



CONDITIONS REPORT

Areas in and around Bend and sno-parks

This weekend is colder with the possibility of snow or rain depending on your location. While the sno-parks should be receiving some welcome powder, down here in Bend, there is still plenty to check out in case snow isn't your thing.

If you do venture out to snow areas, always go prepared and only park in designated areas.

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

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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**
- **Aspen Day Use:** Open
- **Benham East Trailhead:** Open
- **Benham West Trailhead:** Open
- **Bessie Butte Trail:** Open
- **Besson Day Use:** Open
- **Big Eddy Day Use:** Open
- **Boyd Cave Day Use Area:** Open
- **Horse Butte Trailhead:** Open; mostly snow free and clear
- **Meadow Picnic:** Open
- **Phil's Trailhead:** Open; patchy snow, ice and mud, do not ride on muddy trails
- **Pine Mountain:** Open
- **Rimrock Trailhead:** Open
- **Skyliners Trailhead:** Open
- **Skylines Trailhead:** Open
- **Tumalo Falls Trailhead:** Open; Tumalo Falls Road is closed at the gate, visitors must hike, walk or snowshoe in
- **Tumalo Mountain:** Open
- **Bend Park & Recreation Trails**
- **Alpine Trail:** Open
- **Big Sky Park:** Open
- **Cascade Highlands Trail:** Open
- **Central Oregon Historic Canal Trail:** Open
- **Coyner Trail:** Open
- **Deschutes River Trail — Awbrey Reach:** Open
- **Deschutes River Trail — Old Mill Reach:** Open
- **Deschutes River Trail — Pioneer Reach:** Open
- **Deschutes River Trail — River Run Reach:** Open
- **Deschutes River Trail — South Canyon Reach:** Open; one way trail, closed to bikes, keep dogs leashed
- **Discovery Trail:** Open
- **Haul Road Trail:** Open
- **Larkspur Trail:** Open
- **Pine Nursery Park Trail:**

- **Open**
- **Riley Ranch Nature Reserve Trails:** Open
- **Rockridge Park Trail:** Open
- **Sawyer Park Trails:** Open
- **Shevlin Park Trails:** Open
- **Stone Creek Park Trail:** Open
- **West Bend Trail:** Open
- **Bureau of Land Management**
- **Badlands Rock Trail:** Open
- **Dry River Canyon Trail:** Open
- **Flatiron Rock Trail:** Open
- **Huntington Wagon Road:** Open
- **Oregon Badlands Wilderness Tumulus Trail:** Open

OREGON STATE PARKS

- **Pilot Butte State Scenic Viewpoint:** Open for limited daytime use; summit road is closed for the winter; east parking lot open 8 a.m.-6 p.m., restrooms open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Tumalo State Park:** Open; expect reduced services; group facilities are closed; reservations for yurts required

SKI AREAS AND SNOW PARKS

- *Updated 8 a.m. Jan. 21*
- **Hoodoo:** Open; 43.8 inch base; Hodag lift is closed
- **Mt. Bachelor:** Open; 63 inch base; Summit will open weather permitting, Red Chair is being used as backup for Pine Marten, First Rays is closed
- **Willamette Pass:** 30 inches at lodge; rentals and tickets must be reserved online in advance
- **Deschutes National Forest**
- **Crescent Lake Sno-Park:** Open; 0-8 inches; poor conditions due to low snow; hard packed snow
- **Crescent Junction:** Open; 0-8 inches; poor conditions



Ryan Brennecke / Bulletin file photo
A pair of anglers work on launching their boat at the Slough Day-Use Area in preparation to go fishing on the Deschutes River.

Smith Rock climbing closures

To protect nesting raptors, the following climbing routes are closed: Cajun Cliff, Victoria Tower, Little Three Fingered Jack, Puddy's Tower, The Monument, Anglin's Buttress and French Tent Rock. The Canyon Trail near the bald eagle nest is restricted to groups of four or less and noise must be kept to a minimum. See smithrock.com/seasonal-closures for more information.

due to low snow; hard packed snow

• **Dutchman Sno-Park:** Open; 36-48 inches; marginal conditions, hard packed snow, limited parking and no overnight camping; 40-foot max length limit for vehicle/trailer combination; expect heavy use

• **Newberry (Six Mile Sno-Park):** Open; 0-2 inches; poor conditions due to low snow.

• **Newberry (10 Mile Sno-Park):** Open; 6-18 inches; marginal, hard pack conditions due to warm temperatures conditions; road beyond park closed to vehicles for the season

• **Three Creek Sno-Park (Lower):** Open; 0-2 inches; poor conditions due to low snow

• **Three Creek Sno-Park (Upper):** Open; 2-6 inches; poor conditions due to low snow; Forest Service Road 16 may not be plowed immediately after a storm

• **Walt Haring Sno-Park:** 0-6 inches; poor conditions due to low snow, hard pack

• **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

• **Wanoga Snow Play:** Open; 15-27 inches; marginal conditions, hard pack; expect heavy use; pack out broken sleds and all trash; shelter is closed

• **Wanoga Snowmobile:** Open; 15-27 inches;

marginal conditions, hard pack; area roads closed to highway vehicles through March 31, 2021

• **Wanoga — 3 PSJ, Wanoga — Outer Loop:** Rideable snow

• **All other trails riding well**

• **East of Bend trails**

• **Arnold Ice Cave, Coyote Loop, Swamp Wells:** Muddy

• **All other trails riding well**

• **Phil's Trail Complex**

• **M.T.B.:** Riding well

• **Ben's, C.O.D. Rockstacer, K.G.B., Slalom Play Loop, The Lair:** Muddy

• **Marvin's Garden's:** Muddy; deadfall reported

• **E.L.V.:** Ice

• **Voodoo Child, Ticket to Ride (North and South):** Rideable snow

• **All other trails reporting a winter mix or deep snow**

• **Wanoga Trail Complex**

• **Deschutes River, Funner:** Winter mix

• **Tiddlywinks, Catch and Release:** Rideable snow

• **All other trails reporting**

deep snow

• **North of Skyliner trails**

• **Shevlin Park:** Riding well

• **All other trails reporting deep snow**

• **Swampy Lakes trails**

• **Swampy Dutchman:** Deep snow; deadfall reported

• **Tumalo Creek:** Rideable snow

• **All other trails reporting deep snow**

• **Cascade Lakes trails**

• **Edison-Lava and Metolius-Windigo (Todd Lake):** Deep snow

• **Metolius-Windigo (Lava Lake):** Deep snow; deadfall reported

• **Mt. Bachelor**

• **Batchy West XC:** Deep snow; deadfall reported

• **Mountain trails closed for the season**

CYCLING

• **Fatbike and winter trails:**

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FISHING

• *Updated at 8 a.m. Jan. 21*

• **Middle Deschutes (Benham Falls to Lake Billy Chinook):** 4,430 cfs; brown trout, rainbow trout; water is higher and clarity is good with decent trout fishing; open year-round for trout, artificial flies and lures only; no limit on brown trout

• **Upper Deschutes at Benham Falls:** 534 cfs; section is closed for the season to anglers.

• **Tumalo Creek:** 1.31 cfs; rainbow trout



Ryan Brennecke/Bulletin file photo
A section of the Deschutes River flows through a rocky area at Sawyer Park in Bend.

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 Mount Bachelor out to a small bonfire where snowshoers 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.

Saturday 1/23

- **Aquatic Entomology Class:** This class introduces students to the river insects upon which our local trout focus and how to stock your fly box with the most productive patterns to imitate them. Call or stop by to register; 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; \$40; Confluence Fly Shop, 375 SW Powerhouse Drive, Bend; go.evnt.com/729414-0 or 541-678-5633.

Sunday 1/24

- **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/729406-0 or 541-904-5123.

Tuesday 1/26

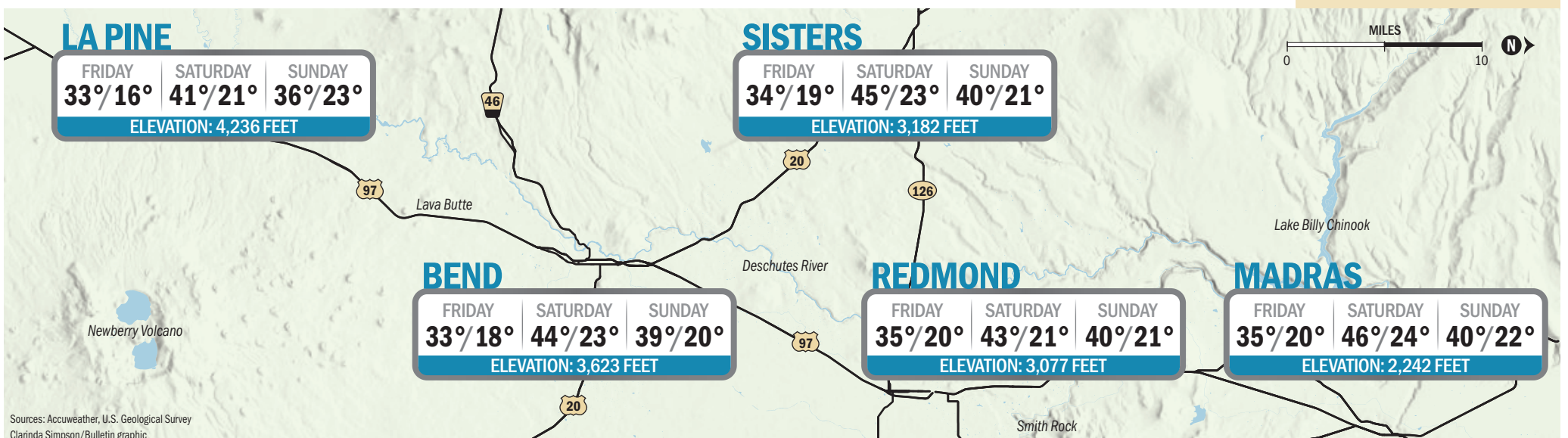
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- **Beginning Fly Tying Class:** Novice anglers can learn the basics of tying flies in this 2-hour class. Register at the fly shop; 6-8 p.m.; \$80; Confluence Fly Shop, 375 SW Powerhouse Drive, Bend; go.evnt.com/723287-0 or 541-678-5633.

Wednesday 1/27

- **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/723290-0 or 541-678-5633.
- **January Nature Night — A Closer Look at Microplastics:** Join Dr. Susanne Brander of Oregon State University to explore the tiny world of microplastics, including how these minuscule particles are detected and their potential effect on the natural world; 7-8:30 p.m.; registration required, presentation available to stream online after event; Bend; go.evnt.com/726903-1 or 541-330-0017.

Thursday 1/28

- **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/729408-0 or 541-904-5123.



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