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# deschutes NATIONAL FOREST

## Summer Trail Access and Condition Update July 3<sup>rd</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Summer Trail Highlights

- Expect heavy holiday crowds at area trails. Starting a trail adventure early in the morning is a good way to find solitude.
- Fireworks are not allowed on any Forest Service or BLM managed lands. Campfires are allowed ONLY in developed campgrounds, inside a constructed fire ring.
- Most forest trails are snow free. Patchy to deep drifts of snow remains on Green Lakes, South Sister, Moraine Lake, Broken Top and the PCT. Limited removal of windfalls in progress. See inside for more details.
- Cascade Lakes Highway, Tumalo Falls Road and Paulina Lake Road (FR 21) are all open for the summer. The 370 road, and access to Broken Top TH, is still closed due to snow and mud.
- Dog leash requirements in effect on most segments of the Deschutes River Trail.
- Day use fees are now required at most developed recreation sites. Follow posted instructions. Until further notice, no Wilderness permits are required.
- The Cascade Lakes Welcome Station is closed until further notice.
- Motorized bicycles (E-Bikes) are not allowed on non-motorized trails.
- When on the trail, please know and follow yield etiquette and treat fellow trail users with courtesy.



Recent tree removal or “logout” on Deschutes River Trail near Slough Camp. Many trees block area trails, especially at higher elevations. Limited logout is in progress.



FS Trail Crew completing construction of accessible trail along the Deschutes River, near Dillon Falls. The compacted trail surface is suitable for wheel chair use.



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## DESCHUTES NATIONAL FOREST SUMMER TRAIL CONDITIONS AS OF 7/3/20:

**\*\*Conditions subject to change without notice and at whim of nature.\*\***

### **Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District**

- ❖ **Phil's Area Trails** – All trails are dry and riding well. The closure of Storm King trail has been lifted. E-Bikes are NOT allowed on any non-motorized trails. For more information on COTA, go to: <http://cotamtb.com/>

- ❖ **Tumalo Falls Area** – Road to trailhead open for summer season. North Fork, Mrazek and Farewell are clear. Bridge Creek and Swampy unknown, but likely snow free with light to moderate blowdown.

Stock, dogs, bikes and camping are all prohibited inside the Bend Municipal Watershed.

Due to very limited parking and high use, there is a 27' vehicle length limit at Tumalo Falls TH. Even then, the parking area fills early and can often remain at overflow capacity on busy days. Please pay close attention to "NO PARKING" signs on one side of the entrance road. These sections of roadway must remain open to avoid traffic hazards and permit larger emergency vehicle access.

- ❖ **Deschutes River Trail** – Snow free and clear from Meadow to Benham. Blowdowns reported upriver from Benham East. See the new accessible trail near Dillon Falls, along the Ryan Ranch slough!
- ❖ **Sun Lava Paved Path** between Sunriver, Benham East and Lava Lands (Trailhead access points at south end of Lava Lands parking lot, Benham East or Circle 7 in Sunriver). Snow free and clear. Heavy use on weekends.
- ❖ **Lava Lands Trails** - Open for the season.
- ❖ **Tumalo Creek 2 Trail** – Unknown. Possible blowdown. Hiker only.
- ❖ **Wanoga Area** – All trails snow free and clear.
- ❖ **Swampy Lakes** – Mixed bag. Most trails dry and clear. Higher, shadier trails still under patchy snow. "Middle Flagline" trail, from junction with Flagline Access to Flagline Tie, closed until 8/15 to protect critical elk habitat.
- ❖ **Todd Lake** – Likely snow free with light blowdown. Need new report.
- ❖ **Tumalo Mountain** – Light downfall and snow free, except for small patches at summit as of 6/26.
- ❖ **Broken Top** – Deep snow.
- ❖ **Todd Creek Horse Camp** – Likely snow free. Unknown blowdown.



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- ❖ **Ray Atkeson Trailhead and Sparks Lake** – Snow free and clear.
- ❖ **Green Lakes/Soda Creek** – On Green Lakes, patchy snow starting 1 mile from Green Lakes. Patchy snow from there across pass toward Park Meadow. Light blowdown. For Soda Creek, as of 6/26, snow free for approximately 2 miles, with moderate blowdown. Deep snow beyond that point. NEED NEW REPORT.
- ❖ **Devil’s Lake/South Sister** - Unknown. Likely snow free for first mile. Deep snow beyond. NEED NEW REPORT.
- ❖ **Quinn Meadow Horse Camp area trails** – Quinn Creek trail snow free and clear from campground to junction with Metolius-Windigo. Unknown conditions on other trails, likely moderate blowdown.
- ❖ **Metolius Windigo Trail** – Deep snow at higher elevations north of Todd Lake HC with light blowdown.
- ❖ **Moraine Lake** - Deep snow.
- ❖ **Mirror Lakes** – Likely snow free with light blowdown. NEED NEW REPORT.
- ❖ **Horse Lake** – Snow free with moderate blowdown.
- ❖ **Elk Lake** – Unknown. NEED NEW REPORT.
- ❖ **Six Lakes** – Snow free. Clear of downfall to Blow Lake. Likely light downfall from there to junction with Senoj Lake.
- ❖ **Lucky Lake/Senoj** – Snow free and clear.
- ❖ **Corral Swamp** – Unknown. Likely light to moderate blowdown.
- ❖ **Cultus Lk and Winopee** – Snow free with light blowdown. Non-Wilderness section of Winopee Lake trail (going around Cultus Lake) clear.
- ❖ **Many Lakes** – Light blowdown on first mile going into Three Sisters Wilderness. Unknown conditions beyond.
- ❖ **Charlton/Lemish Lake** – Charlton Lake/Lemish “loop” has moderate (30) blowdown. Unknown conditions on Clover Meadow trail.
- ❖ **Osprey Point** – Snow free and clear.
- ❖ **Fall River Trail** – Snow free and clear.
- ❖ **South/North Twin Lakes** – Unknown.
- ❖ **Horse Butte to Swamp Wells area trails** – Arnold Ice Cave trail reported as dry/sandy. Swamp Wells trail snow free and clear from SWHC to junction with Crater Rim Trail.



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- ❖ **Newberry Caldera Trails** – Trails on Caldera floor snow free and mostly clear. Paulina Lake Loop and Little Crater are clear. Crater Rim still under patchy snow as of 6/19, with light blowdown. Likely snow free at this point.
- ❖ **Peter Skene Ogden Trail** – Light blowdown (12-18 trees).
- ❖ **Lava Cast Forest Trailhead** – Snow free and clear.
- ❖ **Hoffman Island Trailhead** – Snow free and clear.

## Sisters Ranger District:

- ❖ **Black Butte Trail** – Snow free and clear.
- ❖ **Metolius River Trails** – Snow free and clear. **Canyon Creek Trailhead now OPEN.**
- ❖ **Suttle Lake Trail** – Snow free and clear.
- ❖ **Lake Creek Trail** – Snow free and clear.
- ❖ **Whychus Creek** – Snow free. Trailhead (6 vehicle capacity) and lower end of canyon trail is in good condition. **Please, stay on the main designated trail and avoid using posted and closed social trails in restoration sections.**
- ❖ **Whychus Overlook Trail** (barrier free, closed to stock and bikes) –Trailhead and trail are in good condition. Please stay on designated trails.
- ❖ **Peterson Ridge Trails** – Snow free and clear.
- ❖ **Metolius Windigo** – Unknown. Likely snow free with moderate blowdown.
- ❖ **Tam Rim/Three Creeks Area** – Three Creek Lake, Little Three Creek Lake, East Fork and Three Creek Meadow trails all likely snow free. Tam Rim still under possible patchy snow. **NEED NEW REPORT.**
- ❖ **PCT** - Deep snow and unknown blowdown.
- ❖ **Scott Pass/Millican Crater** – Scott Pass snow free and clear to just pass junction with Green Lakes trail. Likely moderate blowdown and snow free beyond that. Millican cleared to Trout Creek Tie, with heavy blowdown beyond. TCT is cleared.
- ❖ **Black Crater** – Light blowdown. As of 6/26 patchy snow near summit.
- ❖ **Chush Falls** – Snow free and clear until last ½ mile of trail.
- ❖ **Pole Creek/Green Lakes/Park Meadow/Camp Lake/DeMaris Lake** – Heavy blowdown on Pole Creek. Part of Green Lakes cleared near junction with Scott Pass. Park Meadow snow free, clear of downfall from TH to point ¼ mile west of Whychus Creek. Demaris Lake likely snow free. Camp Lake still likely under snow.
- ❖ **Head of Jack Creek** – Snow free and clear.
- ❖ **Jefferson Lake** – Lower few miles snow free and clear. Unknown conditions beyond.
- ❖ **Cabot Lake** – Snow free with light blowdown to just above Cabot Lake. Deep snow beyond.



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- ❖ **Rockpile Lake** – Unknown. Likely snow free until 1-2 mile of Rockpile. Likely moderate blowdown. NEED NEW REPORT.
- ❖ **Jack Lake TH** – Snow free. Trail to Wasco Lake snow free. Clear of downfall to about ½ mile before Wasco Lake. Moderate downfall beyond. Not recommended for stock until logout is complete.
- ❖ **Round Lake** – Snow free with moderate blowdown between trailhead and Square Lake.
- ❖ **MINTO LAKE, BRUSH CREEK AND SUGAR PINE RIDGE TRAILS ARE ALL IMPASSIBLE DUE TO BRUSH, HEAVY DOWNFALL AND EROSION.**

### **Crescent Ranger District:**

- ❖ **PCT** - Deep snow
- ❖ **Oldenberg** – Unknown.
- ❖ **Summit Lake** - Unknown.
- ❖ **Meek Lake** - Unknown.
- ❖ **Windy Lakes** - Unknown.
- ❖ **Whitefish Horse Camp** – Unknown. **TRAPPER CREEK BRIDGE CLOSED FOR REPAIRS.** There is a reroute in place 100 ft. downstream from bridge. Trail users will have to ford creek. The bridge will be closed until repairs can be made.
- ❖ **Pretty Lake/Fawn Lake** - Unknown.
- ❖ **Metolius-Windigo** – Unknown.
- ❖ **Maiden Peak** - Unknown.
- ❖ **Pengra Pass TH** - Unknown.
- ❖ **Yoran Lake** - Unknown.

### **JULY SPECIAL TRAIL EVENTS:**

None that I am aware of.

### **SEASONAL ROAD CLOSURES/OPENINGS:**

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|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Hwy 46            | OPEN for summer season.   |
| FR 370            | CLOSED for winter season. |
| Tumalo Falls Road | OPEN for summer season.   |



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|---------|-------------------------|
| FR 21   | OPEN for summer season. |
| Hwy 242 | OPEN for summer season. |
| FR 16   | OPEN for winter season. |
| FR 60   | Unknown.                |

### **“LEAVE NO TRACE” REMINDER:**

PLEASE, PRACTICE THE SEVEN LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPALS:

**Plan Ahead and Prepare**

**Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces**

**Dispose of Waste Properly**

**Leave What You Find**

**Minimize Campfire Impacts**

**Respect Wildlife**

**Be Considerate of Other Visitors**

For details on the 7 LNT Principals: <http://lnt.org/learn/7-principles>

### **TEN ESSENTIAL SYSTEMS:**

For details on the “Ten Essential Systems”:

[http://www.rei.com/expertadvice/articles/ten+essentials.html?s\\_kwcid=TC|13029|ten%20essentials||S|p|7499840765&cm\\_mmc=ps\\_google\\_CH-\\_-Category%20-%20Camp%2fHike-\\_-Camping%2fHiking\\_GeneralTerms\\_Essentials-\\_-ten%20essentials&gclid=CNq\\_h8Xbsq4CFQN8hwodYhH-PQ](http://www.rei.com/expertadvice/articles/ten+essentials.html?s_kwcid=TC|13029|ten%20essentials||S|p|7499840765&cm_mmc=ps_google_CH-_-Category%20-%20Camp%2fHike-_-Camping%2fHiking_GeneralTerms_Essentials-_-ten%20essentials&gclid=CNq_h8Xbsq4CFQN8hwodYhH-PQ)

**For further information on Deschutes National Forest winter or summer trails, please call:**

Deschutes National Forest Headquarters: (541) 383-5300

Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District: (541) 383-4000

Sisters Ranger District: (541) 549-7700

Crescent Ranger District: (541) 433-3200

Find this weekly trail access and condition report in the Deschutes National Forest Website at:

[http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5299503.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5299503.pdf)



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**Other trail access and conditions information can be found at:**

<https://bendtrails.org/>

Central Oregon Off Hwy Vehicle Program:

[http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5340950.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5340950.pdf)

Prineville BLM: <https://www.blm.gov/tag/prineville-district-office>