

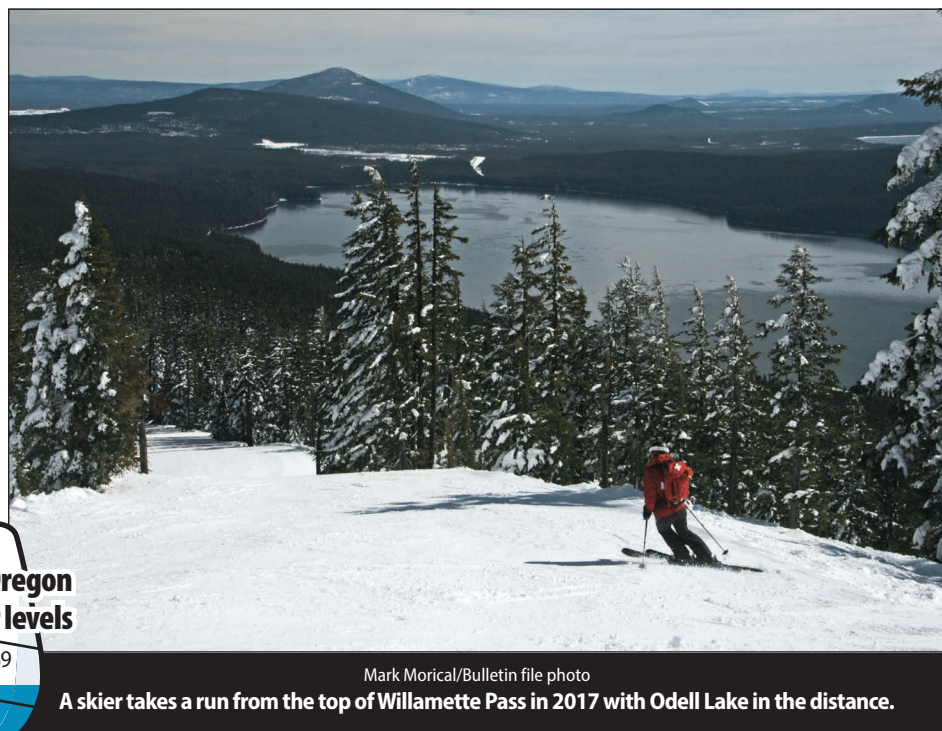


Check out areas south of Bend, sno-parks

The upcoming week in Central Oregon looks dry, albeit a little on the cold side. So bundle up and head to the southern part of Deschutes County and beyond for some fun in the snow.

While accumulation hasn't been as good down south as it has been in the past, there is still enough to grab your snowshoes or Nordic skis and blaze through a trail in the verdant forests. Southern sno-parks are also typically less crowded than their northern neighbors so if you're looking for an adventure away from crowds, this might be just the ticket.

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



A skier takes a run from the top of Willamette Pass in 2017 with Odell Lake in the distance.

Central Oregon reservoir levels

See B9

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

- **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
- **Charlton Lake Trailhead:** Open
- **Crane Prairie Picnic Area:** Open
- **Crater Butte Trailhead:** Open
- **Crescent Lake Guard Station:** Open
- **Cultus Lake Day Use Area:** Open
- **Deer Lake Trailhead:** Open
- **Dillon Day Use:** Open
- **Elk Lake Trailhead:** Open
- **Fall River Headwaters:** Open; snow free and clear
- **Green Lakes Trailhead:** Open
- **Lava Cast Forest Trailhead:** Open; patchy snow and ice
- **Lava Island Day Use:** Open
- **Lava Lake Day Use:** Open
- **Lava Lands Trails:** Open; potential patchy snow and ice, visitor center is closed for the season; trails and parking area open
- **Sun Lava Trailhead:** Open; potential patchy snow and ice, heavy use on weekends
- **Lemish Lake Trailhead:** Open
- **Little Fawn Day Use:** Open
- **Lucky Lake Trailhead:** Open
- **Meadow Picnic:** Open
- **Paulina Falls Picnic and Trailhead:** Open
- **Paulina Lake Day Use:** Open
- **Peter Skene Ogden Trailhead:** Open; Paulina Creek restoration in progress, use caution to avoid machinery
- **Quinn River Day Use:** Open
- **Rosary Lakes Trailhead:** Open
- **Simax North and South Beach area:** Open
- **Six Lakes Trailhead:** Open
- **Slough Day Use:** Open
- **South Twin Day Use — Launch:** Open
- **Summit Lake:** Open
- **Sunset View Day Use:** Open
- **Ten Mile Trailhead:** Open
- **Tandy Bay Picnic Area:** Open
- **Tranquil Cove Day Use:** Open
- **Wake Butte Trailhead:** Open
- **Winopoe Trailhead:** Open

Deschutes National Forest — Diamond Peak Wilderness

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

Bureau of Land Management seasonal trail closures

The following Bureau of Land Management trails are now closed through Aug. 31 to protect nesting raptors:

- Millican Plateau OHV Trail System (Route 95 only)
- South side of Trout Creek Trail including climbing walls
- Cline Buttes Recreation Area (portions of Deep Canyon, Fryrear, Maston, Jaguar Road)
- Horny Hollow Trail
- Dry River Canyon
- For more information visit blm.gov

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 its western terminus at the junction with Pine Drops
- Upper Whoops
- Lower Whoops
- Skyliners

- **Crater Rim:** Deep snow
- **La Pine State Park, Roundabout:** Ice
- **All other trails reporting a winter mix**

Waldo Lake Region

- **All trails reporting deep snow**

FISHING

Updated at 8 a.m. Feb. 4

- **Fall River:** Brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout; fish during warmest parts of the day; access limited depending on snow; fly fishing only with barbless hooks; fishing has been good for trout, all public access to the hatchery remains closed
- **East Lake:** Brown trout, kokanee, rainbow trout, Atlantic salmon; access road is closed but fishing is open year-round
- **Paulina Lake:** Kokanee, rainbow and brown trout; good fishing for trout and kokanee
- **North Twin Lake:** Rainbow trout; fair fishing; high clearance vehicle needed to get to the lake
- **South Twin Lake:** Rainbow trout; fair fishing; high clearance vehicle needed to get to the lake
- **Davis Lake:** Water level is low; rainbow trout and largemouth bass. Fly fishing only
- **Lava Lake:** Rainbow trout; access road is closed but fishing open year-round
- **Little Lava Lake:** Rainbow trout, brook trout and whitefish
- **Cultus Lake:** Mackinaw, rainbow and brook trout
- **Hosmer Lake:** Brook, cutthroat and rainbow trout; fly fishing only with barbless hooks
- **Elk Lake:** Brook trout and kokanee; jiggling, still-fishing and trolling from a boat or fly fishing are best
- **Crescent Lake:** 27% full; kokanee, mackinaw, rainbow and brown trout, whitefish and chub; winter is good for brown trout; one lake trout per day, 24-inch minimum

Smith Rock climbing closures

To protect nesting raptors, the following climbing routes are closed: Cajun Cliff, Victoria Tower, Little Three Fingered Jack, Puddly'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.

Bureau of Land Management

- **Yoran Lake Trail:** Open
- **Stag Lake Trail:** Open
- **Black Hills ACEC:** Open; climbing and geocaching are prohibited
- **Crack-in-the-Ground:** Open
- **Green Mountain:** Open

Deschutes National Forest

- **Mt. Bachelor:** Open; 86 inch base; First Rays lift is closed. Tubing hill is closed.
- **Willamette Pass:** 48 inches at lodge; rentals and tickets must be reserved online in advance
- **Crescent Lake Sno-park:** Open; 12-16 inches; marginal conditions due to low snow
- **Crescent Junction:** Open; 12-16 inches; marginal conditions due to low snow
- **Dutchman Sno-park:** Open; 48-72 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; 24-36 inches; good conditions; area roads closed to highway vehicles through March 31, 2021
- **Kapka Butte Sno-park:** Open; 42-54 inches; good conditions; area roads closed to highway vehicles through March 31, 2021
- **Meissner Sno-park:** Open; 24-36 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; 36-48 inches; good conditions; no dogs; area roads closed through March 31, 2021
- **Vista Butte Sno-park:** Open; 42-58 inches; good conditions; area north of parking area closed to snowmobiles, use Kapka Butte or Wanoga
- **Wanoga Snow Play:** Open; 30-42 inches; good conditions; expect heavy use; pack out broken sleds and all trash; shelter is closed
- **Wanoga Snowmobile:** Open; 30-42 inches; good conditions; area roads closed to highway vehicles through March 31, 2021; shelter is closed
- **Newberry (Six Mile Sno-park):** Open; 6-10 inches; marginal conditions due to low snow.
- **Newberry (10 Mile Sno-park):** Open; 12-24 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; 12-14 inches; good conditions; Forest Service

Road 16 may not be plowed immediately after a storm

• **Walt Haring Sno-park:** 6-10 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
- **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

Willamette National Forest

- **Ben's-MTB-Kent's, Maston:** Muddy
- **Horse Bute Loop, Horse Ridge Area, Wanoga — 3 PSI, Wanoga — Outer Loop:** Rideable snow
- **Cline Buttes:** Winter Mix
- **All other trails riding well**

Sunriver area trails

- **Black Rock:** Rideable snow

CYCLING

Fatbike and winter trails:

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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

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.

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 Pavillion:** 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-pavillion 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; seventhmountainresort.com/ice-skating or 877-765-1501.
- **Sunriver Village:** Reservations required for all skaters. Open skating sessions run 2 hours three hours noon-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Sunday; \$15 adults, \$11 children 5 to 12, \$3 discount if you have your own skates; Sunriver Village Ice Rink, 57100 Beaver Drive, Sunriver; sunriver-village.com/sunriver-ice-skating or 541-593-5948.

Saturday 2/6

- **Spey Casting:** An on-water spey casting workshop will be held. Bring your own rod or use a demo. Boots and waders suggested, coffee provided; 8-9:30 a.m.; Farewell Bend Park, 1000 SW Reed Market Road, Bend; go.evnt.com/723259-0 or 541-678-5633.

Sunday 2/7

- **Orangetheory Fitness Run Club:** A guided 3- to 5-mile hike with body weight workouts mixed in will be held every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. Free for members and nonmembers; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Orangetheory Fitness, 320 SW Powerhouse Drive, Bend; go.evnt.com/731901-0 or 541-904-5123.

Tuesday 2/9

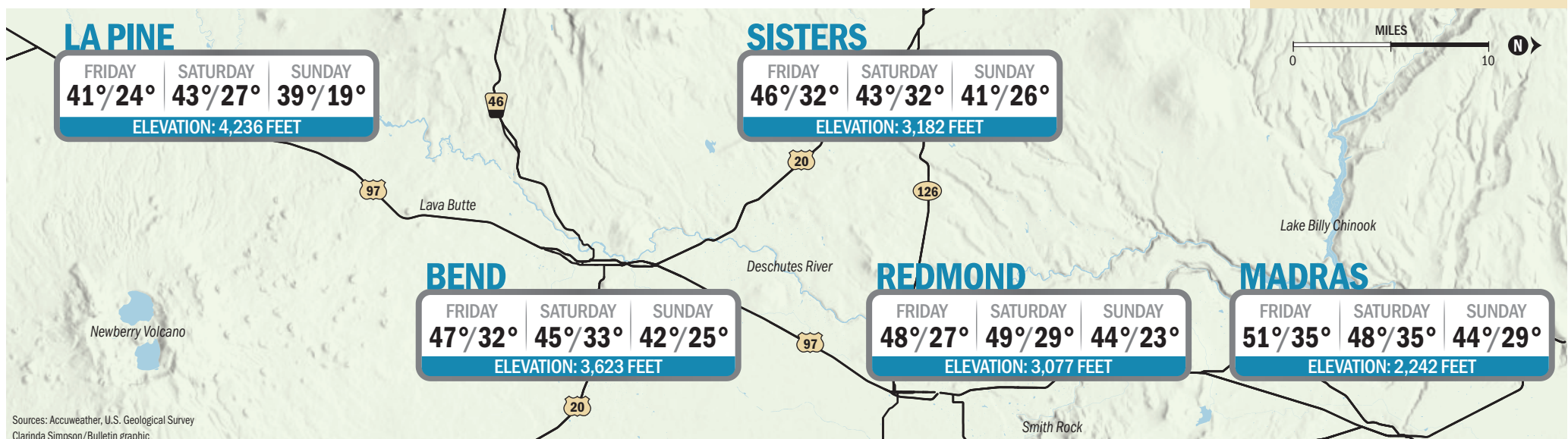
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Wednesday 2/10

- **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/734920-0 or 541-678-5633.

Thursday 2/11

- **Orangetheory Fitness Run Club:** A guided 3- to 5-mile hike with body weight workouts mixed in will be held every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. Free for members and nonmembers; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Orangetheory Fitness, 320 SW Powerhouse Drive, Bend; go.evnt.com/734881-0 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/734923-0 or 541-678-5633.



Sources: Accuweather, U.S. Geological Survey
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