

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

WINTER RECREATION REPORT

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Photo: Back Country Plowing & Grooming



WINTER STORM WATCH 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
- extra food
- shovel
- extra water
- map
- extra layers
- traction devices



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 ALERT!

WINTER STORM WATCH in effect from Sunday morning through Monday afternoon above 2000 feet.

Potential for heavy, wet snow & winds gusts up to 50 mph. If travel is necessary, only vehicles equipped with 4WD & proper traction tires are recommended. There is a potential for tree fall due to heavy, wet snow. As always carry winter gear essentials in your vehicle & be prepared to self rescue.

Mt. Adams Ranger District

Atkisson Sno-Park: Old Man Pass Sno-Park: Koshko & McClellan Meadows: Groomed 2/20. **Lone Butte Sno-Park:** Groomed 2/17. **Pineside Sno-Park:** No current information. **Flattop Sno-Park:** No current information. **Snow King Sno-Park:** No current information available. **Smith Butte Sno-Park:** Closed.

Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

Wakeupish Sno-Park: No current information available. **Orr Creek Sno-Park:** Groomed 2/22. **Johnson Creek Sno-Park:** Groomed 2/22. **Skate Creek Sno-Park:** No current information available.

Mount St. Helens District & Monument

Marble Mtn. Sno-Park: Groomed 2/22; hard snow in some areas; some bare spots & shallow snow in some areas.

Climbing: Fri: mostly sunny, winds 20mph, avalanche risk = yellow ("moderate"); Sat: sunny, winds 30mph; Sun: stormy (see 'Recreation Alert' above).

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