



Conditions in Central Oregon mountains

Snow lovers rejoice, winter has returned to Central Oregon! Forecasts at time of publishing these conditions indicate that southern Deschutes County and the Cascades should see ample amounts of accumulation Thursday night and into the weekend. But the weather here is rarely perfectly predictable so always be prepared for any condition before hitting the slopes or backcountry trails.

This Presidents Day/Valentine's Day weekend is also a free fishing weekend, meaning everyone can fish, crab or clam for free according to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. For more information and current reports see myodfw.com. 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

- Bear Valley Trail: Open
- Black Crater Trail: Open
- Broken Top Trail: Open
- Cabot Lake Trail: Open
- Canyon Creek Trail: Open
- Charlton Lake Trail: Open
- Crane Prairie Picnic Area: Open
- Crater Butte Trail: Open
- Crater Ditch Trail: Open
- Cultus Lake Day Use Area: Open
- Deer Lake Trail: Open
- Devil's Lake/South Sister Trailhead: Open
- Elk Lake Trailhead: Open
- Green Lakes Trail: Open
- Jefferson Lake: Open
- Lava Lake Day Use: Open
- Lemish Lake Trailhead: Open
- Little Fawn Day Use: Open
- Lucky Lake Trail: Open
- Many Lakes Trail: Open
- Metolius-Windigo: Open
- Park Meadow: Open; moderate deadfall on the trail to Tam Rim
- Pole Creek Trailhead: Open
- Quinn River Day Use: Open
- Rockpile Lake: Open
- Rosary Lakes Trailhead: Open
- Round Lake Trailhead: Open
- Six Lakes Trailhead: Open
- Skyliners Trailhead: Partially open; closed Mondays through 3 p.m. Fridays
- South Twin Day Use — Launch: Open
- Sparks Lake Trailhead: Open
- Summit Lake: Open
- Swampy Lakes Trail: Open
- Tam McArthur Rim Trailhead: Open
- Todd Lake Trail: Open
- Tumalo Mountain: Open
- Wake Butte Trailhead: Open
- Wanoga Trailhead: Open
- Winoopee Trailhead: Open

Ochoco National Forest

- 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

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.

- 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) Trailheads: Open
- Line Butte West Trailhead: Open
- Lookout Mountain Lower Trailhead: Open
- Lookout Mountain Upper Trailhead: Open
- Mascal 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

SKI AREAS AND SNO-PARKS

- Updated 8 a.m. Feb. 11
- Hoodoo: Open; 63.6 inch base; Hodag lift and the Autobahn Tubing Park are closed
- Mt. Bachelor: Open; 79 inch base; First Rays lift is closed, Summit lift will open dependant on weather
- Willamette Pass: 48 inches at lodge; rentals and tickets must be reserved online in advance

Deschutes National Forest

- 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

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



Ryan Brennecke/Bulletin file photo
Three-year-old Dilynn Zapata tubes with Rachel Noble down the hill at Wanoga Sno-park.

- 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

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

CYCLING

Fatbike and winter trails:

- Ben's-MTB-Kent's: Muddy
- Wanoga — 3 PSI, Wanoga — Outer Loop: Rideable snow
- Cline Buttes: Winter Mix
- All other trails riding well
- Phil's Trail Complex
- Some trails are closed weekdays until 3 p.m. Fridays, see note.
- C.O.D., Rockstacker, Slalom Play Loop, The Lair: Muddy
- Marvin's Garden, Voodoo: Rideable snow; deadfall reported
- E.L.V.: Ice
- Ben's, Phil's, Ticket to Ride (North and South), Voodoo Child: Rideable snow
- All other trails reporting a winter mix or deep snow

Wanoga Trail Complex

- Deschutes River: Riding well
- Funner: Winter mix
- 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

- Middle Flagline: Closed through Aug. 15
- Swampy Dutchman: Deep snow; deadfall reported
- Tumalo Creek: Rideable snow
- All other trails reporting deep snow

FISHING

- Updated at 8 a.m. Feb. 11
- 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
- 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; jigging, still-fishing and trolling from a boat or fly fishing are best
- Crescent Lake: 26% full; kokanee, mackinaw, rainbow and brown trout, whitefish and chub; winter is good for brown trout; one lake trout per day, 24-inch minimum
- Waldo Lake: Boating restricted to electric motors or non-motorized vessels; access to the lake is 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 bendparksandrec.org

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 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-villagefun.com/sunriver-ice-skating or 541-593-5948.

Friday and Saturday

- **Valentine's Weekend Romance on the Snow:** The snowshoe tour under the stars leads to a hand-carved amphitheater in the snow where a bonfire awaits; 7-11 p.m.; \$115; Wanderlust Tours, 61535 S. Highway 97, Bend; go.evnt.com/738073-1 or 541-389-8359.

Sunday

- **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/734883-0 or 541-904-5123.
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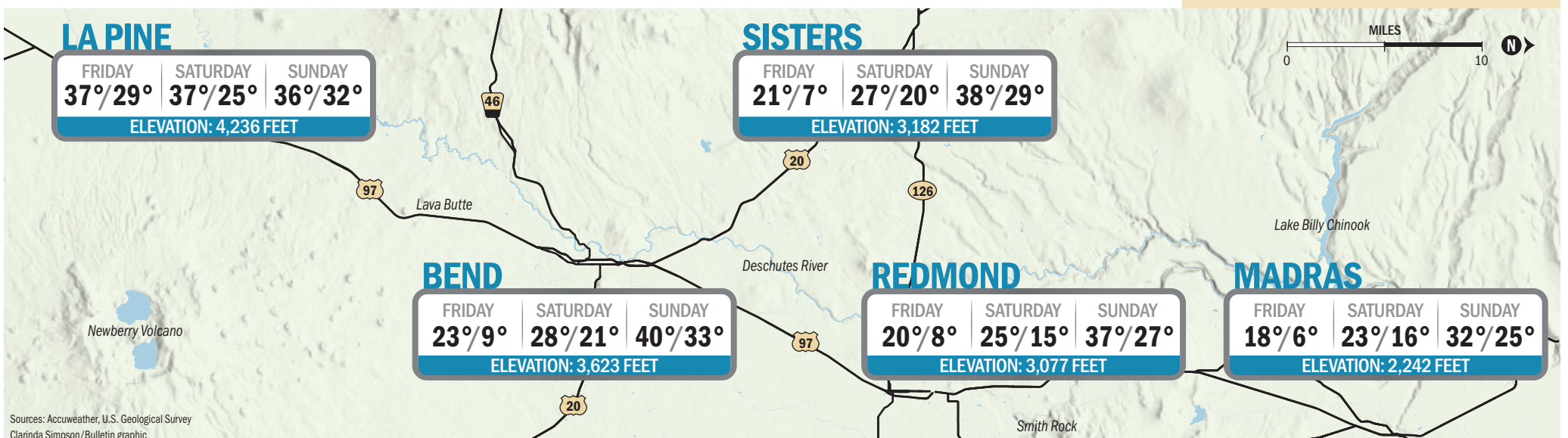
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- **The Hope of Wild Places:** A virtual conversation with Warm Springs Paiute spiritual leader and oral historian Wilson Wewa and photographer and filmmaker Jason Houston after a showing of their short film "The Owyhee Project"; 5:30-7 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/737717-1 or 541-330-2638.

Wednesday

- **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/738086-0 or 541-678-5633.
- **Know Flow — What it Takes to Take Down a Dam:** Learn about the engineering and ecology of dam removal with OSU professor Desiree Tullos, PhD, PE; 6-7 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/737648-1 or 541-312-1032.
- **Nature Nights — The Importance of Insects:** Dr. Tara Cornelisse will share details on the role that insects play in nature, major challenges that insects face and the stories of some rare and some common insects you are likely to encounter; 7-8:30 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/738096-1 or 541-330-0017.

Thursday

- **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/738080-0 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/738087-0 or 541-678-5633.



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