



CONDITIONS REPORT

Hiking, fishing, camping south of Bend

While the forecast this weekend looks a little on the damp side, there's still a chance of getting outside to play.

Head south of Bend toward the lush forests or to the arid ancient lake beds of Lake County for some solitude, whichever terrain you're into.

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HIKING AND DAY USE SITES

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

- Deschutes National Forest**
- Benham East Trailhead:** Open
- Benham West Trailhead:** Open
- Bessie Butte Trail:** Open
- Big Eddy Day Use:** Open
- Big River Boating Site:** Open
- Big Obsidian Flow Trailhead:** Open; deep snow likely
- Boyd Cave Day Use Area:** Open
- Charlton Lake Trailhead:** Open; likely patchy snow, light deadfall
- Cinder Hill Day Use:** Open
- Coral Swamp Trailhead:** Open; snow
- Crane Prairie Picnic Area:** Open
- Crater Rim Trailhead:** Open; deep snow
- Cultus Lake Day Use Area:** Open
- Deer Lake Trailhead:** Open; deep snow likely
- Dillon Day Use:** Open
- Elk Lake Day Use:** Open
- Elk Lake Trailhead:** Open
- Fall River Headwaters:** Open; snow free and clear
- Horse Butte Trailhead:** Open; snow and deadfall likely above Swamp Wells Horse Camp
- Irish and Taylor Lakes Trailhead:** Open; deep snow likely
- Lava Butte Interpretation Viewpoint:** Open; shuttle service begins June 19
- Lava Cast Forest Trailhead:** Open
- Lava Island Day Use:** Open
- Lava Lake Day Use:** Open
- Lava Lands:** Open; visitor center open but exhibit hall and theater room are 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
- Lemish Lake Trailhead:** Open; patchy snow, light deadfall
- Little Fawn Day Use:** Open
- Lucky Lake Trailhead:** Open; snow free with light deadfall, deep snow beyond lake toward Williamson Mountain
- Many Lakes Trailhead:** Open; patchy snow, light deadfall
- Meek Lake Trail:** Open; snow likely
- Mirror Lakes:** Open; deep snow
- North Twin Boating Area:** Open
- Osprey Point Day Use:**

- Open; patchy snow likely
- Paulina Falls Picnic and Trailhead:** Open; deadfall possible
- Paulina Lake Day Use:** Open
- Paulina Lake Loop Trail:** Open; snow free and clear
- Peter Skene Ogden Trailhead:** Open; Paulina Creek restoration in progress, use caution to avoid machinery
- Rosary Lakes Trailhead:** Open; deep snow near the lake
- Simax North and South Beach area:** Open
- Six Lakes Trailhead:** Open; moderate deadfall with snow on higher portions of trail
- Slough Day Use:** Open
- South Twin Day Use — Launch:** Open
- Summit Lake:** Open; likely patchy to deep snow
- Sun Lava Trailhead:** Open; heavy use on weekends
- Sunset View Day Use:** Open
- Ten Mile Trailhead:** Open
- Tenino Boating Site:** Open
- Tandy Bay Picnic Area:** Open
- Tranquil Cove Day Use:** Open
- Wake Butte Trailhead:** Open; deep snow
- Wickiup Plains Trailhead:** Open; snow
- Winopex Trailhead:** Open; deep snow

Fire restrictions

Fire danger is currently listed as High 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.

Deschutes National Forest — Diamond Peak Wilderness

- Crater Butte Trailhead:** Open; deep snow
- Fawn Lake Trail:** Open; deep snow
- Snell Lake Trail:** Open; deep snow
- Whitefish Creek Trail:** Open; patchy snow
- Yoran Lake Trail:** Open; deep snow
- Stag Lake Trail:** Open; deep snow

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; cave tours canceled for 2021
- La Pine State Park:** Open, expect reduced services; meeting hall is closed; campfires permitted in designated rings only, no charcoal briquettes, candles, Tiki torches or other devices that emit flames or embers

CAMPING

Deschutes National Forest

- Big River Campground:** Open; group camp remains closed for hazard tree clean-up
- Blue Bay Campground:** Open
- Bull Bend Campground:** Open
- Cinder Hill Campground:** Open
- Contorta Flat Campground:** Open
- Contorta Point Group Campground:** Open
- Cow Meadow Campground:** Open
- Crane Prairie Campground:** Open
- Crescent Creek Campground:** Open
- Crescent Lake Campground:** Open
- Cultus Corral Horse Camp:** Open
- Cultus Lake Campground:** Open
- East Davis Lake Campground:** Open
- East Lake Campground:** Open
- Elk Lake Campground:** Open
- Fall River Campground:** Open
- Gull Point Campground:** Open
- Little Crater Campground:** Open
- Little Cultus Campground:** Open
- Little Fawn Campground:** Open
- Little Lava Lake:** Open
- Mallard Marsh Campground:** Open
- McKay Crossing Campground:** Open
- North Twin Lake Campground:** Open
- Ogden Group Campground:** Open
- Paulina Lake Campground:** Open
- Point Campground:** Open
- Prairie Campground:** Open
- Princess Creek Campground:** Open
- Pringle Falls Campground:** Open
- Rock Creek Campground:** Open
- Simax Group Campground:** Open
- South Campground:** Open



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Looking west through a notch at the rim of Fort Rock in 2019.

- South Shore Campground:** Open
- South Twin Lake Campground:** Open
- Spring Campground:** Open
- Sunset Cove Campground:** Open
- Trapper Creek Campground:** Open
- West South Twin Campground:** Open
- Whitefish Horse Camp:** Open
- Windy Group Campground:** Open
- Wyeth Campground:** Open

full; kokanee, rainbow and brown trout, largemouth bass and catfish; water is low but boats can be launched safely; five kokanee per day in addition to daily trout limit

- East Lake:** Brown trout, kokanee, rainbow trout, Atlantic salmon; fair fishing for trout; fair fishing for kokanee and browns, best methods still-fishing, trolling, fly, jigging and casting; water level is lower for this time of year, may be difficult launching larger boats
- Paulina Lake:** Kokanee, rainbow and brown trout; fair to good fishing on bait, lures and trolling
- North Twin Lake:** Rainbow trout; recently stocked, fair fishing
- South Twin Lake:** Rainbow trout; recently stocked, fishing has been good on bait, lures and flies
- Davis Lake:** Water level is low and it may be difficult to launch larger boats; rainbow trout and largemouth bass. Fly fishing only; fair fishing, catch and release for trout, no limit on size or number for warmwater fish
- Lava Lake:** Rainbow trout; water is off-color, best methods still-fishing with bait and fly fishing along with casting lures towards banks, good fishing on bait, flies and trolling
- Little Lava Lake:** Rainbow trout, brook trout and whitefish; best methods are bait, lures and flies still-fished or trolled
- Cultus Lake:** Mackinaw, rainbow and brook trout; troll depths for mackinaw and shallower areas for rainbows
- Hosmer Lake:** Brook, cutthroat and rainbow trout; fly fishing and catch and release only with barbless hooks
- Elk Lake:** Brook trout and kokanee; jigging, still-fishing and trolling from a boat or fly fishing are best
- Diamond Lake:** trout; all brown and tiger trout must be released; trout fishing has been good on bait, lures and flies; if you catch one over 20 inches, take it to the marina to be entered for a raffle
- Crescent Lake:** 28% full; kokanee, mackinaw, rainbow and brown trout, whitefish and chub; one lake trout per day, 24-inch minimum; fishing is fair; lake level is extremely low, developed ramps are marginal for launching larger boats
- Waldo Lake:** Boating restricted to electric motors or non-motorized vessels; access to the lake is limited due to snow
- Odell Lake:** Lake trout, kokanee, rainbow trout; fishing has been good

CYCLING

Cascade Lakes trails

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

Sunriver area trails

- Crater Rim:** Deep snow, deadfall reported
- La Pine State Park:** Riding well, deadfall reported
- Roundabout:** Sandy and loose
- All other trails riding well**

Waldo Lake Region

- Cultus Lake Loop:** Riding well
- Maiden Peak:** Winter mix; deadfall reported
- All trails reporting deep snow**

FISHING

- Updated at 8 a.m. June 10*
- Middle Deschutes (Benham Falls to Lake Billy Chinook):** 3,690 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:** 1,580 cfs; rainbow trout, brown trout; wild rainbow trout must be released; fair to good for brook trout and whitefish
- Fall River:** Brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout; river stocked the week of June 7 with 1,000 trophy sized trout, fair fishing and active hatches during the warmest part of the day; fly-fishing with barbless hooks only
- Crane Prairie Reservoir:** 86% full; brook trout, kokanee, largemouth bass, rainbow trout; good fishing with fish dispersed; must release wild rainbow trout
- Wickiup Reservoir:** 28%

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.
- Brews & Views Kayak Tour:** A naturalist-guided tour paddling on a lake in the Cascades with a local microbrew or root beer to enjoy afterward; 1:30-5:30 p.m.; \$65 to \$95; Wanderlust Tours, 61535 S. Highway 97, Bend; wanderlusttours.com or 541-389-8359
- Central Oregon Volcano Tour:** Explore the Newberry Caldera with a naturalist guide around Paulina Lake; 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 2-6 p.m.; \$70 to \$95; Wanderlust Tours, 61535 S. Highway 97, Bend; wanderlusttours.com or 541-389-8359
- Cascade Lakes Canoe or Kayak Tour:** Paddle around one of the mountain lakes with a naturalist guide; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or 2-6 p.m.; \$70 to \$95; Wanderlust Tours, 61535 S. Highway 97, Bend; wanderlusttours.com or 541-389-8359
- Starlight & Moonlight Canoe Tours:** Watch twilight descend over the Cascades and enjoy a clear stary night while paddling on one of the mountain lakes; 8 p.m.-midnight; \$100; Wanderlust Tours, 61535 S. Highway 97, Bend; wanderlusttours.com or 541-389-8359

Friday 6/11

- Steelhead Falls Wildflowers:** This 4-hour hike will focus on native plants, including summer wildflowers; 8 a.m.-noon; registration required; Steelhead Falls Trailhead, River Road, Crooked River Ranch; eventbrite.com
- 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.; \$90; new trail each week, around Bend, Bend; go.evnt.com/794581-2 or 541-728-7878.

Saturday 6/12

- CORK Saturday Long Run:** A weekly group run for all paces. Social distancing observed at all times, limited to 25 runners; 8-11 a.m.; Thump Roastery, 549 NW York Drive, Bend; go.evnt.com/794646-0
- Knapweed Removal Project:** Help the Friends and Neighbors of the Deschutes Canyon Area remove the weed from riparian areas along the Middle Deschutes River; 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; registration required; 71170 NW Lower Bridge Way, Terrebonne; eventbrite.com
- 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; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; \$75; Seventh Mountain Resort, 18575 SW Century Drive, Bend; go.evnt.com/794587-2 or 541-728-7878.
- Jumping Clinic:** The clinic will work on the proper understanding of how to take off, stay balanced in air and land the bike safely; 1:30-3:30 p.m.; \$75; Seventh Mountain Resort, 18575 SW Century Drive, Bend; go.evnt.com/794577-1 or 541-728-7878.
- SK Walk/Run at Faith Hope & Charity:** The SK through the vineyard will benefit the Giving Plate; 3-6 p.m.; \$35; Faith, Hope and Charity Vineyards, 70450 NW Lower Valley Drive, Terrebonne; go.evnt.com/753892-1 or 916-254-8728.

Sunday 6/13

- Riding Solo — The Volume Goes to 11:** The second week in a series of bike races, participants will have one week to post their best time on the 11.06-mile loop counterclockwise riding Ben's Trail, Voodoo, Phil's, KGB and Marvin's Garden; through June 19; \$25; Ben's Trail, Ben's Trail, Deschutes County; go.evnt.com/797232-1 or 541-241-7733.
- FootZone Dirty Half Marathon:** The annual half marathon through the forest will feature food, music and more at the finish line; 7 a.m.-2 p.m.; \$70; Phil's Trailhead, Bend; go.evnt.com/738135-1 or 541-317-3568.
- 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/794613-2 or 541-728-7878.

Tuesday 6/15

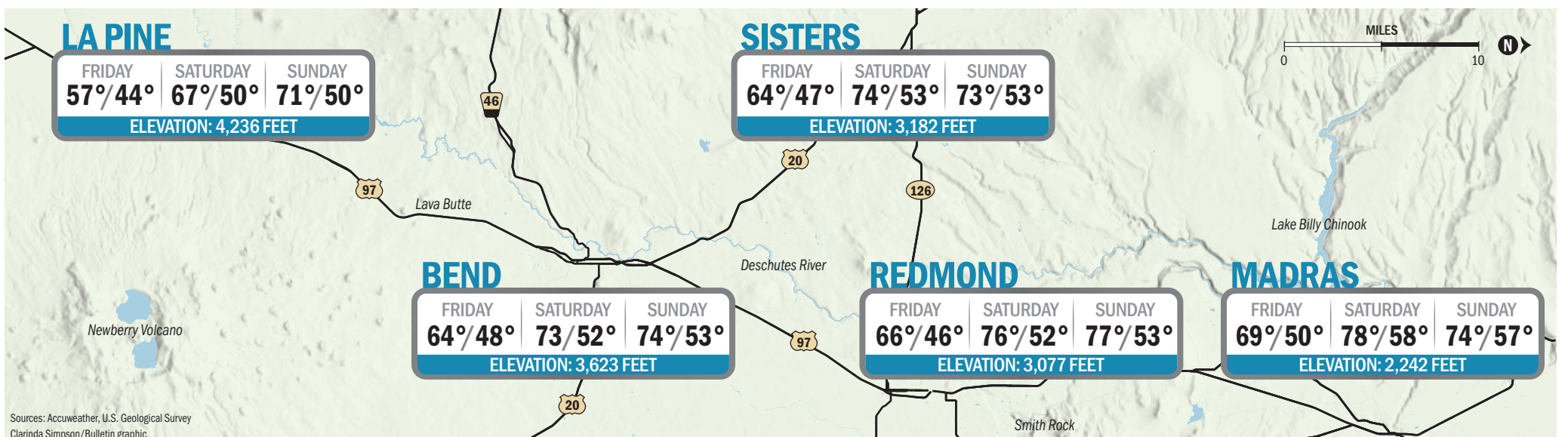
- Crooked River Wetlands Birding:** A guided walk through the city park and an opportunity to learn about Central Oregon birds at the wetlands; 9 a.m.-noon; registration required; Crooked River Wetlands Complex, 4035 NW Rimrock Acres Loop, Prineville; eventbrite.com

Wednesday 6/16

- Willow Springs Restoration:** Land Trust restoration specialist Jason Grant and Mathias Perel from the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council will give an overview of the upcoming restoration project at the preserve; noon-1 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/797364-1 or 541-330-0017.
- Mountain Bike Ride, Metolius Preserve:** Jan Zalewski will lead a 6-8 mile beginner/intermediate ride through the preserve following singletracks and dirt roads, stopping along the way to explore the wildlife and plant life there; 4-7 p.m.; registration required; Metolius Preserve, SW Warm Springs Road, Sisters; go.evnt.com/798333-1 or 541-330-0017.
- 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/794555-2 or 541-728-7878.
- CLBC Bend Brevpub 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/794619-0 or 541-388-4998.

Thursday 6/17

- Plein Air Watercolor Painting:** Kathleen Riopelle will lead the outing to the preserve where participants will learn how to use watercolors responsibly outdoors as well as basic tips and techniques for plein air painting; 9 a.m.-noon; registration required; Indian Ford Meadow Preserve, 69700-69714 Indian Ford Road, Sisters; go.evnt.com/798339-1 or 541-330-0017.
- Beginning Birding with Chuck Gates:** Get the basics of birdwatching with former board member of the Oregon Birding Association and founding member of the East Cascades Audubon Society in Bend; 6-7 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/797156-1 or 541-312-1032.
- 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.evnt.com/794619-0
- Books in Common NW — 'Homewaters' and 'Rooted':** Naturalist writers David B. Williams and Lyanada Lynn will discuss their new books on the cultural and natural history of the waters of Washington state; 6-8 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/798363-1 or 541-549-0866.



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