Fire restrictions

and Ochoco National Forests. Fire danger is listed as Low in the

Fire danger is currently listed as Moderate in the Deschutes

Industrial Fire Precaution Level is currently at Level 1 for the

Deschutes and Ochoco national forests and the Prineville Dis-

Smith Rock climbing closures

To protect nesting raptors, the following climbing routes are

closed: Cajun Cliff, Victoria Tower, Little Three Fingered Jack,

The Canyon Trail near the bald eagle nest is restricted to

groups of four or less and noise must be kept to a minimum.

Hiking, camping, fishing north of Bend

Central Oregon

reservoir levels

See B9

Willamette National Forest.

trict — Bureau of Land Management.

The snow is continuing to melt across the region, meaning that more and more trails are becoming accessible. Be cautious though as many summer trails may have deadfall left over from winter storms, washout or other hazardous conditions.

For areas north of Bend, you have a choice of heading to the forest or to the high desert, both will make great destinations this weekend as the weather looks to be mild and relatively clear. But then again, this is Central Oregon, and that could change at any minute.

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

HIKING AND DAY USE SITES

Deschutes National Forest

- · Canyon Creek Trailhead: Open
- Chush Falls: Open • Head of the Metolius: Open
- · Lake Creek Trail: Open
- Sisters Cow Camp: Open
- Suttle Lake Day Use: Open
- Tam McArthur Rim Trailhead:
- Whychus Creek Overlook Trailhead: Open
- **Whychus Portal (Lower**
- Whychus Trailhead): Open

Ochoco National Forest

- · Alder Springs Trailhead: Open; access road open
- 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
- · Cyrus Trailhead: Open
- Fry Trailhead: Open
- Gray Butte Trailhead: Open
- Green Mountain North
- Trailhead: Open
- System: Closed Henderson Flat Staging Area:
- Keeton Trailhead: Open
- · Kelsev 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: Open · Mother Lode Mine Trailhead:
- Open · Payten Trailhead: Open
- · Potlid North Trailhead: Open
- · Potlid South Trailhead: Open · Rim (Formerly Apple Middle)
- Trailhead: Open • Rimrock Springs Trailhead:
- Open • Rock Creek Trailhead: Open
- · Round Mountain North Trailhead: Open · Round Mountain South
- Trailhead: Open · Scales Corral Trailhead: Open
- · Scotty Creek Trailhead: Open
- Skull Hollow Trailhead: Open · South Prong Trailhead: Open
- Steins Pillar Trailhead: Open
- · Tam-A-Lau Trailhead: Open
- · Trail Crossing Corrals
- Trailhead: Open
- · Twin Pillars North Trailhead: Open

- Twin Pillars South Trailhead:
- · Wildcat South Trailhead: Open

Wilderness Area

Bureau of Land

- Maston and Jaguar Road are closed through Aug. 31
- Site: Open
- Steelhead Falls Trail: Open
- of trail, including Trout Creek climbing walls is closed through

OREGON STATE PARKS

- **Cline Falls State Scenic** Viewpoint: Open; expect
- reduced services; restrooms are closed, portable toilet is on site: maintain social distancing and wear a mask
- **Cove Palisades State** Park: Open for day-use and
- lake access; Crooked River Campground (E Loop) is open, **Deschutes Campground and** moorage slips will open May 14.
- Peter Skene Ogden State Scenic Viewpoint: Open
- Smith Rock State Park: Open limited services; no camping; climbing closures to protect nesting raptors in place until

Bureau of Land Management seasonal trail closures

- The following Bureau of Land Management trails are now closed through Aug. 31 to protect nesting raptors:
- Trail System (Route 95 only) South side of Trout

Millican Plateau OHV

- 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

- · Wildcat North Trailhead: Open
- **Willamette National Forest — Three Sisters**
- McKenzie River Trail: Partially
- · Tamolitch Blue Pool: Open

Management

- **Cline Buttes Recreation Area:** Portions of Deep Canyon, Fryrear,
- **Huntington Wagon Road:**
- **Redmond Caves Recreation**
- Scout Camp Trail: Open
- Trout Creek Trail: South side

CAMPING

in effect.

Deschutes National Forest

August; park-wide drone ban is

• Tumalo State Park: Open;

expect reduced services

- Allen Springs Campground: · Camp Sherman Campground:
- · Lower Bridge Campground:
- Pine Rest Campground: Open · Sisters Cow Camp Horse Camp: Open

Ochoco National Forest

- Allen Creek Horse Camp: Open Barnhouse Campground:
- Closed for the season
- Big Spring Campground: Open Biggs Springs Campground:
- Bingham Springs Campground: Open Cottonwood Campground:
- Cottonwood Pit Campground:
- · Cyrus Horse Camp: Open
- Elkhorn Campground: Campground: Open
- Frazier Campground: Open Haystack Reservoir Campground and Day Use Area: Open
- Haystack Reservoir Group Site: Open
- **Haystack West Shore** Campground and Day Use Area: Open
- Mud Springs Horse Camp:
- Open; no campfires Ochoco Divide Group Site:
- Salters Cabin Horse Camp:
- Scotts Campground: Open · Skull Hollow Campground: Open Whistler Campground: Open;
- no campfires White Rock Campground: Open; no campfires
- Wildwood Campground: Open · Wiley Flat Campground: Open

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)

Makenzie Whittle/Bulletin file photos

A view of Steelhead Falls near Crooked River Ranch. The Deschutes River cuts

through the canyon, creating the 20-foot waterfall.

See smithrock.com/seasonal-closures for more information.

Wolf Creek Industrial

Campground: Open **BLM** – Prineville

• Wolf Creek Campground: Open

- **District** Barr Road North Staging Area:
- Buckhorn Staging Area: Open Macks Canyon Recreation Site:
- Steelhead Falls: Open; no potable water

CYCLING

Prineville and Ochoco

- trails Cougar Creek, Independent
- Mine, Round Mountain: Deep snow; deadfall reported Scotty Creek: Rideable snow
- Lookout Mountain: Riding well, deadfall reported
- 66 Trails, Prineville Bike Park: Riding Well

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

Trail

- EXT • Storm King from the junction with Forest Road 4615 and the junction with Phil's
- Phil's Trail between the junction with EXT and it's western terminus at the junction with Pine Drops
- Upper Whoops · Lower Whoops
- Skyliners

· Lake Creek, PRT East: Riding well: deadfall reported · Green Ridge: Winter mix,

Sisters trails

- deadfall reported · Peterson Tie: Winter mix
- · Metolius-Windigo (99 Upper and Lower): Deep snow · All other trails riding well

Maston complex

· All trails riding well

- Redmond trails · The Saddle: Closed for nesting
- eagles, likely to reopen late fall of 2021
- All trails riding well **Madras East Trails**

· All trails riding well

FISHING

- · Updated at 8 a.m. May 6 · Lower Deschutes (Pelton Dam to Columbia River): 5,070 cfs; redband trout, steelhead,
- whitefish Middle Deschutes (Benham Falls to Lake Billy Chinook): 3,860 cfs; brown trout, rainbow trout; anglers reporting hatches coming out during the warmest part of the day; artificial flies and lures only, no limit on brown
- Crooked River (below Opal Springs): 1,209 cfs; rainbow trout and mountain whitefish; only fish downstream of Bowman Dam to Lake Billy Chinook; fishing has been good but water remains low; any trout steelhead and must be released, bull trout must be released unharmed and reported to the USFW at crookedbulltrout@
- Metolius River: 1,8300 cfs; bull trout, rainbow trout; good fishing and active hatches during warmest part of the day; fly fishing only upstream of Bridge 99, artificial lures and flies permitted below; catch and release only; public access to Wizard Falls Hatchery remains closed; river is closed to fishing above Allingham Bridge until
- May 22, 2021 McKenzie River (at Clear Lake):
- McKenzie River (near Belknap **Springs):** 1,270 cfs; rainbow and coastal cutthroat trout; fire cleanup still being conducted in the area, access may be limited: all nonadipose fin-clipped trout must be released; lures and
- artificial flies only Haystack Reservoir: 72% full; rainbow and brown trout, kokanee, largemouth bass, black crappie, bluegill and bullhead catfish; trout fishing has been good and warm water fishing will pick up with the weather; lake was recently stocked
- · Lake Billy Chinook: Bull, brown and rainbow trout, kokanee smallmouth bass; Kokanee fishing has been excellent, anglers can keep five per day in addition to the daily trout limit; no bag size or limits on brown trout or bass

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 541-389-8359.
- Daily Snowshoe Tours: A naturalist-guided tour through areas around Mount 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 541-389-8359.
- Brews & Views Kayak Tour: A naturalistguided 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; Wanderlust Tours, 61535 S. Highway 97, Bend; wanderlusttours.com or 541-389-8359
- 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-

Friday 5/7

· Happy Hour Trail Ride'n Skills: The weekly clinic will work on specific skills needed for different biking trails including jumps and corners, technical climbs and descents and more; 4-6 p.m.; \$75; new trail each week, around Bend; go.evvnt.com/767662-2 or 541-728-7878.

Saturday 5/8

- · Borden Beck Wildlife Preserve Hike: A Saturday morning birding adventure along the Middle Deschutes River at Borden Beck Wildlife Preserve; 8-11 a.m.; registration required; Borden Beck Wildlife Preserve, Lower Bridge Way at Lower Bridge, Terrebonne; eventbrite.com • Mama + Baby Birds: Mary Yanalcanlin of
- the East Cascades Audubon Society will lead a bird walk for kids and their grown-up exploring the world of mama and baby birds. Outing subject to be canceled due to COVID condition; 9-11 a.m.; registration required; Camp Polk Meadow Preserve, Cemetery Road, Sisters; go.evvnt.com/777632-1 or 541-330-0017.
- CORK Saturday Long Run: A weekly group run for all paces. Social distancing observed at all times, limited to 25 runners; 9-11 a.m.; Thump Roastery, 549 NW York Drive, Bend; go.evvnt.com/774934-0

• Jumping Clinic: The clinic will work on the

stay balanced in air and land the bike safely; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; \$75; Seventh Mountain

proper understanding of how to take off,

Resort, 18575 SW Century Drive, Bend; go.evvnt.com/766508-2 or 541-728-7878. Beginner/Intermediate Skills Bike Clinic: The clinic will work on bike set up and body osition then skills in the afternoon including braking, shifting cornering, switchbacks, wheel lifts and more; 1:30-3:30 p.m.; \$75; Seventh Mountain Resort, 18575 SW Century Drive, Bend; go.evvnt.com/767666-2 or 541-

Sunday 5/9

• Skills and Ride Clinic: The clinic will start with basic dialing in the bikes and working on body position before progressing through several more skills and then hopping on a nearby trail to test out the newly learned skill; 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; \$99; Seventh Mountain Resort, 18575 SW Century Drive, Bend; go.evvnt.com/767667-2 or 541-728-7878.

Wednesday 5/12 CLBC Bend Brewpub Run: A 3-5 mile group run will start and end at the brewpub, each

runner will receive a half-off voucher for a

pint; 5:45-8 p.m.; Cascade Lakes Brewpub,

1441 SW Chandler Ave., Bend; go.evvnt. com/773527-0 or 541-388-4998.

Thursday 5/13 • CORK Thursday Run: A 3-5 mile weekly run along the river trail will take place. Social distancing must be observed at all times. Limited to 25 runners; 6-8 p.m.; Zpizza Tap Room, 1082 SW Yates Drive, Bend; go.evvnt.

com/774931-0 Writers Writing — Introduction to Nature Journals: This is a virtual, interactive workshop. Registered participants will receive a Zoom link the day before. Explore new techniques and opportunities for incorporating the natural world into journals.; 6:30-8 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evvnt.com/773457-1 or 541-312-1063.

SISTERS LA PINE **SATURDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY FRIDAY SUNDAY** 55°/31° | 61°/37° 51°/25° 57°/34° 52°/27° 62°/31° **ELEVATION: 4,236 FEET ELEVATION: 3,182 FEET** 20 Lava Butte Lake Billy Chinook Deschutes River REDMOND **VIADRAS** BEND **SATURDAY** SATURDAY **SUNDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY** FRIDAY **SUNDAY** 55°/32° 60/35° 60°/31° 61%35° 60°/30° 59°/34° 64°/40° 64°/34° 56°/28° 97 **ELEVATION: 3,623 FEET ELEVATION: 3,077 FEET** Sources: Accuweather, U.S. Geological Survey Clarinda Simpson/Bulletin graphic