



CONDITIONS REPORT

Check out snow near Redmond, Prineville

After recent snowfall, many area trails may have a good covering of the white stuff to crunch through this weekend. The weather looks slightly milder, in the upcoming days, but then again, this is Central Oregon, and if you don't like the current weather, wait a while — it'll probably change.

Places around Redmond and Prineville usually receive less snow accumulation, not this time. So head out to these northern spots and see the beauty of snow along the Crooked River Grasslands and beyond.

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 Service websites for more details and restrictions.

Ochoco National Forest

- Alder Springs Trailhead:** Open; access road closed to motor vehicles
- Baneberry Trailhead:** Open
- Barnhouse Trailhead:** Open
- Black Canyon East (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
- Cyrus Trailhead:** Open
- Fry Trailhead:** Open
- Giddy-Up Go Trailhead:** Open
- Gray Butte Trailhead:** Open
- Green Mountain North Trailhead:** Open
- Green Mountain South Trailhead:** Open
- Henderson Flat OHV Trail System:** Open
- Henderson Flat Staging Area:** 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

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 bendparksandrec.org

- Payten Trailhead:** Open
- Potlid North Trailhead:** Open
- Potlid South Trailhead:** Open
- Rim (Formerly Apple Middle) Trailhead:** Open
- Rimrock Springs Trailhead:** Open
- Rock Creek Trailhead:** Open
- Round Mountain North Trailhead:** Open
- Round Mountain South Trailhead:** Open
- Scales Corral Trailhead:** Open
- Scotty Creek Trailhead:** Open
- Skull Hollow Trailhead:** Open
- South Prong Trailhead:** Open
- Steins Pillar Trailhead:** Open
- Tam-A-Lau Trailhead:** Open
- Trail Crossing Corral Trailhead:** Open
- Twin Pillars North Trailhead:** Open

Trail closures west of Bend

Beginning Jan. 28 the following trails are closed from 12:01 a.m. Mondays and 3 p.m. Fridays (except for federal holidays) due to timber harvesting and forest restoration work:

- Lower Whoops
- Pine Drops
- EXT

- Storm King from the junction with Forest Road 4615 and the junction with Phil's Trail
- Phil's Trail between the junction with EXT and it's western terminus at the junction with Pine Drops
- Upper Whoops
- Lower Whoops
- Skyliners

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.

SKI AREAS AND SNO-PARKS

- Updated 8 a.m. Jan. 28*
- Hoodoo:** Open; 57.3 inch base
- Mt. Bachelor:** Open; 73 inch base; Summit will open weather permitting, Red Chair is being used as backup for Pine Marten, First Rays is closed
- Willamette Pass:** 48 inches at lodge; rentals and tickets must be reserved online in advance
- Deschutes National Forest**
- Crescent Lake Sno-Park:** Open; 8-18 inches; marginal conditions due to low snow
- Crescent Junction:** Open; 8-18 inches; marginal conditions due to low snow
- Dutchman Sno-Park:** Open; 42-60 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; 18-36; inches; good conditions; area roads closed to highway

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.

- Peter Skene Ogden State Scenic Viewpoint:** Open
- Prineville Reservoir State Park:** Open; expect reduced services; cabins are closed
- Smith Rock State Park:** Open — limited services; no camping; climbing closures to protect nesting raptors in place until August; park-wide drone ban is in effect.

- 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; 16-30 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; 27-42 inches; good conditions; no dogs; area roads closed through March 31, 2021
- Vista Butte Sno-Park:** Open; 30-42 inches; good conditions; area north of parking area closed to snowmobiles, use Kapka Butte or Wanoga
- Wanoga Snow Play:** Open; 20-36 inches; good conditions; expect heavy use; pack out broken sleds and all trash; shelter is closed
- Wanoga Snowmobile:** Open; 20-36 inches; good conditions; area roads closed to highway vehicles through March 31, 2021
- Newberry (Six Mile Sno-Park):** Open; 6-10 inches; marginal 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; 6-10 inches; marginal conditions due to low snow
- Three Creek Sno-Park (Upper):** Open; 8-12 inches; marginal conditions due to low snow; Forest Service Road 16 may not be plowed immediately after a storm
- Walt Haring Sno-Park:** 6-12 inches; marginal 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

Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland

- Haystack West Shore Campground and Day Use Area:** Open
- Mud Springs Horse Camp:** Open
- Whistler Campground:** Open
- White Rock Campground:** Open

BLM — Prineville District

- Barr Road North Staging Area:** Open
- Big Bend Campground:** Open
- Buckhorn Staging Area:** Open
- Castle Rock Campground:** Open
- Chimney Rock Campground:** Open
- Cobble Rock Campground:** Open
- Lone Pine Campground:** Open
- Macks Canyon Recreation Site:** Open
- Palisades Campground:** Open
- Post Pile Campground:** Open
- Steelhead Falls:** Open; no potable water
- Stillwater Campground:** Open

CYCLING

Fatbike and winter trails:

- Ben's-MTB-Kent's:** Muddy
- Maston, Wanoga — 3 PSJ, Wanoga — Outer Loop:** Rideable snow

- All other trails riding well**

Prineville and Ochoco trails

- Independent Mine, Lookout Mountain, Round Mountain:** Deep snow; deadfall reported
- New reports needed for other trails**

Maston complex

- Rideable snow**

Redmond trails

- Cole Loop, Gray Butte, River, Summit:** Muddy
- All other trails reporting riding well, but may be snow covered due to recent storms**

Madras East Trails

- Peek A Boo — Berm Mountain:** Muddy
- All other trails riding well**

FISHING

Updated at 8 a.m. Jan. 28

- Lower Deschutes (Pelton Dam to Columbia River):** 5,060 cfs; redband trout, steelhead, whitefish; trout will continue to be less active through the winter but can be caught on something slow and tasty, steelhead numbers will slow down this month but can be found on warmer days; Chinook season is closed

- Middle Deschutes (Benham Falls to Lake Billy Chinook):** 4,350 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

- Crooked River (below Opal Springs):** 1,321 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

- McKenzie River (at Clear Lake):** 462 cfs
- McKenzie River (near Belknap Springs):** 981 cfs; rainbow and coastal cutthroat trout; current hatches — blue winged olive, midge, sculpin; river access may be limited due to the Holiday Farm Fire.

- Prineville Reservoir:** 34% full; rainbow trout, small and largemouth bass, catfish, crappie, crayfish; trout fishing has been fair, good for warm weather species

- Ochoco Reservoir:** 14% full; rainbow trout, black crappie, smallmouth bass; trout fishing should start increasing with lower temperatures; ramp still likely unusable due to low water levels

- Haystack Reservoir:** 83% full; rainbow and brown trout, kokanee, largemouth bass, black crappie, bluegill and bullhead catfish; reservoir is back to winter levels, boat ramp is closed for the season, Northshore pier parking lot is still open.

- Lake Billy Chinook:** Bull, brown and rainbow trout, kokanee, smallmouth bass; Metolius arm is closed until spring, no recent reports for rest of lake

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 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.

Ice Skating Rink Hours

- The Pavilion:** Public skating by reservation only. Open skating session times vary, see website for details; \$12 adults, \$11 older adults (60-79) and students, \$10 youth and honored citizens (80 plus), children under 3 with a paying adult are free, \$3 discount if you bring your own skates, \$6 per person for special sessions; 1001 SW Bradbury Drive, Bend; bendparksandrec.org/facility/the-pavilion or 541-389-7588.
- Seventh Mountain Resort:** Reservations required. Open skating sessions run 1 hour and 20 minutes every two hours 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; \$15 adults, \$12 children 7 to 18, \$5 children 6 and under, \$5 discount for bringing your own skates; Seventh Mountain Resort Ice Rink, 18575 SW Century Drive, Bend; seventhmountainriverco.com/ice-skating or 877-765-1501.
- Sunriver Village:** Reservations required for all skaters. Open skating sessions run 1 hour and 15 minutes every two hours 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; \$15 adults, \$11 children 5 to 12, \$3 discount if you have your own skates; Sunriver Village Ice Rink, 57100 Beaver Drive, Sunriver; sunriverice-skating.com or 541-593-5948.

Friday 1/29

- Ski Films in the Yard:** Ski films will be screened outdoors; 5-10 p.m.; Bunk+Brew Historic Lucas House, 42 NW Hawthorne Ave., Bend; go.evnt.com/731943-0 or 541-678-5633.

Tuesday 2/2

- 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/731897-0 or 541-904-5123.

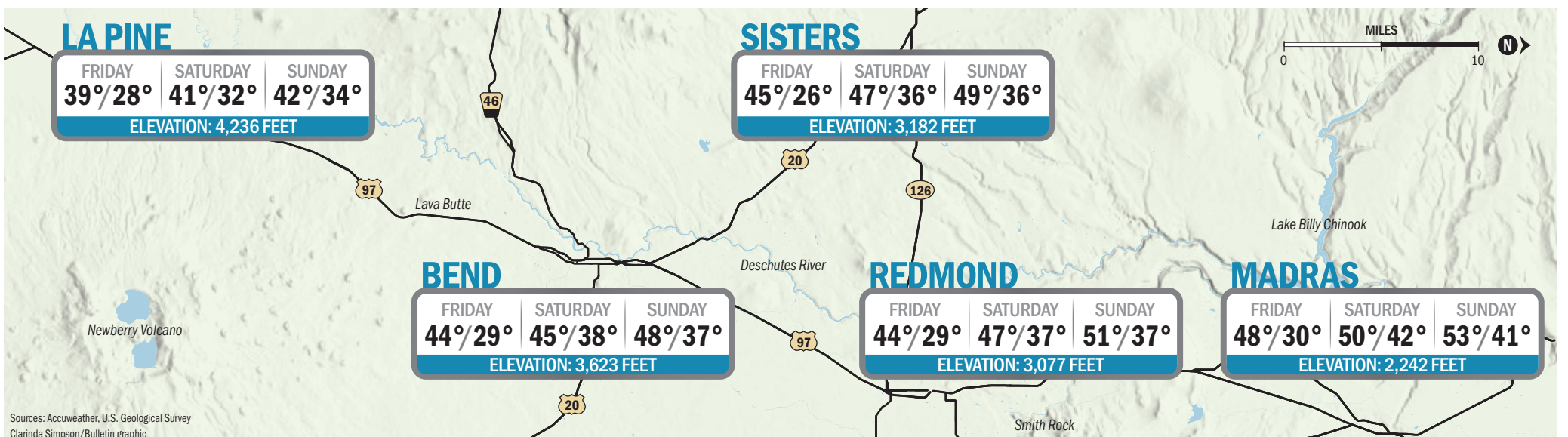
Wednesday 2/3

- 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/731905-0 or 541-678-5633.

Thursday 2/4

- 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/731898-0 or 541-904-5123.

- Intermediate Fly Tying 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/731906-0 or 541-678-5633.



Sources: Accuweather, U.S. Geological Survey
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