



CONDITIONS REPORT

Central Oregon outdoors and trail conditions

A cold front is heading toward Central Oregon this weekend, so be prepared for true mid-fall weather — cold, wet and even snowy at high elevations.

You may want to cuddle up indoors this weekend, but if you're itching to get out and embrace the cooling weather, consider Sisters and its surrounding areas. Enjoy the last bit of fall colors and dirt trails, as the mountain trails will soon to be covered in snow.

And with changing weather afoot, remember to go prepared with appropriate clothing and gear.

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

HIKING AND DAY USE SITES

NOTE: The Central Cascade Wilderness permit system has ended for the season, which means you no longer need a permit to enjoy 19 trailheads that access Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington and Three Sisters Wilderness areas.

Deschutes National Forest

- **Bear Valley Trailhead:** Open
- **Black Butte Trailhead:** Open
- **Black Crater Trailhead:** Open
- **Buttes Loop Trailhead:** Open
- **Cabot Lake Trailhead:** Open
- **Canyon Creek Meadows:** Open
- **Chush Falls:** Open
- **Cinder Beach Day Use:** Open; operated by the Suttle Lodge
- **Green Ridge Lookout:** Closed
- **Green Ridge Trail:** Open
- **Head of Jack Creek Trailhead:** Open; possible downfall
- **Metolius River Trail:** Open
- **Jack Lake Trailhead:** Open
- **Jefferson Lake:** Open
- **Lake Creek Trail:** Open
- **Lava Camp Lake Trailhead:** Open
- **Lava Cast Forest Trailhead:** Open; NW Forest Pass required
- **Lower Black Butte Trailhead:** Open
- **Lower Bridge Day Use:** Open
- **Lower Canyon Creek (West Metolius Trailhead):** Open
- **Mile Camp Day Use:** Open
- **Millican Crater Trailhead:** Open; clear from trailhead to approximately two miles up trail
- **Park Meadow:** Open
- **Pole Creek Trailhead:** Open; moderate blowdown between TH and junction with Green Lakes Trail
- **Rockpile Lake:** Open
- **Round Lake Trailhead:** Open
- **Scott Pass Trailhead:** Open
- **Scout Lake Day Use:** Open
- **Sisters Cow Camp:** Open
- **Suttle Lake Day Use:** Open
- **Tam McArthur Rim Trailhead:** Open; Tam Rim horse trail has light deadfall
- **Whychus Creek Overlook Trailhead:** Open
- **Whychus Portal (Lower Whychus Trailhead):** Open

Ochoco National Forest

- **Alder Springs Trailhead:** Open

Willamette National Forest — Three Sisters Wilderness Area

- **Benson/Tenas Trailhead:** Open
- **Dee Wright Observatory:** Open
- **Foley Ridge:** Open
- **Hand Lake Trailhead:** Open
- **McKenzie River Trail:** Partially open; closed from Tamolitch Falls Trailhead to Frissell Boat Launch due to fire activity
- **Obsidian Trailheads:** Open
- **Patjens Lake Trail:** Open
- **Proxy Falls Trailhead:** Open
- **Tenas Lakes Trailhead:** Open
- **Separation Lake Trailhead:** Open
- **Rainbow Falls Trailhead:** Open
- **Robinson Lake Trailhead:** Open
- **Tamolitch Blue Pool:** Open

CYCLING

East of Bend trails

- **Dry River Canyon:** Sandy/loose
- **All other trails riding well**

Phil's Trail Complex

- **Some trails are closed weekdays until 3 p.m. Friday**
- **Storm King closed between Storm King's junction with Phil's Trail and Grand Slam**
- **EXT, Storm King Upper, Helipad:** Closed



Mark Morical / The Bulletin
With Tam McArthur Rim in the background and the Three Creek Lake below, Mason Morical makes his way down the trail.



Deschutes Land Trust/Joan Amero
Vine maple leaves turn brilliant red in the fall at the Metolius Preserve.

Fire restrictions

Fire danger is currently listed as High in the Deschutes, Willamette, Ochoco National Forests and the Crooked River Grasslands.

Industrial Fire Precaution Level has been lowered to Level 1 as of Sept. 23 in the Deschutes, Ochoco National Forests and the Crooked River Grasslands. The Willamette National Forests is still at Level 2.

The Deschutes National Forest expanded the temporary emergency closure area implemented as a result of the increased fire activity on the Cedar Creek Fire. Check inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8307/ for updates.

- **Pinedrops, Lower Whoops, Voodoo, Skyliner:** Sandy/loose
- **All other trails riding well**

Wanoga Trail Complex

- **Dinah Moe Humm:** Sandy/loose
- **Tyler's Traverse Trail between the junction with Larsen and the junction with Duodenum:** Closed
- **Duodenum between the junction with Tyler's and the junction with Royal Flush:** Closed
- **All other trails riding well**

North of Skyliner trails

- **All trails riding well**

Swampy Lakes trails

- **Swampy/Dutchman:** Variable
- **Lower Flagline:** Sandy/loose
- **All other trails riding well**

Cascade Lakes trails

- **Metolius-Windigo (Todd Lake):** Riding well
- **All other trails Sandy/loose**

Mt. Bachelor

- **Bachy West XC:** Riding well
- **All other trails closed**

Sunriver area trails

- **Black Rock, Royal Flush:** Sandy/loose
- **All other trails riding well**

Prineville and Ochoco trails

- **Scotty Creek:** Variable
- **All other trails riding well**

Sisters trails

- **Metolius-Windigo (99 Upper), Suttle Tie:** Sandy/loose
- **All other trails riding well**

Maston complex

- **All trails riding well**

Redmond trails

- **All trails riding well**

Madras East Trails

- **E-Bikes allowed on all trails**
- **All trails riding well**

Waldo Lake Region

- **All trails closed due to wildfire**

Cascade Crest

- **Bachelor Mountain, Bruno Meadow, Bugaboo Ridge, Coffin Lookout, Heart Lake:** Variable
- **Swamp Peak:** riding well
- **All other trails riding well**

McKenzie Region

- **McKenzie River trail closed from Tamolitch Trailhead to Fissell Boat Launch due to Knoll Fire**
- **All trails riding well**

CAMPING

Deschutes National Forest

- **Allen Springs Campground:** Open
- **Camp Sherman Campground:** Open
- **Lava Camp Lake Campground:** Open
- **Lower Bridge Campground:** Open
- **Pine Rest Campground:** Open
- **Sisters Cow Camp Horse Camp:** Open; no campfires

FISHING

Updated at 10 a.m. Oct. 20

- **Middle Deschutes (Benham Falls to Lake Billy Chinook):** 3,890 cfs; brown trout, rainbow trout; no recent report; artificial flies and lures only, no limit on brown trout
- **Metolius River:** 1,260 cfs; bull trout, rainbow trout; good fishing reported; 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):** 196 cfs
- **McKenzie River (near Belknap Springs):** 195 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; anglers in the Deschutes arm are seeing bull, brown and rainbow trout, while a few bull trout are being caught in the Metolius arm; for the remainder of the reservoir, harvest is limited to one bull trout over 24 inches under the daily trout limit; anglers can now keep five kokanee in addition to daily trout limit; no bag or size limits on brown trout and bassmerged

EVENTS

Friday 10/21

Planting Party: Join the Deschutes Land Trust for a fall planting party to help restore Camp Polk Meadow Preserve; 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; free; Camp Polk Meadow Preserve, Cemetery Road, Sisters; deschuteslandtrust.org.

Saturday 10/22

Santiam Wagon Road Walk: Join the Deschutes Land Trust and Carol Wall to explore the 150-year-old Santiam Wagon Road; 10 a.m.-noon; free, must register in advance; Whychus Canyon Preserve, off Goodrich Road, Sisters; deschuteslandtrust.org.

Stroke Awareness Oregon's Walk-n-Wheel-athon: Whether you're in a wheelchair, running in top-line shoes, or taking a casual walk, all endeavors help the organization bring awareness to stroke and provide financial support to its educational impact; 1-3 p.m.; Trinity Lutheran School, 2550 NE Butler Market Road, Bend; strokeawarenessoregon.org.

Monday 10/24

Planting Party: Join the Deschutes Land Trust for a fall planting party to help restore Indian Ford Meadow Preserve; 1-4 p.m.; free; Indian Ford Meadow Preserve, 69700 Indian Ford Road, Sisters; deschuteslandtrust.org.

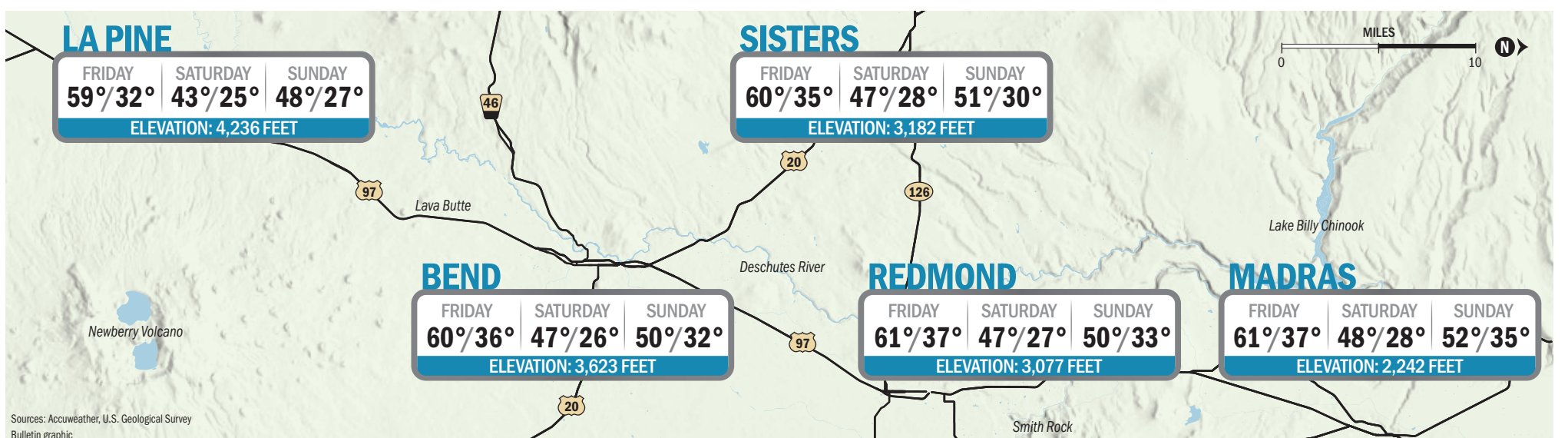
Tuesday 10/25

Planting Party: Join the Deschutes Land Trust for a fall planting party to help restore Indian Ford Meadow Preserve; 1-4 p.m.; free; Indian Ford Meadow Preserve, 69700 Indian Ford Road, Sisters; deschuteslandtrust.org.

Wild Skills For Girls With Women Who Hike & She Jumps: Join SheJumps as it partners with Women Who Hike and Hydro Flask Women Rock, sharing the joy of hiking with girls ages 10-17; 3-5 p.m.; free; Shevlin Park, 18920 Shevlin Park Road, Bend; visitbend.com or 541-389-7275.

Thursday 10/27

Planting Party: Join the Land Trust for a fall planting party to help restore the Metolius River Preserve; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; free; Metolius Preserve, Southwest Warm Springs Road, Sisters; deschuteslandtrust.org.



Sources: Accuweather, U.S. Geological Survey Bulletin graphic