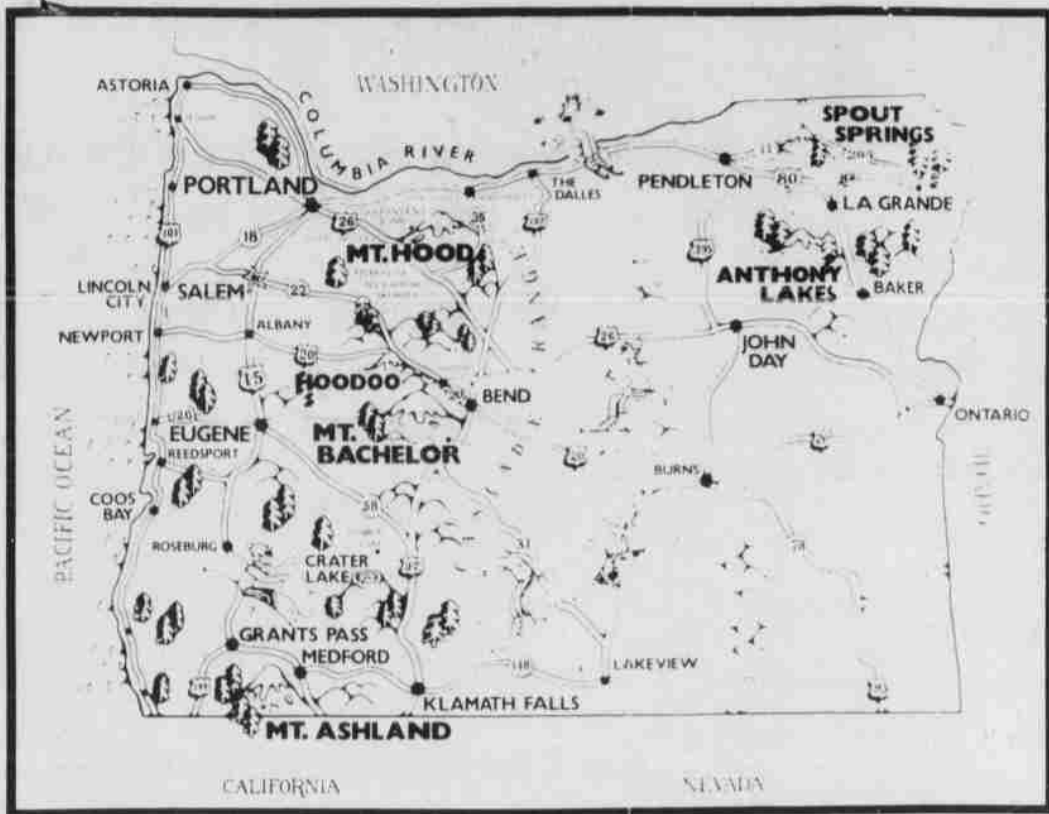


Ski enthusiasts preparing for winter season



This Oregon map shows the popular ski resorts.

Downhill snow skiers in Morrow County have access to a wide variety of ski resorts, depending on how far the skier wants to drive.

The closest ski area is the Spout Springs lodge in Weston. It is about two hours away. It has 10 runs—two are new, new lifts, two remodeled restaurants and the oldest ski school in the Northwest with 60 instructors. The resort is located 16 miles past Weston on Highway 204 and 18 miles short of Elgin. An adult weekend ticket on the chairlifts is only \$8. The phone for the resort is 566-2015. The Spout Springs Resort is noted for its extensive training that prepares beginners for the area's more challenging slopes.

The Dixie Mountain Ski Bowl is another fairly close ski resort that is about a two-hour drive away. It is located five miles northeast of Prairie City near John Day on Highway 26. One rope tow. The phone number is 987-2848.

Nine other Oregon Ski Resorts are within a three-to-four-hour drive from most areas in Morrow County. The drives can be longer in bad weather so a weekend outing for these areas is sometimes the best plan.

A favorite resort for many south Morrow County skiers is the Anthony Lakes Resort near North Powder between LaGrande and Baker on Highway 30. It opened Nov. 23 and the phone there is 963-6913. It has 10 runs and a day adult chairlift ticket costs \$9 with a \$5 charge for children. It is 18 miles west of North Powder and it is known for its wide variety of runs.

North Morrow County skiers may find the trip west toward Portland the best way to go. About three hours away are five large ski resorts near Mt. Hood.

Mt. Hood Meadows is one of the closest. It is located just off Interstate-80, turning at Hood River onto Highway 35. It is 38 miles south of Hood River. The resort has more than 50 runs with the longest being about two miles. The top ski lift price is \$12 for a day and night weekend ticket. The phone is 337-2222. The large resort features live entertainment and dancing nightly from Wednesdays to Sundays.

The Cooper Spur Ski Area is a little closer, 24 miles south of Hood River on the same highway as Mt. Hood Meadows. It is for beginning skiers with only one rope tow and one

lift. The phone there is 396-1391.

A little farther up the mountain on Highway 35 and then turning right onto Highway 26 is a group of three ski resorts at Government Camp. A favorite spot for Portland skiers.

The first resort is the Auburton Ski Bowl. It has 12 runs, the longest being one-and-one-half miles. There are eight rope tows and night skiing. The chairlift tickets are \$10.50 for all day on weekends and \$8.50 during the week. Snow conditions there can be obtained by calling 272-3522.

The most famous of the Government Camp Resorts is the Timberline Lodge. With its new high capacity chairlift, it is the only year-around skiing area in North America. The "Palmer Lift" begins at the 7,000 foot level of Mt. Hood and carries skiers to 8,500 feet for summer skiing. During the winter, the Palmer Lift is buried under snow from November to March so there are three other lifts at lower elevations to use. There are 21 runs at the Timberline Lodge with the longest being from two to six miles depending on the snow conditions. Lift tickets are \$11 for all day and night skiing on the weekends and \$10 in the middle of the week. The Timberline Lodge is a national historical site open seven-days a week year-around. There is entertainment every night during the winter skiing season.

Overnight patrons can stay in rooms with a fireplace or economy size. There is a year-around outdoor pool and a sauna. The toll free phone number is 1-800-452-1335 and another number of the lodge is 272-3311.

The smallest ski resort at the Government Camp is the Summit Ski Resort. The phone number is 272-3351. It is for beginners with four rope tows and one T-bar.

Three good Oregon Ski Resorts to plan for a mini vacation are the ones at Mt. Bachelor, Hoodoo Bowl and the High Wallows. They are about four hours away which can make for a long trip if crammed into one day.

The High Wallows Ski Area is open for the first time this season. It has the Pacific Northwest's only gondola lift. The gondola was finished in

1976 and has been used by sightseers during the summer months who come to Wallowa Lake. The gondola lift ticket costs \$12 for an unlimited number of rides during any day. One gondola ride costs \$5. The four-passenger gondola cars carry skiers to the summit of Mt. Howard. The run is three-and-one-half miles long. The phone number is 432-5331. The resort is located near Joseph, which is eight miles south of Enterprise, on Highway 82. It is scheduled to open Dec. 15. It has a steep summit to base run for advanced and expert skiers while the beginner's area unlike most ski areas, is at the top of the mountain.

Mt. Bachelor and Hoodoo Bowl are in central Oregon near Bend. Mt. Bachelor is 22 miles from Bend. It has 30 runs, the longest being one mile. There are seven ski lifts, two for beginners and one rope tow. The top lift price is \$11 and there is no night skiing. Mt. Bachelor has entertainment on the weekends and day care facilities are available. The runs vary from wide open areas to challenging paths running through the forests. The phone there is 382-2442.

Hoodoo Bowl is 43 miles west of Bend near Sisters. It has 16 runs, the longest being one mile. There are two chairlifts and two rope tows. An all-day weekend chair ticket is only \$9 for adults. There is night skiing Fridays and Saturdays. The phone number is 363-5904.

Skiers are reminded that SnoPark permits are required in most ski areas. Permits are sold at the ski areas, all Oregon Motor Vehicle Division offices and at

some sporting good stores. A daily permit costs \$1 and an annual permit is \$5.

Skiers can get a snow report on all Oregon ski areas by calling 237-SNOW (7669).

Fillies lose to Joseph

The Joseph High School girls' basketball team beat Heppner 37-27 to win the first place trophy in the Heppner Invitational Basketball Tournament last Saturday.

The taller, more aggressive

Ione plays at Heppner

Ione did not have a basketball game last week because Mt. Vernon had a breakout of flu and many of the players were sick and the school even had to close down last Friday.

The Cardinals will take on Heppner tomorrow night with the girl's game at 6 p.m. and the boy's game at 8 p.m. The games will be played in Heppner.

Eagles led at the end of the first quarter 8-5 as both teams played tough defense. Heppner stole the ball a few times and Joseph had some checked shots as both teams kept the other from scoring.

Joseph outscored Heppner in the second period 7-6 to lead at the half 15-11. Heppner had problems with the taller Eagles getting the defensive rebounds and running the fastbreak right by the Fillies who did not get back on defense.

Heppner lost the game in the third period when the team was outscored 12-3. The Fillies did come back in the fourth period by outscoring Joseph 13-10 but it was not enough.

The Mustangs hit a miserable 10 of 61 shots for 16

percent from the field. The winners did not do much better as they made only 16 of 44 for 36 percent.

Despite the height advantage Joseph barely outscored Heppner 44-37. Karen Butterfield had 12 rebounds and Dixie McCadden 10 for the winners. Sandra Ward led Heppner with 10 and Geri Grieb and Deann Conner both had nine.

McCadden led Joseph in scoring with 14 points and Butterfield had 11.

Mary Kincaid led the Fillies with 11, Grieb added seven, Lynn Dee Devin had five, Conner two and Ward two.

Butterfield was named the most valuable player of the tournament. Teammates Marianne Kiser and McCadden were also named to the all-tourney team. Heppner's Kincaid was also on the team as was Condon's Teresa Bare.

To get to the championship game Heppner beat Echo 42-39 and Joseph beat Condon 56-36.

Heppner fell behind in the third quarter 27-23 but came back and took the lead on a bucket by Lynn Dee Devin 28-27. Kincaid ignited the crowd as she scored with five seconds left in the period and then stole the inbound pass and scored again to put Heppner in front 34-31 at the end of three quarters.

Devin scored again on a fastbreak with an assist pass from Kincaid to put Heppner ahead by four with only a few minutes remaining 37-33. Kincaid made it 39-35 on a two-point shot but a technical foul combination on Abrams allowed Echo to tie it up after some free throws at 39-39.

Kellie Hammond, who received a technical foul earlier in the game, won the contest for Heppner making a shot and then hitting a pressure free throw to put Heppner ahead 42-39.

Kincaid led Heppner with 14 points and Ward added eight. Conner had five, Devin four, Abrams four, Grieb four and Hammond three. Conner led the team in rebounds with 12.



Mary Kincaid (21) drives down the lane as Geri Grieb (23) sets a screen.

Bowling Sparetimers League

The Morrow County Grain Growers bowling team is still on top in the Sparetimers Bowling League with a 38-17 record.

In second place is the Coast-to-Coast team with a 35-20 mark and Petersons is at 34-22.

Jerry's Mobil has improved its record to 28-28 and is now in fourth place. Bucknum's is 25-30, Gardners is 23-32, Central Market is 23-33 and Sears is still last at 16-40.

Coast-to-Coast is first in total pins with 29,918. Petersons is second with 29,559 and the Morrow County Grain Growers team is third at 29,082.

Koffee Kup League

Billie Doherty fell one pin short of bowling a 200 game as she rolled a 199 for the high game of the week in the Koffee Kup Keglers League.

Iris Campbell had the high individual series with a 476 and the Gutter Dusters team had the high team game and the high team series with a 580 and a 1,643. Maureen Howard made the 4-5-7 split.

The Pettis still lead the league with a 36-15 record followed by the Three L's with a 33-19 record. The Hi Ho's team is third at 30-22 and the

Despite its losing record, Central Market is knocking down pins as the team is fourth at 27,356. Bucknum's is fifth at 25,866. Gardners sixth at 25,361 and Jerry's Mobil is seventh in total pins with 25,083. Sears is last with 24,018.

Fran Cook again bowled the high game of the week with a 184 and she also had the high individual series with 484. The M C G G team had the high game with 728 and Petersons had the high team series with 2,138.

Irene Samples made the 6-7-10 combination.

Weary Wives fourth at 29-23. The Gutter Dusters group is 27-25, the Three Holers 19-33, the Newcomers 18-33, and the Dregs are last at 15-37.

The total pins race is close with the Weary Wives first at 20,411 followed by the Pettis at 20,267 and the Three L's at 20,364. The Gutter Dusters are fourth in total pins with 19,940 and the Hi Ho's team is next at 19,805.

The Three Holers come next at 19,773, the Newcomers are seventh at 19,703 and the Dregs team is last at 19,482.

Women win

Ione opened up a 15-3 lead at the half and led 23-3 before Riverside could get its game on track as the Cardinals beat the Pirates 29-19.

Michelle LaRue led the winners with 12 points and Martha McElligott added six points. Diann Morter scored six and Tammy Holtz five.

Karen Harding led Riverside with eight points and 14 rebounds.

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