



THE REGION'S HUB FOR OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Each week in this section, you will find the area's most complete guide of what's open and closed; outdoor activities and events; top picks of places to explore; conditions of hiking and biking trails, fishing holes, water flows, camping spots, parks and more — as well as features from outdoor writers and field experts.

Powered by paws: Dog-sledding, skjoring are fun for both parties

BY BRIAN RATHBONE
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Sno-parks are known for trails where outdoor enthusiasts can nordic ski, snowshoe, snowmobile and fly down a hill in a tube.

Activities such as dog-sledding and skjoring? Not so much.

Those on the snowmobile trails may need to keep an eye out for a fleet of dogs, or just one, pulling someone grinning ear-to-ear through the forest behind a sled or on skis. A fond activity for mushers and dogs alike.

Wednesday afternoon, Selina



TRAILS

Witt, Claire Mardesich, Sheryl O'Rourke and Jane Devlin, along with their 20-plus Siberian huskies, went to ride the snowy trails of Wanoga Sno-park.

"I've been doing it for about 11 years," said Witt, working through the steps of getting her wooden sled ready for a 15-mile ride through Wanoga with her dogs howling with excitement in the background. "It was something I wanted to try. I love being outdoors and being with dogs that are doing things that they love to do."

Dog sleds can ride on all

the snowmobile trails, most of which the Moon Country Snowbusters groom. Wanoga has easy access to the trails, open space and trees to connect the sleds while setting up. Not all the sno-parks have the same ease of access, Witt said.

Other sno-parks where dog-driven rides can speed down snowy trails include Kapka, Edison Butte and Dutchman Flats around Bend, along with Crescent Lake and Junction near Crescent, Upper Three Creek and Lower Three Creek in Sisters and 10 Mile and 6 Mile in south Deschutes County.

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Selina Witt harnesses one of her sled dogs before a run Wednesday at Wanoga Sno-park. Dean Guernsey/The Bulletin



A mountain biker rides a section of trail at the Radlands in Redmond. Ryan Brennecke/Bulletin file photo

Redmond Radlands offer a mountain biking option for the winter with plenty of technical riding challenges

BY MARK MORICAL
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REDMOND — The wind whipped fiercely across the High Desert as I negotiated a seemingly endless series of flat rocks along the trail.

Mountain biking in the winter-time in Central Oregon is not without its difficulty. Brisk temperatures, and icy, snowy and muddy terrain can make for grueling out-

ings on the trails.

But at the Redmond Radlands, add a significant amount of technical lava rock to that list of challenges.

The Radlands include about 10 miles of looped singletrack trails in northeast Redmond. Lava rock is incorporated creatively into much of the singletrack, designed by volunteers with the Central Oregon Trail Alliance. The Radlands is the ideal place to develop technical

riding skills on terrain that is quite different from most other bike trails in Central Oregon. It is also a perfect winter option when other trails near Bend are still mired in snow or ice.

On Tuesday, I made the drive from Bend to Redmond to explore the Radlands.

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A mountain biker tackles a rocky, technical section in the trail network.

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