



CONDITIONS REPORT

Stay close with trails in or near Bend

The unofficial start to summer is finally here, and that means more crowds on area trails, as well as the Cascade Lakes Byway opening and the implementation of the new Central Cascades Wilderness Permits.

If you missed getting a pass for one of the required trails this weekend, why not try some outdoor adventures closer to town?

Bend is full of spaces to escape and find your own section of solitude, and it takes a lot less travel time to get there.

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

HIKING AND DAY USE SITES

NOTE: Many high elevation trails are open but are on seasonally closed or unmaintained roads and can only be able to be accessed by hiking, snowshoeing or cross country skiing to the trailheads and the trails themselves may still be under deep snow. See Forest websites for more details and restrictions.

Deschutes National Forest

- **Aspen Day Use:** Open
- **Benham East Trailhead:** Open
- **Benham West Trailhead:** Open
- **Bessie Butte Trail:** Open
- **Besson Day Use:** Open
- **Big Eddy Day Use:** Open
- **Boyd Cave Day Use Area:** Open
- **Dutchman Trailhead:** Open; deep snow
- **Edison Trailhead:** Open; snow likely
- **Lava Island Day Use:** Open
- **Lava Lands:** Open
- **Lava Lands Visitor Center:** Open; exhibit hall and theater room closed for 2021
- **Lava River Cave — Show Cave:** Open; limited capacity, gate may periodically close to help with attendance limitations; cave only open to the halfway point at the Sand Garden
- **Phil's Trailhead:** Partially open; closed Mondays through 3 p.m. Fridays
- **Rimrock Trailhead:** Open
- **Skyliners Trailhead:** Partially open; closed Mondays through 3 p.m. Fridays
- **Slough Day Use:** Open
- **Sun Lava Trailhead:** Open; heavy use on weekends
- **Tumalo Falls Trailhead:** Open; Tumalo Falls Road is closed at the gate, visitors must hike in
- **Tumalo Mountain:** Open;

deep snow

Bend Park & Recreation Trails

- **Alpine Trail:** Open
- **Big Sky Park:** Open
- **Cascade Highlands Trail:** Open
- **Central Oregon Historic Canal Trail:** Open
- **Coyner Trail:** Open
- **Deschutes River Trail — Awbrey Reach:** Open
- **Deschutes River Trail — Old Mill Reach:** Open
- **Deschutes River Trail — Pioneer Reach:** Open
- **Deschutes River Trail — River Run Reach:** Open
- **Deschutes River Trail — South Canyon Reach:** Open; one-way restriction lifted, bikes not allowed on west side of river
- **Discovery Trail:** Open
- **Haul Road Trail:** Open
- **Larkspur Trail:** Open
- **Pine Nursery Park Trail:** Open
- **Riley Ranch Nature Reserve Trails:** Open
- **Rockridge Park Trail:** Open
- **Sawyer Park Trails:** Open
- **Shevlin Park Trails:** Open
- **Stone Creek Park Trail:** Open
- **West Bend Trail:** Open

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 bend-parksandrec.org

Bureau of Land Management

- **Badlands Rock Trail:** Open
- **Flatiron Rock Trail:** Open
- **Huntington Wagon**

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



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Heather Whittle and her dog Django walk along the Tumulus Trail next to an irrigation canal.

Fire restrictions

Fire danger is currently listed as Moderate in the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests. Fire danger is listed as Low in the Willamette National Forest. Industrial Fire Precaution Level is currently at Level 1 for the Deschutes and Ochoco national forests and the Prineville District — Bureau of Land Management.

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

- **Road:** Open
- **Oregon Badlands Wilderness Tumulus Trail:** Open

OREGON STATE PARKS

- **Pilot Butte State Scenic Viewpoint:** Open for limited daytime use; summit road open; no drinking water available at the summit; east parking lot open 8 a.m.-6 p.m., restrooms open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Tumalo State Park:** Open; expect reduced services

CYCLING

East of Bend trails

- **Dry River Canyon:** Closed through Aug. 31
- **Crooked Arm, Holy Loop, Sand Canyon:** Sandy and loose

- **Swamp Wells:** Riding well, deadfall reported
- **All other trails riding well**

Phil's Trail Complex

- **Some trails are closed weekdays until 3 p.m. Friday, see note.**
- **The Lair:** Sandy and loose
- **Upper Whoops:** Riding well, deadfall reported
- **All other trails riding well**

Wanoga Trail Complex

- **All trails riding well**

North of Skyliner trails

- **Lower Mrazek, Shevlin Park:** Riding well
- **Farewell:** Winter mix
- **Upper Mrazek:** Winter mix, deadfall reported
- **All other trails reporting deep snow**

Swampy Lakes trails

- **Middle Flagline:** Closed through Aug. 15
- **S.S.T.:** Rideable snow; deadfall reported
- **Ridge Loop:** Winter mix

- **Swampy Lakes Loop, Swede Ridge:** Winter mix, deadfall reported
- **Sector 16, Tumalo Creek, Tumalo Ridge:** Riding well
- **All other trails reporting deep snow**

Cascade Lakes trails

- **All trails reporting deep snow**
- **Mt. Bachelor**
- **Mountain trails closed for the season**

FISHING

- *Updated at 8 a.m. May 27*
- **Middle Deschutes (Benham Falls to Lake Billy Chinook):** 3,910 cfs; brown trout, rainbow trout; anglers reporting good fishing and hatches are coming out during the warmest part of the day; artificial flies and lures only, no limit on brown trout
- **Upper Deschutes at Benham Falls:** 1,490 cfs; rainbow trout, brown trout
- **Tumalo Creek:** 6.97 cfs; rainbow trout
- **RISE Ranch Challenge:** The endurance obstacle course race will feature cowboy and ranch-style obstacles. Benefiting Harmony Farm Sanctuary; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; \$75; Deschutes Sheriff Posse Grounds, 65432 Deschutes Pleasant Ridge Road, Bend; go.evnt.com/788815-1
- **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.evnt.com/774938-0
- **Happy Girls Run Bend:** The annual run features a 5K, 10K and half marathon course; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; \$35; Seventh Mountain Resort Disc Golf Course, Bend; go.evnt.com/732603-1
- **Cornering and Switchbacks Clinic:** The clinic will work on dialing in body position on the bike and understanding how to handle different types of corners; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; \$75; Seventh Mountain Resort, 18575 SW Century Drive, Bend; go.evnt.com/774923-2 or 541-728-7878.
- **Beginner/Intermediate Skills Bike Clinic:** The clinic will work on bike set up and body position 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.evnt.com/774921-2 or 541-728-7878.

Sunday 5/30

- **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.evnt.com/774928-2 or 541-728-7878.

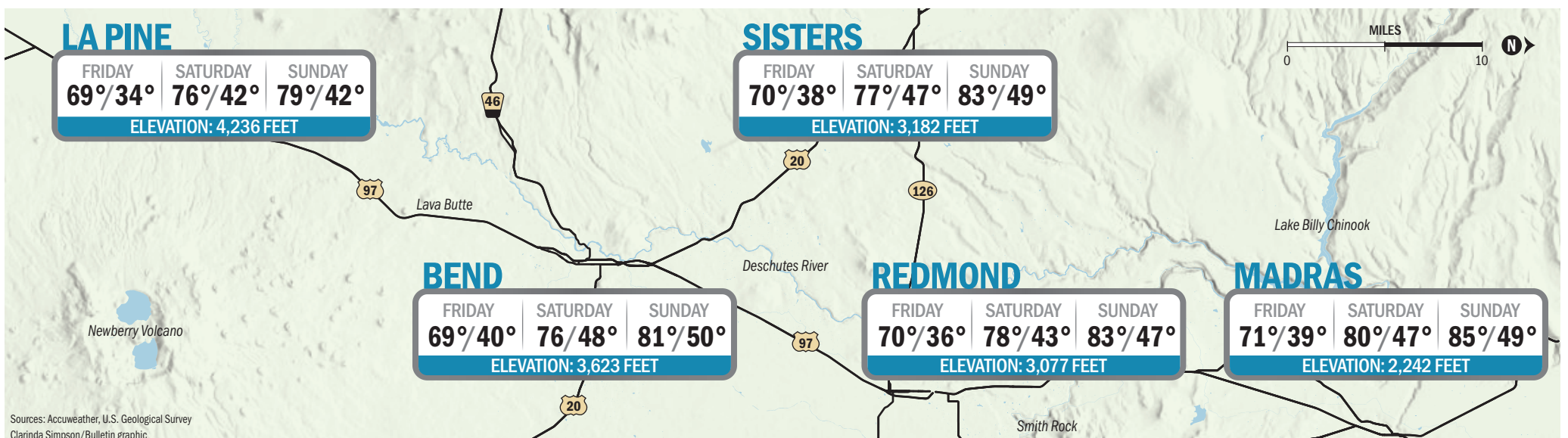
Wednesday 6/2

- **Women's Foundational Skills Bike Clinic:** Women new to mountain biking can learn fundamental skills to feel more confident setting up the bike, shifting, braking and navigating small trail obstacles; 5:30-7:30 p.m.; \$75; Seventh Mountain Resort, 18575 SW Century Drive, Bend; go.evnt.com/774915-2 or 541-728-7878.
- **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.evnt.com/773533-0 or 541-388-4998.



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People take photos of the view from the summit of Pilot Butte.



Sources: Accuweather, U.S. Geological Survey
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