



CONDITIONS REPORT

Areas south of Bend and regional sno-parks

While it won't be as warm as it was last weekend and there is the potential for some rain showers in Bend, down south, things are looking more snowy, especially in the mountains.

The official start of spring is Sunday, but that doesn't mean much in some parts of Central Oregon where winter can cling for a while afterward. So if snow is your thing, check out the mountains and areas in south Deschutes County.

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

- **Beach Day Use:** Open
- **Benham East Trailhead:** Open
- **Benham West Trailhead:** Open
- **Besson Day Use:** Open
- **Big Eddy Day Use:** Open
- **Crane Prairie Picnic Area:** Open
- **Crater Butte Trailhead:** Open
- **Crescent Lake Guard Station:** Open
- **Cultus Lake Day Use Area:** Open

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, French Tent Rock, First Kiss Area north of Monkey Face and Smith Rock Group NE Face (both towers, above 100 feet). 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.

- **Deer Lake Trailhead:** Open
- **Dillon Day Use:** Open
- **Edison Trailhead:** Open
- **Elk Lake Trailhead:** Open
- **Fall River Headwaters:** Open; snow free and clear
- **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
- **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
- **Winopee Trailhead:** Open

Deschutes National Forest — Diamond Peak Wilderness

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

Bureau of Land Management

- **Black Hills ACEC:** Open; climbing and geocaching are prohibited
- **Christmas Valley Sand**

Dunes: Open

- **Crack-in-the-Ground:** Open
- **Derrick Cave:** Open
- **Fossil Lake ACEC:** Open; motor vehicles and fossil collecting prohibited
- **Green Mountain:** Open
- **Lost Forest:** Open, vehicles restricted to designated roads only

OREGON STATE PARKS

- **Fort Rock State Natural Area:** Open; day-use hours 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; rock scrambling closed in southeast area to protect nesting falcons
- **La Pine State Park:** Open, expect reduced services; winter day use hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; meeting hall is closed; reservations for cabins required

SKI AREAS AND SNOW PARKS

- **Updated 8 a.m. March 18**
- **Hoodoo:** Open; 93.8 inch base; Hodag lift and Autobahn Tubing Park are closed
- **Mt. Bachelor:** Open; 103 inch base; First Rays lift is closed, Summit will close with continued high winds
- **Willamette Pass:** 55 inches at lodge; rentals and tickets must be reserved online in advance

Deschutes National Forest

- **Last updated March 5**
- **Crescent Lake Sno-park:** Open; 10-12 inches; fair conditions with low snow
- **Crescent Junction:** Open; 10-12 inches; fair conditions with low snow
- **Dutchman Sno-park:** Open; 72-96 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; 30-48 inches; fair conditions; area roads closed to highway vehicles



Melissa Wilson/Submitted file photo
Winter scene on the Little Deschutes River in La Pine in 2016.

Trail closures west of Bend

Beginning Jan. 28, the following trails are closed from Mondays to 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

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

- **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; 54-66 inches; good conditions, expect heavy use
- **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, Horse Butte Loop, Horse Ridge Area, Madras East Hills, Maston, The Radlands:** Riding well

Cascade Lakes trails

- **Edison-Lava and Metolius-Windigo (Todd Lake):** Deep snow
- **Metolius-Windigo (Lava Lake):** Deep snow; deadfall reported

Sunriver area trails

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

- **Waldo Lake Region**
- **All trails reporting deep snow**

EVENTS

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 two hours long every 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; sunriverice-skating.com or 541-593-5948.

Saturday 3/20

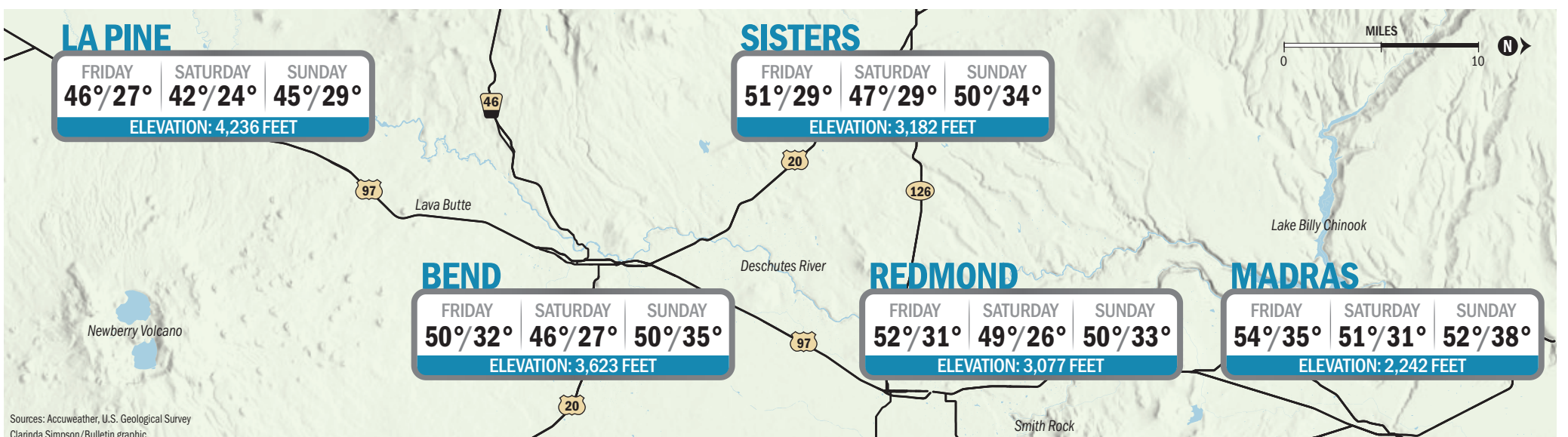
- **Subaru Stoke Weekend — Nordic:** The first 20 Subarus to arrive in the West Village parking area (with a valid parking reservation) will receive a swag bag, preferred parking for the day and a free coffee from the Subie Shack; 7-10 a.m.; West Village Parking Lot, Mt. Bachelor, 13000 SW Century Drive, Bend; go.evnt.com/752841-0 or 541-382-1709.

- **Big Butte Challenge:** Hikers and runners will summit five buttes in Central Oregon, going at their own pace whenever their schedule allows using a GPS-enabled activity tracker to submit efforts before the deadline; through May 31; \$60; Bend; go.evnt.com/752281-1 or 541-350-4635.

- **CORK Saturday Long Run:** A group 5-8 mile run will take place, limited to 25 participants to ensure social distancing; 9-11 a.m.; Thump Roastery, 549 NW York Drive, Bend; go.evnt.com/752908-0

Thursday 3/25

- **Zoom Author Event:** Moon Oregon Hiking by Matthew Wastradowski: Misty ancient forests, rugged high deserts, and black sand beaches: wherever you turn in Oregon, adventure awaits. Pack a lunch, lace up your boots, and hit the trails with Moon Oregon Hiking; 6-7 p.m.; online; go.evnt.com/744157-0 or 541-306-6564.



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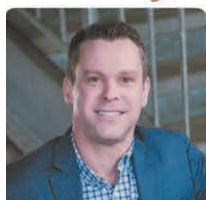


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