

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

WINTER RECREATION REPORT

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Photo: Andy Goodwin, 12/12/23

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.

RECREATION REMINDER



Be prepared for ice & slush on Forest Roads on the way to Sno-Parks within the Forest. The freezing and thawing cycles can create unpredictable road conditions.

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



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](#)



Mt. Adams Ranger District

Atkisson Sno-Park: Hard-packed snow on trails; icy in mornings; slushy in the afternoons; groomed 1/29 & 1/30; limited parking space on busy days. **Old Man Pass Sno-Park:** Koshko & McClellan Meadows: Groomed 1/28. **Lone Butte Sno-Park:** Groomed 1/28. **Pineside Sno-Park:** FR 82 & parking lots are clear; no recent grooming activity. **Flattop Sno-Park:** Recommend use by snowmobiles; groomed 1/26. **Snow King Sno-Park:** No current information available. **Smith Butte Sno-Park:** Closed.

Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

Wakepish Sno-Park: Plowed FR 25 to sno-park 1/27; groomed 1/27. **Orr Creek Sno-Park:** Groomed 1/26. **Johnson Creek Sno-Park:** No current information available. **Skate Creek Sno-Park:** No current information available.

Mount St. Helens District & Monument

Marble Mtn. Sno-Park: Groomed 1/28; 8-12" snow with some bare spots; snow is receding at beginning of trail.

Climbing: Be prepared for boulder travel on ridges & hard icy surfaces above 3500'; recommend carrying crampons & ice axe; navigation may be challenging through Sat.; avalanche risk = 'yellow' for most of the weekend.

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