



Gifford Pinchot National Forest

WINTER RECREATION REPORT

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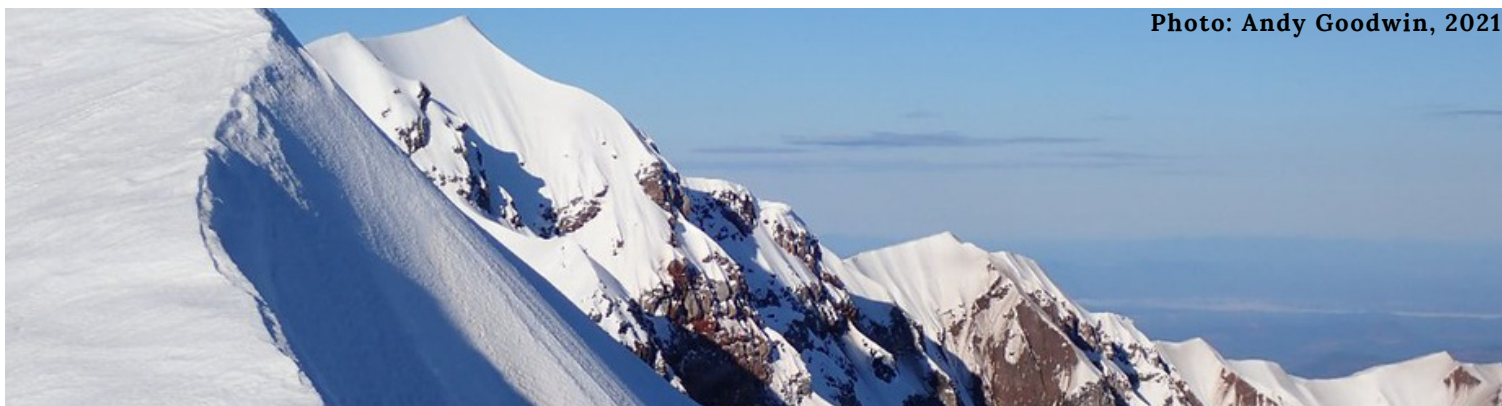


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CHECK WINTER CONDITIONS!

Winter weather and road conditions vary greatly with elevation, and change quickly.

Check out these links:

- [Washington Weather Alerts](#)
- [Washington Road Conditions](#)
- [Avalanche Forecasts](#)
- [Gifford Pinchot Winter Recreation Information](#)
- [Mount St. Helen's Climbing Info](#)
- [Back Country Plowing & Grooming](#)



WINTER GEAR CHECKLIST

Always carry the following items in your vehicle when visiting the forest in winter:

- flashlight
- shovel
- map
- traction devices
- extra food
- extra water
- extra layers



DO YOU HAVE YOUR SNO-PARK PASS?



In order to park at a sno-park, you need to purchase a pass through **Washington State Parks**. Visit www.epermits.parks.wa.gov to grab a pass for your trip.

Mt. Adams Ranger District

Atkisson Sno-Park: Groomed 3/14; about 8in of new, wet snow in last 10 days. **Old Man Pass Sno-Park:** **Koshko & McClellan**

Meadows: Plowed 3/12; 18in of new snow; total snow: 4ft; trails have not been groomed since recent snowfall. **Lone Butte Sno-Park:** No current information available. **Pineside Sno-Park:** 4-6in of new snow in last 10 days; trails not groomed; roads & parking lots clear. **Flattop Sno-Park:** No current information available. **Snow King Sno-Park:** No current information available. **Smith Butte Sno-Park:** Closed.

Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

Wakepish Sno-Park: No current information available. **Orr Creek Sno-Park:** No current information. **Johnson Creek Sno-Park:** No current information. **Skate Creek Sno-Park:** No current information available.

Mount St. Helens District & Monument

Marble Mtn. Sno-Park: FR 83 & parking lot plowed on 3/14. **Climbing:** Clear skies with summit temps around 40F. Wind speeds up to 20mph on Fri and Sat, but rest of weekend should be around 5-10mph. Snowshoes or skis may be needed to keep from sinking in warm snow, but a well-worn path to the summit should be created by mid-day Sat; avalanche risk: orange ('considerable').

Science & Learning Center Schedule: Sat & Sun, 10am-4pm* (*Weather dependent; call ahead: 360-274-2131)