



CONDITIONS REPORT

Hiking, camping, fishing near Sisters

Summer officially arrives this weekend, and the weather seems to have gotten the message as it looks like sunny skies and warm temperatures. So cool off in the forests, lakes or streams near Sisters.

Remember that some upper elevation trails are still snowy, but there is still plenty to see and do at the mid- and lower-level sites.

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. The trails themselves may still be under deep snow. See Forest websites for more details and restrictions.

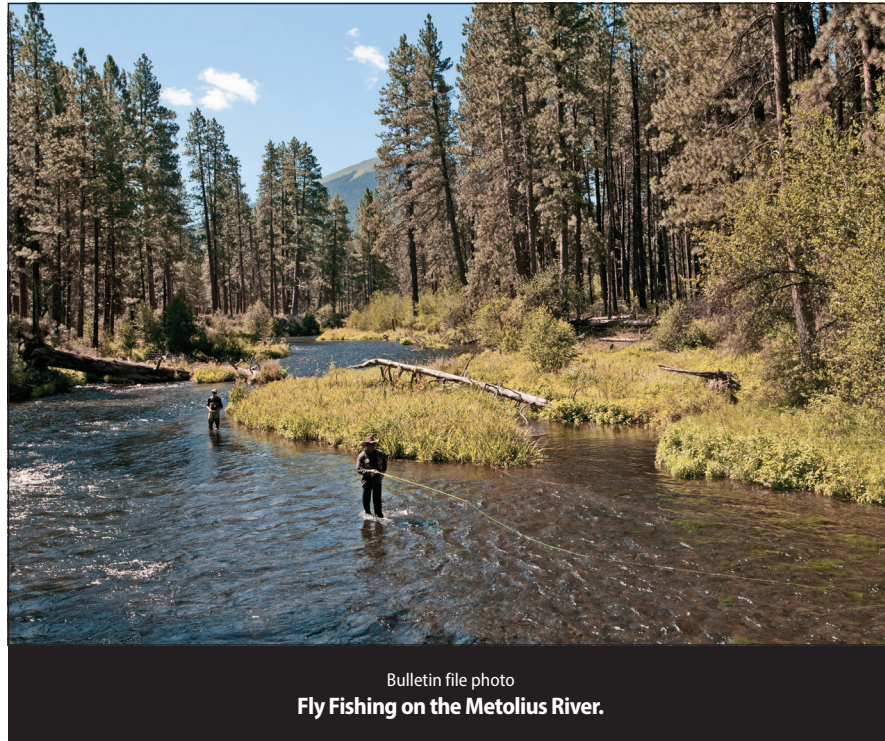
Deschutes National Forest

- **Black Butte Trailhead:** Open; snow free and clear
- **Black Crater Trailhead:** Open; possible deep snow, McKenzie Pass closed until late June
- **Buttes Loop Trailhead:** Open
- **Cabot Lake Trailhead:** Open; snow free at lower section, deep snow beyond
- **Canyon Creek Trailhead:** Open; patchy snow and mud; Central Cascades Wilderness Permit required
- **Chush Falls:** Open
- **Cinder Beach Day Use:** Open; operated by the Suttle Lodge
- **Head of Jack Creek Trailhead:** Open; snow free and clear
- **Head of the Metolius:** Open; snow free and clear
- **Jack Lake Trailhead:** Open; trailhead is accessible, moderate deadfall; Central Cascades Wilderness Permit required
- **Jefferson Lake:** Open; lower 3 miles snow free with light downfall, unknown conditions beyond
- **Lake Creek Trail:** Open

- **Lava Camp Lake Trailhead:** Trailhead open, McKenzie Pass still closed; deep snow likely; Central Cascades Wilderness Permit required
- **Lower Black Butte Trailhead:** Open
- **Lower Bridge Day Use:** Open
- **Lower Canyon Creek (West Metolius Trailhead):** Open
- **Metolius-Windigo:** Open; deep snow
- **Millican Crater Trailhead:** Open; moderate deadfall with logout occurring soon
- **Park Meadow:** Open; deep snow; access road still closed
- **Pole Creek Trailhead:** Open; snow free and clear
- **Rockpile Lake:** Open; snow free at lower portion, deep snow beyond, heavy brush
- **Round Lake Trailhead:** Open; snow free and clear
- **Scott Pass Trailhead:** Open; snow free and clear to within 1/4 mile of the PCT. Trout Creek Tie is clear; McKenzie Pass is still closed
- **Scout Lake Day Use:** Closed weekdays, will reopen Fridays at 4 p.m. through the weekend
- **Sisters Cow Camp:** Open
- **Sisters Mirror Trailhead:** Open; Central Cascades Wilderness Permit required
- **Suttle Lake Day Use:** Open
- **Tam McArthur Rim Trailhead:** Open; trail is under deep snow; Central Cascades Wilderness Permit required
- **Whychus Creek Overlook Trailhead:** Open
- **Whychus Portal (Lower Whychus Trailhead):** Open

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- **Benson/Texas Trailhead:**



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Fly Fishing on the Metolius River.

- Open; Central Cascades Wilderness Permit required
- **McKenzie River Trail:** Open; sections may be closed due to fire cleanup
- **Tamolitch Blue Pool:** Open

CAMPING

Deschutes National Forest

- **Allen Springs Campground:** Open
- **Allingham Campground:** Open
- **Camp Sherman Campground:** Open
- **Cold Springs Campground:** Open
- **Graham Corral Horse Camp:** Open; no water
- **Indian Ford Campground:** Open
- **Jack Creek Campground:** Open
- **Link Creek Campground:** Open
- **Lower Bridge Campground:** Open
- **Lower Canyon Creek Campground:** Open
- **Mallard Marsh Campground:** Open
- **McKay Crossing Campground:** Open
- **Monty Campground:** Open
- **Pine Rest Campground:** Open
- **Pioneer Ford Campground:** Open

- **Scout Lake Campground:** Open Friday and Saturday nights through mid-June
- **Sisters Cow Camp Horse Camp:** Open
- **Smiling River Campground:** Open
- **Three Creek Lake Campground:** Open
- **Three Creek Meadow Campground & Horse Camp:** Open

- **Browder Ridge:** Winter mix; deadfall reported
- **Crescent Mountain (North and South), Gordon Peak, North Pyramid, Pyramids, Scar Mountain:** Winter mix
- **All other trails reporting deep snow**

CYCLING

Sisters trails

- **Lake Creek, Green Ridge:** Riding well; deadfall reported
- **Metolius-Windigo (99 Upper):** Deep snow; deadfall reported
- **All other trails riding well**

McKenzie Region

- **O'Leary Mountain:** Winter mix; deadfall reported
- **Olallie:** Deep snow; deadfall reported
- **Frissell:** Muddy
- **All other trails riding well**

Cascade Crest

- **Chimney Peak, Cone Peak, Gordon Lakes, Gordon Meadows, South Pyramid Creek:** Riding well
- **Pyramid Epic Loop:** Riding well; deadfall reported
- **Gate Creek:** Rideable snow; deadfall reported

FISHING

• Updated at 3 p.m. June 16

- **Metolius River:** 1,380 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
- **McKenzie River (at Clear Lake):** 335 cfs
- **McKenzie River (near Belknap Springs):** 741 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
- **Lake Billy Chinook:** Bull, brown and rainbow trout, kokanee, smallmouth bass; bass fishing picking up with kokanee and bull trout fishing being fair
- **Clear Lake:** trout; will be stocked the week of June 21
- **Suttle Lake:** Brown trout, kokanee; no recent reports

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 starry 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 6/18

- **Scout Camp Wildflower Hike:** The guided hike will take participants down the river canyon exploring wildflowers along the trail; 9 a.m.-noon; registration required; Scout Camp Trailhead, SW Scout Camp Trail Road, Terrebonne; 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/794583-2 or 541-728-7878.

Saturday 6/19

- **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/794647-0
- **The Best of Both:** The mountain bike race will follow both off-road gravel and single track then tackle paved road sections for a total of 87 miles of riding. Both solo and team relay races offered; 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; \$125 to \$170; Seventh Mountain Resort, 18575 SW Century Drive, Bend; go.evnt.com/803456-0 or 949-230-1182.
- **Fox Walk + Owl Eyes, Metolius Preserve:** Bring the kids and join Susan Prince for a day of nature exploration; 9:30 a.m.-noon; registration required; Metolius Preserve, Camp Sherman; go.evnt.com/799352-1 or 541-330-0017.
- **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/794590-2 or 541-728-7878.
- **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; 1:30-3:30 p.m.; \$75; Seventh Mountain Resort, 18575 SW Century Drive, Bend; go.evnt.com/794593-2 or 541-728-7878.

Sunday 6/20

- **Riding Solo — Giddy Up!:** Mountain bikers will have one week to post their best time on the 9.93-mile clockwise course at the trail east of Bend; through June 26; \$25; Horse Butte Trailhead, Bend; go.evnt.com/797236-1 or 541-241-7733.
- **The Mixed Surface Showdown:** A 24-mile mountain bike race that combines dirt, gravel, sandy dual-track, fast and firm single-track and natural obstacles; 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; \$40; Seventh Mountain Resort, 18575 SW Century Drive, Bend; go.evnt.com/803459-0 or 949-230-1182.
- **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/794615-2 or 541-728-7878.
- **Father's Day Fly Fishing at the Vineyard:** Fly-fish at the vineyard's pond for Father's Day. Sign up for a half-hour slot, limited to five students per session; 12-4 p.m.; \$10; Faith, Hope and Charity Vineyards, 70450 NW Lower Valley Drive, Terrebonne; go.evnt.com/767272-2 or 541-526-5075.

Monday 6/21

- **Nature Sketching:** Kathleen Riopelle will lead a class through the preserve on tips and techniques for keeping a nature journal; 5:30-8 p.m.; registration required; Willow Springs Preserve, Camp Polk Road, Sisters; go.evnt.com/803573-1 or 541-330-0017.

Wednesday 6/23

- **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/794652-0 or 541-388-4998.

Thursday 6/24

- **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/794620-0

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.

Chush Falls is located along Whychus Creek in the Three Sisters Wilderness, just south of Sisters.

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