## Welcome to the Horseshoe Prairie Nordic Ski Area!

Horseshoe Prairie provides excellent Nordic skiing on 10 miles (16 kilometer) of marked, groomed and non-groomed trails. The Blue Mountain Land Trust Blues Crew has partnered with the Umatilla National Forest to maintain these trails. Please respect the rights of all winter recreationists to enjoy the beauty of the area. Snowshoers are welcome but should avoid walking on the Nordic ski tracks. For a safe and enjoyable outing, we recommend the following:



Check the weather forecast before you go.



Check your equipment to make sure it is in good repair.



Dress in layers to allow for changing conditions. Avoid cotton fabrics, and instead, wear wool, polypropylene, polyester, etc. These materials keep you warm when wet and dry quickly.



Bring at least 1 quart of water and high energy foods.



Carry a map and compass and know how to use them.



Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

Snowmobile use is prohibited in this area.



**ACCESS** - Horseshoe Prairie is located just off Highway 204, approximately 26 miles east of Weston. Oregon and 14 miles northwest of Elgin, Oregon. The area is bordered on the North and West by the North Fork Umatilla Wilderness.

PARKING - Parking is available across Highway 204 at the Andies Prairie Sno-Park. Sno-Park permits are required in winter sports areas from November through April. For your safety, use Sno-Park areas and do not park along the highway. Funds from the sale of Sno-Park permits are used to plow roads and parking

## Be cautious when crossing Hwy 204. Traffic does not slow down.

Additional details about Horseshoe Prairie can be found on the Umatilla National Forest webpage at https://go.usa.gov/x7xjJ and at the BMLT webpage at https://bmlt.org/horseshoe-prairie.

The Blues Crew volunteers work hard to prepare the Nordic Ski Area for the winter season. If you are interested in becoming a Blues Crew volunteer, sign up here https://bmlt.org/blues-crew.

## For more information:

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