **Ray Benson Sno-Park:** Open
- **Salt Creek Sno-Park:** Open
- **Santiam Sno-Park:** Open
- **Waldo Lake Sno-Park:** Open

CAMPING

Deschutes National Forest

- **Pine Mountain Campground:** Open; no campfires

Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland

- **Mud Springs Horse Camp:**

Open; no campfires

- **Whistler Campground:** Open; no campfires
- **White Rock Campground:** Open; no campfires

BLM — Prineville District

- **Big Bend Campground:** Open
- **Castle Rock Campground:** Open
- **Chimney Rock Campground:** Open
- **Cobble Rock Campground:** Open
- **Lone Pine Campground:** Open
- **Palisades Campground:** Open
- **Post Pile Campground:** Open
- **Stillwater Campground:** Open

CYCLING

Fatbike and winter trails:

- **Ben's-MTB-Kent's, Horse Butte Loop:** Muddy
- **Wanoga — 3 PSI, Wanoga — Outer Loop:** Rideable snow
- **All other trails riding well**

East of Bend trails

- **Arnold Ice Cave, Coyote Loop, Horse Butte Loop, Swamp Wells:** Muddy
- **All other trails riding well**

FISHING

- *Updated at 8 a.m. Jan. 14*
- **Crooked River (below Opal Springs):** 1,238 cfs; rainbow trout and mountain whitefish; only fish downstream of Bowman Dam to Lake Billy Chinook; whitefish should be spawning and anglers have good success fishing egg patterns; bull trout must be released unharmed and reported to the USFW at crookedbulltrout@fws.gov
- **Prineville Reservoir:** 32% full; rainbow trout, small and largemouth bass, catfish, crappie, crayfish
- **Ochoco Reservoir:** 13% full; rainbow trout, black crappie, smallmouth bass; trout fishing should start increasing with lower temperatures; ramp still likely unusable due to low water levels

EVENTS

Daily tours

- **Lava Cave Tours:** A guided tour of a local lava tube exploring the geologic and human history as well as the ecology of the cave; 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.; \$65 to \$90; Wanderlust Tours, 61535 S. Highway 97, Bend; go.evnt.com/713740-0 or 541-389-8359.
- **Daily Snowshoe Tours:** A naturalist-guided tour through areas around Mt. Bachelor. Snowshoes and hot cocoa provided; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1:30-5:30 p.m.; \$65 to \$90; Wanderlust Tours, 61535 S. Highway 97, Bend; go.evnt.com/713722-0 or 541-389-8359.
- **Shoes, Brews & Views Snowshoe Tour:** Snowshoe to a spot in the Deschutes National Forest and sip some locally crafted beers or root beer for those under 21; 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; \$65 to \$95; Wanderlust Tours, 61535 S. Highway 97, Bend; go.evnt.com/713728-1 or 541-389-8359.
- **Bonfire Snowshoe Tours:** A naturalist-guided tour near Mt. Bachelor out to a small bonfire where snowshoes will be treated to hot libations and a dessert; 7-11 p.m.; \$110; Wanderlust Tours, 61535 S. Highway 97, Bend; go.evnt.com/713736-0 or 541-389-8359.
- **Moonlight & Starlight Snowshoes Tours:** A guided tour on snowshoes in the Cascade Lakes area under the stars; 7-11 p.m.; \$95; Wanderlust Tours, 61535 S. Highway 97, Bend; go.evnt.com/713732-0 or 541-389-8359.

Friday 1/15

- **Ski Films in the Yard:** Films will be screened outdoors to ensure social distancing, masks mandatory; 5-10 p.m.; Bunk+Brew Historic Lucas House, 42 NW Hawthorne Ave., Bend; go.evnt.com/727205-0 or 458-202-1090.

Saturday 1/16

- **Orangetheory Fitness Run Club:** A guided 3- to 5-mile hike with body weight workouts mixed in will be held every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Free for members and nonmembers; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Orangetheory Fitness, 320 SW Powerhouse Drive, Bend; go.evnt.com/727217-0 or 541-904-5123.

Tuesday 1/19

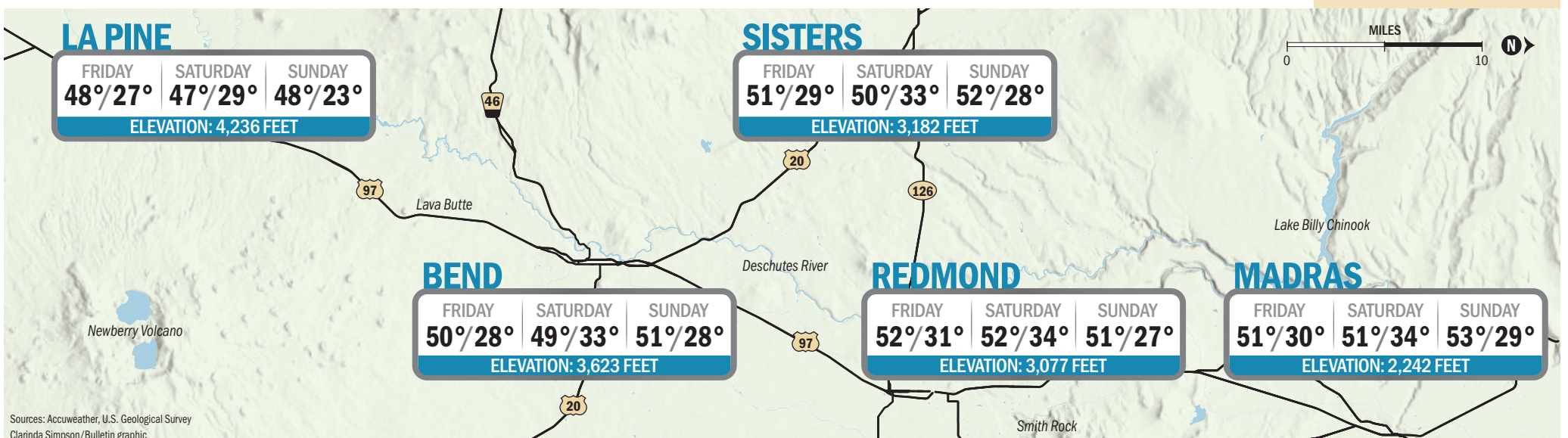
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- **Beginning Fly Tying Class:** Novice anglers can learn the basics of tying flies in this 2-hour class. Register at the fly shop; 6-8 p.m.; \$80; Confluence Fly Shop, 375 SW Powerhouse Drive, Bend; go.evnt.com/723289-0 or 541-678-5633.

Wednesday 1/20

- **Intermediate Fly Fishing Class:** Take your fly tying knowledge further with this intermediate skilled class. All materials provided. Register at the fly shop; 6-8 p.m.; \$80; Confluence Fly Shop, 375 SW Powerhouse Drive, Bend; go.evnt.com/723289-0 or 541-678-5633.

Thursday 1/21

- **Yin and Flow Yoga:** The weekly yoga class is limited to 5 students each week to maintain social distance. Proceeds go to the Chuush Water for Warm Springs Campaign. Email or text to RSVP your spot; 9-10:30 a.m.; \$15; Wine Down Ranch, 6500 NE McKay Creek Road, Prineville; go.evnt.com/727219-0 or 541-362-1142.



Sources: Accuweather, U.S. Geological Survey
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