

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

WINTER RECREATION REPORT

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Photo: Back Country Plowing & Grooming

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.

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



Mt. Adams Ranger District

Atkisson Sno-Park: Planned to be groomed 2/9. **Old Man Pass Sno-Park:** **Koshko & McClellan Meadows:** Groomed 2/4. **Lone Butte Sno-Park:** Groomed 2/5. **Pineside Sno-Park:** 2ft hard, crusty snow on trails & roads; not groomed, but there are ski tracks to follow; obstructing trees on Big Tree & Hole in the Ground Loops have been removed; roads & parking lot clear of snow. **Flattop Sno-Park:** Groomed 2/5. **Snow King Sno-Park:** 2ft hard, crusty snow on trails & roads; not groomed, but there are ski tracks to follow; roads & parking lot clear of snow. **Smith Butte Sno-Park:** Closed.

Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

Wakepish Sno-Park: Groomed 2/4. **Orr Creek Sno-Park:** Groomed 2/2. **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 2/8; hardpacked, icy, & snowy trails with the exception of the mud slide area; road may be slick in mornings and evenings.

Climbing: May be icy; be sure to bring crampons, ice axe, & GPS; snow above tree line, but lots of rocks below 5800'; avalanche risk = yellow; Sat.: sunny; Sun. & beyond: clouds, fog, rain, & maybe whiteout conditions.

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