



# CONDITIONS REPORT

## Check out lakes, rivers and other places to cool off

It was a hot week for Central Oregonians. Since this is a holiday weekend, many may be wanting some cool water to splash around in, fish, hike or just sit next to after the heat wave we endured. But there are plenty more places than the seasonal favorites of locals and tourists alike, and lots of room to spread out.

If your favorite lake or river is crowded, try someplace new. Just remember the sunscreen and the bug spray as the mosquitos are coming out in force.

For a full list of conditions updated regularly, please visit [centraloregonexplore.com](http://centraloregonexplore.com).

### HIKING AND DAY USE SITES

NOTE: Many high elevation trails are still under snow.

#### Deschutes National Forest

- Aspen Day Use: Open
- Beach Day Use: Open
- Benham East and West trailheads: Open
- Besson Day Use: Open
- Big Eddy Day Use: Open
- Big River Boating Site: Open
- Cabot Lake Trailhead: Open; snow free and clear as far as Cabot, moderate blowdown beyond, consistent snow starting just below Carl Lake
- Charlton Lake Trailhead: Open; likely snow free, light deadfall
- Chush Falls: Open
- Cinder Beach Day Use: Open; operated by the Suttle Lodge
- Crane Prairie Picnic Area: Open
- Cultus Lake Day Use Area: Open
- Deer Lake Trailhead: Open
- Dillon Day Use: Open
- Elk Lake Day Use and Trailhead: Open, light deadfall
- Fall River Headwaters: Open
- Green Lakes Trailhead: Open; snow free and clear for first 1-2 miles, then deep snow; Central Cascades Wilderness Permit required
- Head of Jack Creek Trailhead: Open; snow free and clear
- Head of the Metolius: Open; snow free and clear
- Irish and Taylor Lakes Trailhead: Open
- Jack Lake Trailhead: Open; trailhead is accessible, moderate deadfall; Central Cascades Wilderness Permit required
- Lake Creek Trail: Open
- Lava Camp Lake Trailhead: Open; snow likely; Central Cascades Wilderness Permit required
- Lava Island Day Use: Open
- Lava Lake Day Use: Open
- Lava River Cave — Show

- Cave: Open; limited capacity
- Lemish Lake Trailhead: Open; likely snow free, light deadfall
- Little Crater Day Use: Open
- Little Fawn Day Use: Open
- Lower Bridge Day Use: Open
- Lower Canyon Creek (West Metolius Trailhead): Open
- Lucky Lake Trailhead: Open; snow free with light deadfall, likely patchy snow beyond lake toward Williamson Mountain
- Many Lakes Trailhead: Open; snow free with moderate deadfall, not recommended for stock
- Meadow Picnic: Open
- Meek Lake Trail: Open
- Mirror Lakes: Open; likely snow free with light deadfall
- North Twin Boating Area: Open
- Osprey Point Day Use: Open
- Paulina Falls Picnic and Trailhead: Open
- Paulina Lake Day Use: Open
- Peter Skene Ogden Trailhead: Open; clear
- Rosary Lakes Trailhead: Open; likely snow free
- Round Lake Trailhead: Open; snow free and clear
- Scout Lake Day Use: Closed weekdays, will reopen Fridays at 4 p.m. through the weekend
- Simax North and South Beach area: Open
- Sisters Mirror Trailhead: Open; Central Cascades Wilderness Permit required
- Six Lakes Trailhead: Open; snow free with light deadfall
- Slough Day Use: Open
- South Twin Day Use — Launch: Open
- Sparks Lake Trailhead: Open; snow free and clear
- Summit Lake: Open; likely patchy to deep snow
- Sunset View Day Use: Open
- Suttle Lake Day Use: Open
- Swampy Lakes Trail: Open; snow free and clear
- Ten Mile Trailhead: Open
- Tenino Boating Site: Open
- Tandy Bay Picnic Area: Open
- Todd Lake Trailhead: Open; possible snow and mud, do not trample restoration areas; Central Cascades Wilderness Permit required for the Todd Lake Trail, lake access is open



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The North Fork Crooked River off Arvid Nelson Road in the Ochoco National Forest in May.

- Tranquil Cove Day Use: Open
- Tumalo Falls Trailhead: Open; site is extremely busy, only park in designated areas or find another route to the falls. No dogs or stock allowed
- Whychus Creek Overlook Trailhead: Open
- Whychus Portal (Lower Whychus Trailhead): Open
- Winopee Trailhead: Open; logged out to 1/4 mile past Teddy Lake junction

#### Ochoco National Forest

- Alder Springs Trailhead: Open
- Antelope Flat Reservoir: Open
- Rock Creek Trailhead: Open
- Walton Lake Trailhead: Closed

#### Bend Park & Recreation Trails

- 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
- Riley Ranch Nature Reserve Trails: Open
- Sawyer Park Trails: Open
- Shevlin Park Trails: Open

#### Bureau of Land Management

- Lower Crooked River: Open
- North Fork: Open
- Scout Camp Trail: Open
- Steelhead Falls Trail: Open
- Oregon State Parks
- Cline Falls State Scenic Viewpoint: Open
- Cove Palisades State Park: Open; all campgrounds, cabins and moorage slips are open
- Jasper Point: Open; campfires are allowed in the Prineville Reservoir and Jasper Point campgrounds only
- La Pine State Park: Open; meeting hall is closed
- Prineville Reservoir State Park: Open; campfires are allowed in the Prineville Reservoir and Jasper Point campgrounds only
- Smith Rock State Park: Open — some services reduced and facility closures

may be in pace; Bivouac camping open with limited availability, tent camping only, no reservations, showers for guests only; climbing closures to protect nesting raptors in place until August; park-wide drone ban is in effect.

- Tumalo State Park: Open

### CAMPING

#### Deschutes National Forest

- Allen Springs Campground: Open
- Allingham Campground: Open
- Big Cove Boat-in Campground: Open; no fires
- Big River Campground: Open
- Blue Bay Campground: Open
- Bull Bend Campground: Open; no fires
- Camp Sherman Campground: Open
- Candle Creek Campground: Open
- Cold Springs Campground: Open
- Contorta Flat Campground: Open
- Contorta Point Group Campground: Open
- Crane Prairie Campground: Open
- Crescent Creek Campground: Open; no fires
- Crescent Lake Campground: Open
- Cultus Corral Horse Camp: Open; no fires
- Cultus Lake Campground: Open
- Driftwood Campground: Open
- East Davis Lake Campground: Open
- East Lake Campground: Open
- Elk Lake Campground: Open
- Fall River Campground: Open
- Fall River Guard Station: Open
- Gorge Campground: Open
- Gull Point Campground: Open
- Indian Ford Campground: Open
- Jack Creek Campground: Open
- Lava Camp Lake Campground: Open; Central Cascade Wilderness Overnight Permit required
- Lava Lake Campground: Open
- Link Creek Campground: Open
- Little Cove Boat-In Campground: Open; no campfires
- Little Crater Campground: Open
- Little Cultus Campground: Open

- Little Fawn Campground: Open
- Little Lava Lake: Open
- Lower Bridge Campground: Open
- Lower Canyon Creek Campground: Open
- Mallard Marsh Campground: Open
- McKay Crossing Campground: Open; no campfires
- Monty Campground: Open; no fires
- North Twin Lake Campground: Open
- Paulina Lake Campground: Open
- Perry South Campground: Open
- Pine Rest Campground: Open
- Pioneer Ford Campground: Open
- Point Campground: Open
- Prairie Campground: Open
- Princess Creek Campground: Open
- Pringle Falls Campground: Open; no campfires
- Riverside Campground: Open
- Rock Creek Campground: Open
- Scout Lake Campground: Open
- Simax Group Campground: Open
- Smiling River Campground: Open
- Soda Creek Campground: Open; no campfires
- South Campground: Open
- South Shore Campground: Open; no campfires
- South Twin Lake Campground: Open
- Spring Campground: Open
- Sunset Cove Campground: Open
- Three Creek Lake Campground: Open
- Three Creek Meadow Campground & Horse Camp: Open
- Trapper Creek Campground: Open
- West South Twin Campground: Open
- Windy Group Campground: Open
- Wyeth Campground: Open; no campfires

#### Ochoco National Forest

- Antelope Flat Reservoir Campground and Day Use: Open
- Big Spring Campground: Open; no campfires
- Biggs Springs Campground: Open; no campfires
- Bingham Springs Campground: Open; no campfires
- Cottonwood Campground: Open; no campfires
- Cottonwood Pit Campground: Open; no campfires
- Sugar Creek Campground and Day Use Area: Open

#### Smith Rock climbing closures

To protect nesting raptors, the following climbing routes are closed: Cajun Cliff, Victoria Tower, Little Three Fingerted Jack, 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). The Canyon Trail near the bald eagle nest is restricted to groups of four or less and noise must be kept to a minimum. See [smithrock.com/seasonal-closures](http://smithrock.com/seasonal-closures) for more information.

- Walton Lake Campground: Open
- Walton Lake Group Campsites: Open

#### BLM — Prineville District

- Big Bend Campground: Open; no campfires
- Castle Rock Campground: Open
- Chimney Rock Campground: Open
- Cobble Rock Campground: Open
- Lone Pine Campground: Open
- Palisades Campground: Open
- Post Pile Campground: Open
- Steelhead Falls: Open; no potable water; no campfires
- Stillwater Campground: Open

### CYCLING

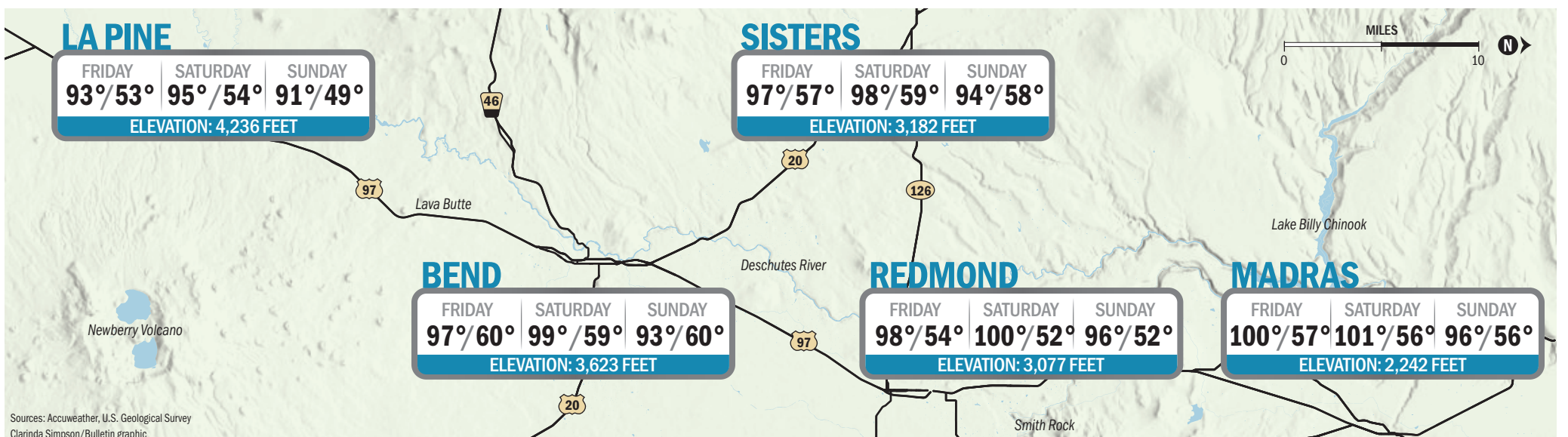
#### Wanoga Trail Complex

- All trails riding well
- North of Skyliner trails
- All trails riding well
- Swampy Lakes trails
- Middle Flagline: Closed through Aug. 15
- Met-Win — Flagline to Happy Valley, Upper Flagline: Deep snow
- Flagline Access, Swampy/Dutchman: Winter mix
- All other trails riding well
- Sunriver area trails
- Elko Point: Muddy
- Roundabout: Sandy and loose
- All other trails riding well

### FISHING

- Updated at 8 a.m. July 1
- Middle Deschutes (Benham Falls to Lake Billy Chinook): 3,790 cfs; brown trout, rainbow trout; anglers reporting fair fishing in the mornings and evenings; artificial flies and lures only, no limit on brown trout
- Upper Deschutes at Benham Falls: 1,447 cfs; rainbow trout, brown trout; wild rainbow trout must be released; fair fishing in deeper portions of the river
- Crooked River (below Opal Springs): 1,192 cfs;

- rainbow trout and mountain whitefish; any trout over 20 inches are considered steelhead and must be released, bull trout must be released unharmed and reported to the USFW at [crookedbulltrout@fws.gov](mailto:crookedbulltrout@fws.gov)
- Fall River: Brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout; good fishing from the hatchery upstream to the headwaters; fly-fishing with barbless hooks only
- 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
- Tumalo Creek: 16.6 cfs; rainbow trout
- Crane Prairie Reservoir: 85% full; brook trout, kokanee, largemouth bass, rainbow trout; fair fishing with catch rates picking up over the last couple of weeks; must release wild rainbow trout
- Wickiup Reservoir: 18% 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
- Prineville Reservoir: 44% full; rainbow trout, small and largemouth bass, catfish, crappie, crayfish; bass and trout fishing has been good
- 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; good fishing for kokanee and brown trout
- Lake Billy Chinook: Bull, brown and rainbow trout, kokanee, smallmouth bass; bass fishing picking up with kokanee and bull trout fishing being fair
- 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: rainbow trout and largemouth bass; water level is low and it may be difficult to launch larger boats; fair fishing for 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; algae bloom; 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; stocked this week
- Hosmer Lake: Brook, cutthroat and rainbow trout; fly fishing and catch and release only with barbless hooks; good fishing
- Elk Lake: Brook trout and kokanee; jigging, still-fishing and trolling from a boat or fly fishing are best
- Crescent Lake: 27% 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
- Walton Lake: Rainbow trout



Sources: Accuweather, U.S. Geological Survey  
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