Chase retreating snow up the mountains

Snow is beginning to melt, but there is still a chance to go skiing, snowboarding or snowshoeing in Central Oregon.

However, if that's not your thing, lower elevations are seeing much less of the white stuff, and trails are beginning to thaw, as well (though there is always the possibility of spots of snow and ice).

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 snow levels. See Forest websites for more details and restrictions.

Deschutes National Forest · Canyon Creek Trailhead:

- Open · Charlton Lake Trailhead:
- Open
- · Chush Falls: Open
- · Cinder Hill Day Use: Open
- · Dutchman Trailhead: Open
- Edison Trailhead: Open
- Meissner Trailhead: Open
- Metolius-Windigo: Open · Peter Skene Ogden
- Trailhead: Open; Paulina Creek restoration in progress, use caution to avoid machinery
- · Phil's Trailhead: Partially open; closed Mondays
- through 3 p.m. Fridays
- Pine Mountain: Open
- · Swampy Lakes Trail: · Tam McArthur Rim
- Trailhead: Open • Ten Mile Trailhead: Open
- Tumalo Mountain: Open Wake Butte Trailhead:
- Wanoga 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
- · Cottonwood Trailhead: Open · Cougar East Trailhead:
- Open Cougar West Trailhead:
- Open
- Fry Trailhead: Open • Gray Butte Trailhead:
- Open · Green Mountain North Trailhead: Open
- Hammer Creek

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.

LA PINE

SATURDAY

60°/27° 44°/19°

FRIDAY

Trailhead: 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: · Mother Lode Mine
- Trailhead: Open • Payten Trailhead: Open
- · Potlid North Trailhead:
- · 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:
- · 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 SNOW **PARKS**

- Updated 8 a.m. April 8 • **Hoodoo:** Open; 89.4inch base; Hodag lift and Autobahn Tubing Park are closed: closed Monday through Wednesday; last day of season is April 18
- Mt. Bachelor: Open; 96-inch base; First Rays lift is closed, Red Chair and Outback are closed for the season but will be used as backup if needed; Summit closed in storm conditions
- Willamette Pass: 45 inches at lodge; last day of season is Sunday

Deschutes National Forest

- NOTE: Exact snow levels are no longer available
- Crescent Lake Sno-park: Open; poor conditions with low snow
- Crescent Junction: Open;

- · Dutchman Sno-park: Open; good conditions limited parking and no overnight camping; 40-foot max length limit for vehicle/trailer
- Edison Butte Sno-park: Open; marginal conditions
- Open; fair conditions · Meissner Sno-park:
- Open: marginal conditions: no more grooming this season; lodge currently closed
- access road closed
- fair conditions; no dogs
- · Vista Butte Sno-park: Open; fair conditions; Kapka Butte or Wanoga
- Open: marginal conditions: expect heavy use; pack out broken sleds and all trash; shelter is closed
- Wanoga Snowmobile: Open; marginal conditions; shelter is closed
- · Newberry (Six Mile conditions due to low snow. · Newberry (10 Mile
- Sno-park): Open: fair conditions, low snow around sno-park; road beyond park closed to vehicles for the season
- (Upper): Open; marginal conditions; bare pavement on Trail 8 above park, not recommended
- Open; poor conditions with low snow

Forest

- Open
- Open
- · Ochoco Divide Sno-park: Open
- · Walton Sno-park: Open Willamette

Gold Lake Sno-park:

- · Little Nash Sno-park:
- Open Maxwell Sno-park: Open;

poor conditions with low

- combination; expect heavy
- · Kapka Butte Sno-park:
- · Skyliner Sno-park: Open;
- Swampy Sno-park: Open;
- area north of parking area closed to snowmobiles, use
- Wanoga Snow Play:
- Sno-park): Open; poor
- Three Creek Sno-park (Lower): Open; poor conditions due to low snow • Three Creek Sno-park
- Walt Haring Sno-park:

Ochoco National

- Bandit Springs Sno-park:
- · Mark's Creek Sno-park:

National Forest

- Ikenick Sno-park: Open
- Mountain View and South Maxwell shelters are closed · Potato Hill Sno-park:



- · Salt Creek Sno-park: Open
- Santiam Sno-park: Open · Waldo Lake Sno-park: Open

CAMPING

Ochoco National Forest

- Allen Creek Horse Camp:
- Big Spring Campground: Open **Biggs Springs**
- Campground: Open **Bingham Springs** Campground: Open
- Cottonwood
- Campground: Open Cottonwood Pit
- Campground: Open · Frazier Campground:
- Mud Springs Horse
- Camp: Open; no campfires Ochoco Divide Group Site: Open
- **Salters Cabin Horse** Camp: Open
- Scotts Campground: Open
- Whistler Campground: Open; no campfires White Rock
- Campground: Open; no campfires **Wolf Creek Campground:**
- Wolf Creek Industrial Campground: Open

Phil's Trail **Complex**

- · Some trails are closed weekdays until 3 p.m. Friday, see note.
- Expressway, EXT, Grand Slam, Helipad, Kent's, Lower Whoops, Pinedrops: Muddy

• Skyliner: Winter mix

 Upper Storm King, Upper Whoops: Deep snow · All other trails riding well

Wanoga Trail Complex

- Deschutes River: Winter
- King: Winter mix · Catch and Release: Riding

well All other tr deep snow

North of Skyliner

- trails · Lower Mrazek, 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 Cascade Lakes trails

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

Prineville and Ochoco trails

· 66 Trails: Muddy · Cougar Creek, Independent Mine,

Lookout Mountain,

Round Mountain, Scotty

SUNDAY

55°/22°

Creek: Deep snow, deadfall reported Prineville Bike Park: Riding Well

SATURDAY

ELEVATION: 3,182 FEET

63°/30° | 45°/24° |

SISTERS

FRIDAY

20

Deschutes River

97

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; wanderlusttours.com or 541-389-
- Daily Snowshoe Tours: A naturalistguided 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; wanderlusttours.com or 541-389
- 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; wanderlusttours. com or 541-389-8359.
- Bonfire Snowshoe Tours: A naturalist-quided 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; wanderlusttours. com 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; wanderlusttours.com or 541-389-Brews & Views Kayak Tour: A naturalist-guided tour paddling on a calm section the Deschutes River with

a local microbrew or root beer to enjoy

afterwards; 1:30-5:30 p.m.; \$65 to \$95;

97, Bend; wanderlusttours.com or 541-

Wanderlust Tours, 61535 S. Highway

 Deschutes River Kayak Tour: Paddle along a tranquil stretch of the river guided by a naturalist; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1:30-5:30 p.m.; \$70 to \$95; Wanderlust Tours, 61535 S. Highway 97, Bend; wanderlusttours.com or 541-389-8359

Ongoing

• 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; throughout Central Oregon; go.evvnt. com/752281-1 or 541-350-4635. Friday 4/9

culture of fly fishing will be available to stream online; 7-9 p.m.; \$15; online; go.evvnt.com/762715-1 or 888-435-

films from all corners of the world

· International Fly Fishing Film

Festival Virtual Screening: Ten short

showcasing the passion, lifestyle and

- Saturday 4/10 Nature Journaling: Learn five tips for getting started on your own nature journal. Discover how to keep a journal of your outdoor adventures through sketching and writing; 8-9 a.m.; registration required; online; https:// go.evvnt.com/762677-1 or 541-330-
- 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.evvnt. com/759636-0

Tuesday 4/13

• Trees of Central Oregon: Get a feel for our forests and explore the top trees to know in our region with a virtual hike through the woods of Central Oregon; 5-6 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evvnt. com/762678-1 or 541-330-0017.

Thursday 4/15

your ear and focus your binoculars as you stroll around Hindman Springs

watching for warblers in the willows

and woodpeckers working the pine

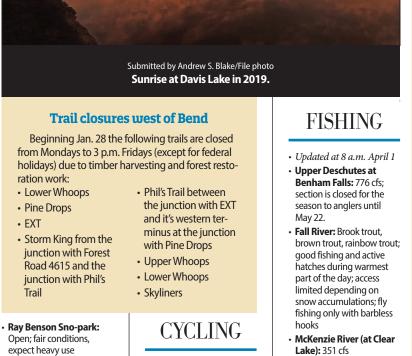
groves; 8:30-11 a.m.; registration required; Camp Polk Meadow

Preserve, Cemetery Road, Sisters;

• Beginning Bird Walk: Learn to tune

go.evvnt.com/762679-1 or 541-330-0017. • CORK Thursday Run: The weekly 3-5 mile run will take place. Runners must maintain social distance on the route and wear masks when entering any indoor space. Limited to 25 participants; 6-8 p.m.; Zpizza Tap Room, 1082 SW Yates Drive, Bend;

Bulletin file photo Backcountry guide Jonas Tarlen makes the first tracks in a glade near the top of Tam MacArthur Rim.



- mix, deadfall reported **Funner, Lower Storm**
 - Atlantic salmon; access road is closed but fishing open year-round Paulina Lake: Kokanee,
 - good fishing for trout and kokanee North Twin Lake:
 - Rainbow trout South Twin Lake: Rainbow trout
 - · Davis Lake: Water level is low; rainbow trout and largemouth bass. Fly fishing only

· McKenzie River (near

Belknap Springs): 863

cfs: rainbow and coastal

cutthroat trout; stocking

will resume in late April:

fire cleanup still being

conducted in the area,

access may be limited; all

nonadipose fin-clipped

trout must be released;

· Crane Prairie Reservoir:

rainbow trout; fishing is

• Wickiup Reservoir: 58%

full: kokanee, rainbow and

brown trout, largemouth

bass and catfish: fishing is

closed for the season

East Lake: Brown trout,

kokanee, rainbow trout,

rainbow and brown trout;

closed for the season

86% full: brook trout.

lures and artificial flies only

kokanee, largemouth bass,

fishing open year-round · Little Lava Lake: Rainbow trout, brook trout and

· Lava Lake: Rainbow trout;

access road is closed but

whitefish Cultus Lake: Mackinaw. rainbow and brook trout Hosmer Lake: Brook. cutthroat and rainbow

barbless hooks

• Elk Lake: Brook trout and kokanee; jigging, stillfishing and trolling from a boat or fly fishing are best • Diamond Lake: trout; lake is currently frozen over,

follow ice fishing safety tips

on myodfw.com; all brown

and tiger trout must be

trout; fly fishing only with

released Crescent Lake: 26% full; kokanee, mackinaw, rainbow and brown trout, whitefish and chub; one lake trout per day, 24-inch

go.evvnt.com/763809-0

Lake Billy Chinook

SATURDAY SUNDAY 48°/26° 58°/22°

Sources: Accuweather, U.S. Geological Survey

SUNDAY 54°/24° **ELEVATION: 4,236 FEET** Lava Butte BEND

> **SATURDAY** FRIDAY 64°/31° 46°/25° 55°/24° **ELEVATION: 3,623 FEET**

SATURDAY 64°/27° 48°/20° 56°/20° **ELEVATION: 3,077 FEET**

REDMOND

SUNDAY

VIADRAS

66°/35°