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Winter Trail Access and Condition Update February 7th – February 15th, 2019

Winter Trail Highlights

- Excellent snow conditions and good coverage at area SnoParks. Forecasts of additional snow and cold temperatures should maintain the good quality snow into next week.
- Approximately 70% of the temporary snow poles in the Dutchman-Moon Mountain area have been placed. Trail navigation can be difficult without these poles. It is the responsibility of the user to know where they are.
- The Three Sisters Wilderness, Bend City Watershed, and “Dutchalo” area are all closed to snowmobiles and other motorized vehicles.
- Low elevation trails are currently a mixed bag. Many have patchy snow/ice and mud. Please do not ride, hike or run on muddy trails.
- High wind events in late January brought down many trees across the Forest. Volunteers are busy clearing downfall but trail users may encounter trees across the trail.
- Temporary closure on Deschutes River Trail from Dillon Falls to Slough. Temporary reroute in place. See inside for more details.
- Sno-Park permits are required in designated Sno-Parks. Funds from permit sales are used by ODOT to plow and remove snow from Sno-Park parking areas.
- Dogs are prohibited on the north side of Cascade Lakes Highway, including Meissner, Swampy, and Dutchman Sno-Parks.
- Until April 1st, winter trails that co-exist on summer roads are closed to motor vehicles.



FS Snow Rangers in Newberry Caldera after clearing downfall from a snowmobile trail. January windstorms knocked many trees down across the Forest. Logout in progress by area volunteers and FS staff.



Motorized closure breach near Crater Ditch. It is the visitor's responsibility to know where they are and to abide by all pertinent closures.



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SnoPark Conditions Table Coding:

Special area restrictions or notations relating to the table below are as follows:

- 1 = Area/trails closed to dogs except working dogs in harness on groomed snowmobile trails and only with a permit**
- 2 = Area open to dogs**
- 3 = Area/trails closed to motorized use**
- 4 = Vehicles with trailers limited to 40' overall length**
- 5 = High to extreme use with special area/trail restrictions, see sno-park information board, trail maps and area signing for full details. Very limited parking, try to avoid on weekends and holidays.**

Deschutes National Forest SnoPark Conditions Table

As of February 7th, 2019

General snow conditions: Excellent at high elevations and good at mid-elevation. Below average snowpack but still adequate coverage.

SNO-PARK NAME Designated trails or activities with numerical notations explained above	LOCATION Hwy or Road and milepost	PARK ELEV.	APPROX. SNOW DEPTH TOTAL	SNOW CONDITIONS AND SPECIAL COMMENTS (Conditions subject to change without notice and at the whim of Nature)
Meissner 1 Ski/snowshoe	HWY 46, MP 14	5,350'	18-36"	Good conditions. No dogs. Grooming in progress. Take the bus: http://www.mtbachelor.com/info/mtbachelor-shuttle/
Wanoga Snow Play , 2 3 Tubing/sledding Groomed ski/dog trails	HWY 46, MP 15	5,400'	24-48"	Good conditions. Expect heavy use on weekends. Pack home broken sleds and all trash.
Wanoga Snowmobile 2 Snowmobiling	HWY 46, MP 15	5,500'	24-48"	Good conditions. Area side roads closed to Hwy vehicles Dec. 1 - March 31.
Swampy 1 3 Ski/snowshoe	HWY 46, MP 16	5,800'	36-48"	Good conditions. Area roads closed to Hwy vehicles Dec. 1 - March 31
Vista Butte 1 3 Ski/snowshoe	HWY 46, MP 18	5,950'	48"	Good conditions. Area north of parking area closed to snowmobiles, use Kapka Butte or Wanoga.
Dutchman 1 4 5 Ski/shoe/snowmobiling	HWY 46, MP 22	6,250'	48-60"	Good conditions. Limited parking/no overnight camping. 40' max length limit for vehicle/trailer combination. Expect heavy use!



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Kapka Butte 2 Snowmobiling/ski/shoe	¼ mi. s. of Hwy 46, on Road 45	5,900'	48"	Good conditions. Area side roads closed to Hwy vehicles Dec. 1 - March 31.
Edison 2 Ski/shoe/snowmobiling	4 mi. s. of Hwy 46 on Road 45	5,000'	18-30"	Good conditions. Area roads closed to Hwy vehicles Dec. 1 - March 31.
Skyliner 2 Ski/snowshoe	Skyliner Rd MP 9	4,700'	Estimated 6- 12"	Gate/road to Tumalo Falls closed to motor vehicles for the season Road is ski/snowshoe trail.
Six Mile 2 Snowmobiling	Road 21, MP 6 East of Hwy 97	4,400'	12"	Marginal conditions due to low snow. Road 21 beyond Ten Mile closed to vehicles for winter season.
Ten Mile 2 Snowmobile/ski/shoe	Road 21, MP 10 East of Hwy 97	5,560'	18-36"	Poor conditions due to low snow. Road 21 beyond Ten Mile closed to vehicles for winter season.
Lower Three Creek 2 Snowmobile/Ski	Road 16, MP 8	4,400'	6-12"	Poor conditions due to low snow. Snow Park not currently plowed due to low use and lack of funding.
Upper Three Creek 2 Snowmobile/ski/shoe	Road 16, MP 11	5,250'	12-18"	Marginal conditions. Road 16 closed to vehicles at SnoPark.
Hwy 242 (McKenzie Pass) 2 Snowmobile/ski/shoe	Hwy 242, MP 7 from Sisters	3,800'	Estimated 6"	Hwy closed to summer access. Parking area may not be plowed.
Crescent Junction 2 Snowmobiling	Hwy 58/Road 60 MP 1/2	4,750'	18"	Good conditions.
Crescent Lake 2 Snowmobiling/BC (no ski/snowshoe trails)	Hwy 58/Road 60 MP 2	4,700'	18"	Good conditions.

For more information on winter trail grooming and maintenance, go to:

- **Meissner Nordic Club** - Ski trail grooming at Meissner – <http://www.meissnernordic.org/>
- **Central Oregon Nordic Club** - Ski/snowshoe trail maintenance on most area blue diamond trails - <http://conordicclub.org/new/>
- **DogPac** - Grooming/maintenance on ski trails open to dogs out of Wanoga Snow Play Sno-Park - <http://dogpac.org/>
- **Central Oregon Snowbusters and Sisters Sno-Go-Fers Snowmobile Clubs** - Wanoga to Sisters area trail grooming – <http://mooncountry.us/grooming-report.aspx>



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- **La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers Snowmobile Club** – Newberry National Volcanic Monument area trails - <http://www.lapinedodgerssnow.org/default.aspx>
- **Walker Rim Riders Snowmobile Club** - Crescent area - <http://www.walkerrimriders.com/page125235.aspx>
- **Mt. Jefferson Snowmobile Club** - Santiam Pass area - <http://www.mtjefferson.org/>
- **COTA Winter Fat Bike Trail Grooming** - out of Wanoga Snow Play Sno-Park, for the 2018-19 winter season as snow conditions allow - <http://www.cotamtb.com/winter-fat-bike-trails-grooming-info.html>

WINTER MAP DOWNLOADS ON iPhone, ANDROID OR TABLET:

Using the GPS in your phone the Avenza Maps app works on your iPhone or Android smart phone or tablet to show you your location on a map you have downloaded. You will need the Avenza Maps app on your iPhone or Android to use this function. If you do not already have the Avenza Maps app you will need to download this free app.

Go to: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/deschutes/maps-pubs/?cid=STELPRDB5408820> to download PDF winter maps directly.

DESCHUTES NATIONAL FOREST SUMMER TRAIL CONDITIONS AS OF 2/7/19:

****ALL SUMMER TRAILS ARE UNDER SNOW/INACCESSIBLE, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED BELOW****

Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District

- ❖ **Phil’s Area Trails** – Patchy snow and ice. Please do not ride on muddy trails. E-Bikes are NOT allowed on any non-motorized trails. For more information on COTA, go to: <http://cotamtb.com/>
- ❖ **Deschutes River Trail** – Patchy snow and ice possible. Cleared of down trees from Rimrock Trailhead to Sunriver. Northwest Forest Passes are required for parking in posted NWFP locations. Iron Ranger fee stations are available at: Meadow Picnic, Road 41 and Hwy 46 junction, Benham East and Lava Lands “After Hours Parking Lot” (Black Rock TH).
- ❖ **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). Patchy snow and ice possible. Heavy use on weekends.
- ❖ **Lava Lands Trails** - Lava Lands trails are open, including interpretive trails and Lave Butte trails. Lava River Cave now CLOSED for the season. Patchy snow and ice possible.



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- ❖ **Tumalo Creek 2 Trail** – Possible patchy snow and blowdown. Hiker only.
- ❖ **Horse Butte to Swamp Wells area trails** – Patchy snow and ice possible from Horse Butte to Swamp Wells Horse Camp. Deep snow and likely downfall south of Horse Camp.
- ❖ **Peter Skene Ogden Trail** – Snow and ice on lower section. Deep snow on upper part.
- ❖ **Lava Cast Forest Trailhead** – Deep snow. NWFP required!
- ❖ **Hoffman Island Trailhead** – Deep snow.

Sisters Ranger District:

- ❖ **Black Butte Trail** – Possible downfall with patchy snow and ice. Deep snow on upper elevations. NWFP required at TH.
- ❖ **Metolius River Trails** – Clear of downfall. Possible snow and ice. **Canyon Creek Trailhead now OPEN.**
- ❖ **Suttle Lake Trail** - Snow and ice. Possible downfall.
- ❖ **Lake Creek Trail** – Snow and ice. Possible downfall.
- ❖ **Whychus Creek** – Patchy snow and ice. 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) – Patchy snow and ice possible. Trailhead and trail are in good condition. Please stay on designated trails.
- ❖ **Peterson Ridge Trails** – Patchy snow and ice possible.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL TRAIL EVENTS:

February 10TH – Tour for the Heart – Cross country ski race around Bachelor oval, Dutchman Loop, Common Corridor

SEASONAL ROAD CLOSURES/OPENINGS:

Hwy 46	CLOSED at West Village turnout.
FR 370	CLOSED for winter season.
Tumalo Falls Road	CLOSED for winter season.
FR 21	CLOSED at 10 Mile SnoPark for winter season.
Hwy 242	CLOSED for winter season.
FR 16	CLOSED for winter season.
FR 60	CLOSED for winter season.



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“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

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

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

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