

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

WINTER RECREATION REPORT

MARCH 1, 2024



Photo: Trevor Ness, Marble Mtn Sno Park on 2/29

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!

The area above 1500 has been in a WINTER STORM WARNING which ended Friday morning, 3/1. A rain/snow mix will continue throughout the weekend. Expect icy, snow-packed roads. If travel is necessary, only vehicles equipped with 4WD & proper traction tires are recommended. 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 2/25. **Lone Butte Sno-Park:** Groomed 2/26; roughly 6-8 inches of new snow. **Pineside Sno-Park:** No current information. **Flattop Sno-Park:** Groomed 2/26; roughly 6-8 inches of new snow. **Snow King Sno-Park:** No current information available. **Smith Butte Sno-Park:** Closed.

Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

Wakeupish Sno-Park: Groomed 2/29; 18 inches of new snow on 2/26. **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: Groomed 2/29; 8 inches of new snow as of 2/29; additional snow accumulation throughout the weekend. **Climbing:** Fri avalanche risk: orange ("considerable"); Fri & Sat: white-out conditions, heavy snow, high winds, cold temperatures, negative wind chills; Sun: 15 mph wind speeds; single digit temperatures at summit; white-out conditions. **Science & Learning Center Schedule:** Sat & Sun, 10am-4pm* (*Weather dependent; call ahead: 360-274-2131)