



Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

P.O. Box 42650
Olympia, WA 98504-2650
(360) 902-8500 • TDD (360) 664-3133
www.parks.wa.gov

Commission members:
Joe Toller
Joan Thomas
Fred Olson
Cecilia Vogt

Agency director: Rex Derr

All Washington state parks are developed and maintained for the enjoyment of all people.

To request this brochure in an alternative format, please call (360) 902-8844 or the Washington Telecommunications Relay Service at (800) 833-6388. PRR 43-16100-11 (10/08)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Code of Ethics

Winter Recreation

Washington State Parks

- I will respect all public and private property and the rights of all winter recreationists to enjoy the beauty.
- I will park consistently without blocking other vehicles or impeding access to trails.
- I will keep to the right when meeting other winter recreationists and yield the right-of-way to downhill traffic.
- I will slow down and use caution when approaching or overtaking another snowmobile in a designated area, trail-use signs and established ski tracks.
- When stopping, I will not block the trail. I will not disturb wildlife and will avoid areas posted for their protection or feeding.
- I will not litter and I will pack out everything I packed in.
- I realize that my destination and travel speed are determined by my equipment, ability, terrain, weather and traffic on the trail. In case of an emergency, I will volunteer assistance. I will not interfere with or harass others.
- I will not interfere with or harass others or snowmobilers by my actions.

Ten Essentials

Stay Safe: Carry

- Extra food/water
- Extra clothing
- Map
- Compass
- Knife
- Matches
- Fire starter
- First aid kit
- Sunglasses
- Flashlight

Contacts

Important

Department of Transportation
Traffic information line 511
www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/511

Highway Advisory Radio (HAR)
530 AM on your radio when in effective range
1610 AM (I-90 corridor from North Bend to Ellensburg)

Northwest Avalanche Hotline:
(206) 526-6677
www.nwac.us

Washington State Parks
Winter Recreation Program
(360) 902-8844
www.parks.wa.gov/winter

Non-Motorized Program
For trail grooming updates:
www.parks.wa.gov/winter

Sno-Parks with Joint Parking

Sno-Parks with Special Fee

The following Sno-Parks require an additional groomed-trail permit fee.

- Chiwawa (1,920 ft)
- Lake Wenatchee State Park (1,875 ft)
- Cabin Ridge (2,000 ft)
- Nason Creek (2,462 ft)
- Cystal Springs (2,400 ft)
- CS Road 54 (2,400 ft)
- Hyak (2,560 ft)
- Lake Easton State Park (2,200 ft)
- Mount Spokane (4,600 ft)

The following Sno-Parks allow snowmobile parking

Where can I get a statewide groomed cross-country ski trails guide?

A statewide groomed cross-country ski trails guide may be purchased from the Winter Recreation Program. This 60-page, pocket-size guide gives detailed descriptions of Sno-Park and commercial cross-country ski areas, including trail networks, difficulty ratings and other winter information.

Where can I buy a permit?

Sno-Park permits may be purchased at more than 125 retail locations throughout the state or by mail from the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Winter Recreation Program, P.O. Box 42662, Olympia, WA 98504-2662. One-day passes also are available online at www.parks.wa.gov/winter from Nov. 15 to April 30.

May I use my Sno-Park permit in other states?

The Washington Sno-Park permit is accepted in Oregon travel, vehicle maintenance, supplies, etc.

How Revenue is Spent

Average Year

- Trail grooming and trail grooming equipment: 40%
- Administration*: 18%
- Snow Removal and sanitation: 23%
- Education and enforcement: 10%
- Emergency reserve: 7%
- Facility development and services: 2%

*Includes: salaries, overhead costs, signs, printing, travel, vehicle maintenance, supplies, etc.

What is the Washington State Parks Sno-Park Program?

The Sno-Park Program was developed to provide cleared parking areas for winter recreationists. It is solely supported by user fees. Presently, there are more than 45 areas for non-motorized winter recreation.

Sno-Park plowing is secondary to highway plowing; some Sno-Parks may not be cleared completely during the winter. Do not park on highway interchanges. Always be prepared—carry chains and a shovel as Sno-Parks are not graveled or sanded.

What is the cost of a permit?

Sno-Park permits cost \$10 per vehicle for a one-day pass, \$30 per vehicle for a season pass and \$30 per vehicle for a Special Groomed Trails sticker. One season pass may be used for two vehicles with license plates registered to individuals living in the same household; however only one vehicle at a time may use the pass.

How Revenue is Spent

Average Year

- Trail grooming and trail grooming equipment: 40%
- Administration*: 18%
- Snow Removal and sanitation: 23%
- Education and enforcement: 10%
- Emergency reserve: 7%
- Facility development and services: 2%

*Includes: salaries, overhead costs, signs, printing, travel, vehicle maintenance, supplies, etc.

What is the Washington State Parks Sno-Park Program?

The Special Groomed Trails sticker is required in conjunction with the \$30 season pass at Mount Spokane Sno-Parks, Lake Wenatchee, Nason Ridge and Mount Spokane Sno-Parks. The one-day pass may be used at these Sno-Parks without purchasing the Special Groomed Trails sticker.

All permits must be displayed in the lower left corner (driver's side) of the windshield. All vehicles licensed in Washington state must have a Washington Sno-Park permit. Proceeds are used exclusively for non-motorized Sno-Park facilities. The money provides snow removal, sanitary facilities, trail grooming, signs, maps, parking for construction and administration of the Sno-Park Program.

Where can I buy a permit?

Sno-Park permits may be purchased at more than 125 retail locations throughout the state or by mail from the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Winter Recreation Program, P.O. Box 42662, Olympia, WA 98504-2662. One-day passes also are available online at www.parks.wa.gov/winter from Nov. 15 to April 30.

May I use my Sno-Park permit in other states?

The Washington Sno-Park permit is accepted in Oregon travel, vehicle maintenance, supplies, etc.

How Revenue is Spent

Average Year

- Trail grooming and trail grooming equipment: 40%
- Administration*: 18%
- Snow Removal and sanitation: 23%
- Education and enforcement: 10%
- Emergency reserve: 7%
- Facility development and services: 2%

*Includes: salaries, overhead costs, signs, printing, travel, vehicle maintenance, supplies, etc.

Sharing The Trail

With Dog Teams

Please yield the trail to a dog team.

- It can be difficult to stop a large dog team quickly.
- Be aware that a dog team may not be able to stop on some steep trails. They can slow down but not stop.

Dogs are NOT allowed on GROOMED Cross-Country Ski Trails

Dog Teams:

- Pick up and remove dog waste within the parking areas. Leave no trace: Pack it in, Pack it out.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash or tug within a one-mile radius of the parking area.
- Dog sled drivers must look for signs of other users and be ready to control their team.
- If in doubt about the trail conditions, remove some tugs and use a drag brake.
- Try not to stop your team when there is low sight distance, i.e. blind curves, at the base of steep hills, etc.
- When overtaking a slower team, ask the driver about passing and control your team. Be very careful when completing a head-on pass.

Cross-country Skiers, Snowshoers with Dog(S), Skijorers on dog-approved trails:

- Dog(s) must be kept on a leash. A loose dog getting into a dog team can lead to injuries.
- Pick up and remove dog waste. Leave no trace: Pack it in, Pack it out.
- Skijorers must follow the same rules as dog teams.
- When being overtaken, move as far off the trail as practical and control your dog while the other team passes.
- When meeting an oncoming team, move off the trail and control your dog.

More Safety Reminders

- Avoid danger by skiing in areas where you are capable of skiing safely.
- Never ski alone and tell friends or family where you plan to go and when you expect to return.
- Plan your trip according to the weakest skier's ability.
- Stay tuned to local weather forecasts.
- Avoid avalanche areas by staying on marked trails.
- Bring shovel and tire chains as Sno-Park lots are not graveled or sanded.

Signs

Along the Trail

TRAILHEAD MARKER (brown with white symbol)	CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAIL BLAZER (blue)
TRAILHEAD MARKER (brown with white symbol)	SNOWMOBILE TRAIL BLAZER (orange)
CAUTION (red legend on yellow)	DO NOT ENTER (red legend on white)
CAUTION	DO NOT ENTER
ONE WAY (black legend on white)	DIRECTIONAL MARKER (blue with black symbol)
ONE WAY	DIRECTIONAL MARKER
EASIEST TRAIL (green legend on white)	MORE DIFFICULT TRAIL (blue legend on white)
EASIEST TRAIL	MORE DIFFICULT TRAIL
MOST DIFFICULT TRAIL (black legend on white)	GROOMED TRAIL PERMIT (brown with white letters)
MOST DIFFICULT TRAIL	GROOMED TRAIL PERMIT
	DESIGNATED SNO-PARK (brown with white letters)
	DESIGNATED SNO-PARK

Special Trail Grooming Permit

SNO-PARK Permit Issued by Washington State Parks and Recreation

Protect Yourself

From Hypothermia

Hypothermia is caused by the lowering of body temperature. Even the loss of a few degrees can be incapacitating and should be guarded against whenever you are outdoors.

Protect yourself by remembering a few basic tips:

- Maintain your energy supply by eating high-calorie foods frequently during your trip. Exercise will then maintain heat production. Avoid becoming overly fatigued.
- Wear appropriate layered clothing. Wool is the best protection if you become wet. Certain new synthetics also are good protection. Avoid wearing cotton next to your skin. When it is wet, it draws heat from your body. Down is good in dry conditions but becomes ineffective when wet.
- Seek shelter from wind and rain if you are lost. Try to stay dry and warm. Set up your tent or dig a snow cave. Build a fire if dry wood is available. Take care to stay dry. Put on any extra clothing.
- Carry food, clothing, some sort of shelter and matches. Extra dry clothing may save your life.

Trail Tips

- Buy your permit before you leave home. Permits may not be available near your Sno-Park destination.
- Leave pets at home unless using a dog-friendly area.
- Do not walk on the trail.
- When stopping, move to the side of the trail.
- Skiers coming downhill have the right-of-way.
- Obey all signs and recreate within your ability.
- Improve technique to improve your fun.
- Recreate in a single file to the right of the trail.
- Sound a pleasant warning when passing a slower recreationist.
- If you happen to fall, fill your hole.
- Recreate only in the direction marked by the arrows.

Washington State Parks

Winter Recreation

non-snowmobile

Sno-Parks

This publication is informational only. Trail conditions and information will vary based on weather, snow conditions and other factors.

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Winter Recreation

non-snowmobile

Sno-Parks

The information presented in this brochure was the latest available at print time. For up-to-date information, please go online to www.parks.wa.gov.

Sno-Park List

Mt. Baker/Methow Area

Mt. Baker Ranger District
(360) 856-5700 ext. 515

1. Salmon Ridge (2,000 ft)

East of Bellingham. I-5 Exit 255 to Mt. Baker Hwy 542 east for 46 mi. First driveway on left after crossing bridge. For dog-friendly trail, turn left before bridge (Hannegan Pass Road).
40 spaces
Tracks, skate lane 30 km; dog-friendly trail groomed intermittently

542

2. Shadow of the Sentinels (1,000 ft)

East of Hamilton. State Route 20 to Baker Lake Hwy north for 15 mi
15 spaces
Dog-friendly

20

Tonasket Ranger District

(509) 486-2186

3. Highlands (3,830 ft)

15 miles northeast of Tonasket. Havillah Road/County Road 9467 for 15 mi to Mill Creek Road/USFS Road 3230 for 1.5 mi to the upper parking lot or .3 mi to the lower lot
15 spaces
Tracks, skate lane 30 km

97

Methow Valley Ranger District

(509) 996-4003

4. South Summit (4,010 ft)

12 mi east of Twisp. Hwy 20 to USFS Road 41 south for .3 mi
30 spaces
Tracks, skate lane 46 km; dog-friendly trail

20

Leavenworth/Chelan Area

Wenatchee River Ranger District
(509) 763-3103 (snow removal)

Lake Wenatchee State Park
(509) 763-3101 (grooming)

5. Chiwawa (1,920 ft)

1.5 mi east of Hwy 207 on Chiwawa Loop Road
50 spaces
See & Ski Trail loop groomed for track & skate skiing 9 km; Flying Loop (4.8 km) & Squirrel Run (4 km) trails are not groomed.

2 207

Lake Wenatchee State Park (1,875 ft)

North of Leavenworth. Hwy 2 west to State Route 207 South lot: Left on Cedar Brae Road to park entrance. North lot: 1 mi beyond south lot on SR 207
100 spaces
8 am-dusk
Tracks, skate lane 5 km north side, 30 km south side (connected to Nason Ridge system); tubing hill, snowshoe trail 6.5 km

2 207

Nason Ridge (2,000 ft)

North of Leavenworth. Hwy 2 west to State Route 207 for 3.5 mi. Turn left on Cedar Brae Road to Lake Wenatchee State Park South Park entrance, turn left at entrance but do not enter park. Go .5 mi, turn left until the road forks; stay on the left fork to Kahler Glen Golf Course. Sno-Park is at entrance.
20 spaces
8 am-dusk
Tracks, skate lane 28 km (connected to Lake Wenatchee system)

2 207

Blewett/I-90 Area

Cle Elum Ranger District
(509) 852-1100

6. Pipe Creek (3,600 ft)

29 mi east of Cle Elum via Hwy 97
20 spaces
Backcountry route that connects to Swauk Campground and Blewett Pass Sno-Parks
Trails 92 km

97

Swauk Campground (3,120 ft)

27 mi east of Cle Elum via Hwy 97
25 spaces
Backcountry route that connects to Pipe Creek and Blewett Pass Sno-Parks
Trails 92 km

97

Icon Legend

- Special Groomed Trails Permit required
*not needed with One-day Permit
- Joint non-motorized sports and snowmobile parking lot
- Designated groomed cross-country ski area
- Designated snowshoe area
- Designated tubing area
- Non-groomed area for all non-motorized users

Sno-Park permit required unless noted otherwise.

Sanitation facilities are found at all Sno-Parks.

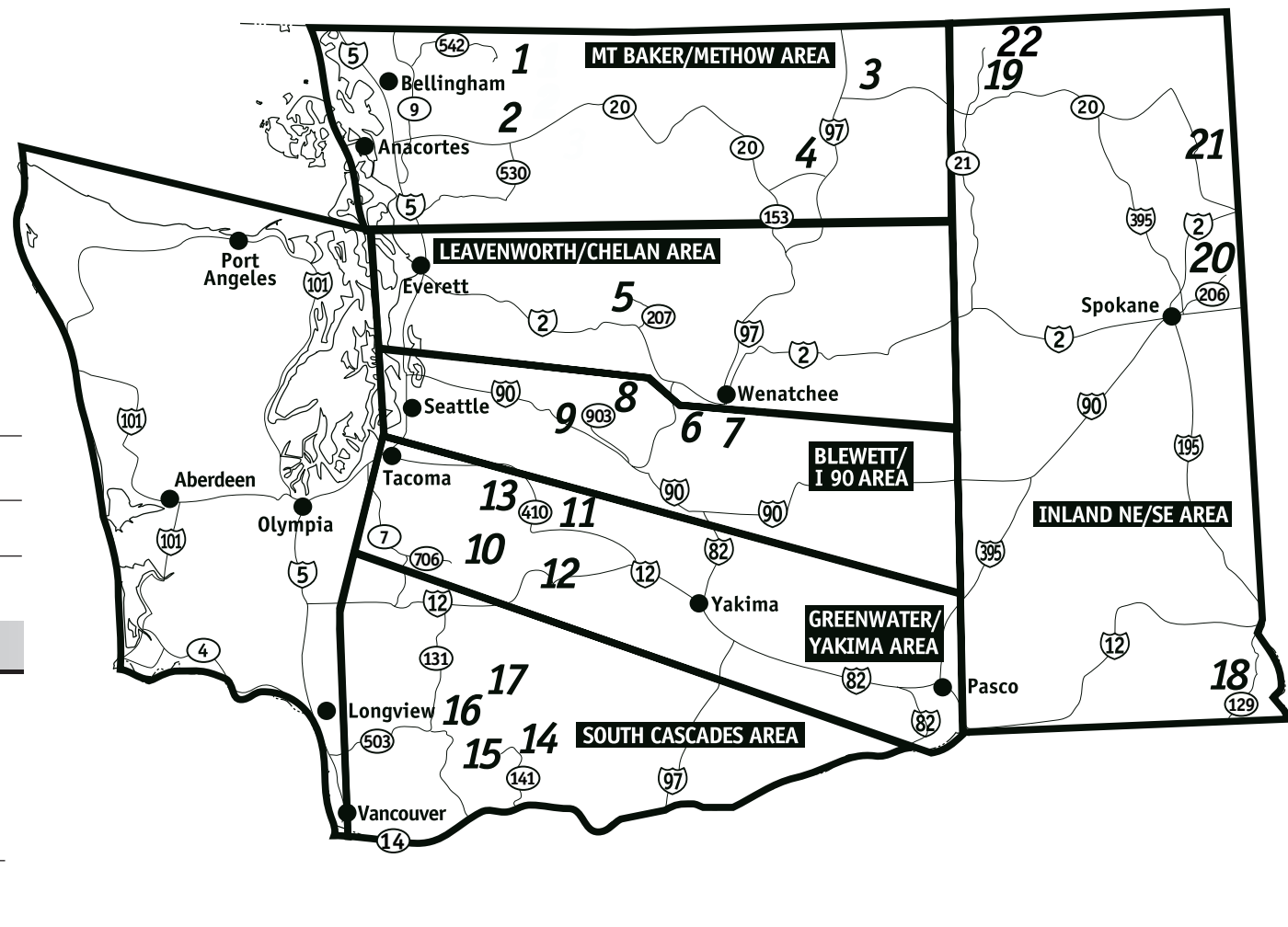
For trail grooming updates visit: www.parks.wa.gov/winter

Map Legend

- Interstate Route
- State Route
- U.S. Route
- Major City

The closest highway is indicated to make locating Sno-Parks easier.

Sno-Park Location Map



7. Blewett Pass (4,100 ft)

25 mi south of Leavenworth. Hwy 97 to top of Blewett Pass, connects to Swauk Campground and Pipe Creek Sno-Parks
30 spaces
Trails 92 km



97

8. Salmon La Sac (2,360 ft)

North of Roslyn. I-90 Exit 80 to State Route 903 north for 16 mi. Parking off USFS Road 4315
100 spaces
Trails 6 km



90 903

9. Gold Creek (2,560 ft)

1 mi north of I-90 Exit 54, north of freeway; back country ski and snowshoe opportunities
200 spaces
Limited snow play, dog-friendly



90

Kachess (2,350 ft)

4 mi north of I-90 Exit 62 on Kachess Lake Road
100 spaces



90

Cabin Creek (2,462 ft)

10 mi east of Snoqualmie Summit. I-90 Exit 63
200 spaces
Tracks, skate lane 16 km



90

Lake Easton State Park

(509) 656-2230 (recording), 656-2586 (voice)

Cle Elum Ranger District

(509) 852-1100 (Erting Stordahl grooming)

Crystal Springs (2,400 ft)

8 mi east of Snoqualmie Summit. I-90 Exit 62 then 1 mi south on USFS Road 54
250 spaces
Iron Horse State Park trails, Erling Stordahl Ski trails, skate lane 20 km; snowshoe trail 3 km, dog-friendly trail for dog teams or leashed dogs



90

Hyak (2,560 ft)

I-90 Exit 54. Turn south at off-ramp to intersection. Turn left, go about 1/8 mi and turn right. Sno-park is on first right.
150 spaces
8 am-dusk
Tracks, skate lane 11.2 km; tubing hill, John Wayne Pioneer Trail, no overnight camping or snowshoeing



90

Lake Easton State Park (2,200 ft)

I-90 Exit 70 in day-use area
30 spaces
Tracks, skate lane 9.6 km (first .6 mi of snowmobile trail runs beside ski trail)



90

Greenwater/Yakima Area

Mt. Tahoma Trails Association
(360) 569-2451 (weekends)
www.skimtta.com

10. 1 Road (2,360 ft)

6.5 mi east of Elbe. Hwy 706 east to 553rd Street (DNR 1 Road) south
20 spaces
Tracks 44 km



7 706

92 Road (3,300 ft)

6 mi east of Elbe. Hwy 706 east to 278 Street East north for .5 mi. Continue 5 mi north on Roads 8, 9 & 92 to parking area.
25 spaces
Tracks 28 km



7 706

Naches Ranger District

(509) 653-1400

11. Crow Lake Way (3,400 ft)

40 mi northwest of Naches via Hwy 410
14 spaces
Tracks 11 km



410

Hells Crossing (3,250 ft)

18 mi northwest of Naches via Hwy 410
18 spaces
Tracks 11 km



410

Pleasant Valley (3,410 ft)

40 mi northwest of Naches via Hwy 410
10 spaces
Tracks 11 km



410

Union Creek (3,410 ft)

46 mi northwest of Naches via Hwy 410
8 spaces
Trails 11 km



410

12. Goose Egg (2,575 ft)

24 mi west of Naches. Hwy 12 to USFS Road 1200/Tieton Road south for .5 mi. Sno-park is on right side.
10 spaces
Track 3 km, groomed occasionally



12

North Fork Tieton (3,100 ft)

36 mi northwest of Naches. Hwy 12 to USFS Road 1200 & 1207
15 spaces
Tracks 20 km



12

Snoqualmie Ranger District - Enumclaw Office

(360) 825-6585

13. Sun Top (2,250 ft)

24.8 mi east of Enumclaw. Hwy 410 to USFS Road 73 south for 1.4 mi
20 spaces



410

Silver Springs (2,700 ft)

19 mi east of Enumclaw. Hwy 410 east, turn left onto Crystal Mountain Boulevard, go 50 yards and turn right into Sno-Park
15 spaces



410

South Cascades Area

Mt. Adams Ranger District
(509) 395-3480/3400

14. Pineside (2,800 ft)

5 mi north of Trout Lake. Hwy 141 north to County Road 17 & USFS Road 82
25 spaces
Tracks 28 km



141

Smith Butte (3,850 ft)

9 mi northeast of Trout Lake. Hwy 141 north to Mt. Adams Road & USFS Road 82
25 spaces



141

15. Lookout (2,832 ft)

Northeast of Carson. State Route 14 to Wind River Highway & USFS Road 31
5 spaces



14

Oldman Pass (3,040 ft)

Northeast of Carson. State Route 14 to Wind River Highway & USFS Road 3055
40 spaces
Tracks 24 km, snow play



14

Koshko (2,980 ft)

Northeast of Carson. State Route 14 to Wind River Highway & USFS 3054
60 spaces
Tracks 24 km



14

McClellan Meadows (2,900 ft)

Northeast of Carson. State Route 14 to Wind River Highway & USFS Road 3053
30 spaces
Tracks 24 km



14

Curley Creek (2,900 ft)

Northeast of Carson. State Route 14 to Wind River Highway & USFS Road 103
5 spaces



14

Government Mineral Springs

Northeast of Carson. Wind River Highway/USFS Road 30 to the end of USFS Rd 3065 (1 mi)
2 spaces



14

Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument

(360) 449-7800

16. Cougar (2,200 ft)

8 mi east of Cougar. Lewis River Road (State Route 503/USFS Road 90) to junction of USFS rds 83 & 8100
30 spaces
Trails 18 km



503

Marble Mountain (2,700 ft)

13 mi east of Cougar. Lewis River Road (State Route 503/USFS Road 90) to junction of USFS rds 83 & 8312
230 spaces
Limited base setting, trails 30 km

503



Ape Cave (2,115 ft)

East of Cougar. Lewis River Road (SR 503/USFS Road 90) to junction of USFS roads 83 & 8303, turn west (left) onto Road 8303 and go .2 mi toward the Trail of Two Forests
15 spaces



503

Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

(360) 497-1100

17. Wakepish (2,800 ft)

19 mi south of Randle. Hwy 131 south to USFS Road 25 go .12 mile up USFS Rd 99
30 spaces



131

Inland NE/SE Area

Fields Spring State Park
(509) 256-3332

18. Fields Spring (4,000 ft)

4.5 mi south of Anatone via Hwy 129
50 spaces
8 am-dusk
Tracks 9 km, tubing hill, warming huts



129

Three Rivers Ranger District - Kettle Falls Office

(509) 738-7700

19. Sherman Pass (5,575 ft)

Northwest of Colville. Hwy 395 to Hwy 20 west for 23 mi to Sherman Pass. Parking on north side
25 spaces



20

Three Rivers Ranger District - Colville Office

(509) 684-7000

Frater Lake (3,180 ft)

East of Colville. Hwy 20 east to Frater Lake trailhead
15 spaces
Trails 16 km, warming hut



20

Mount Spokane State Park

(509) 238-4258/4025 (snow line)

20. Mount Spokane (4,600 ft)

Northeast of Spokane (3.5 mi inside Mount Spokane State Park). Hwy 2 north to Hwy 206, enter at Mount Spokane Park Drive on Linders Ridge.
180 spaces
8 am-10 pm
Tracks, skate lane 23 km



2 206



Snowshoe Parking Lot (3,900 ft)

Northeast of Spokane (1.7 mi inside Mount Spokane State Park). Hwy 2 north to Hwy 206, enter at Mount Spokane Park Drive on Linders Ridge.
20 spaces
8 am-10 pm



2 206

Newport Ranger District

(509) 447-3129

21. Geophysical (2,480 ft)

North of Newport. Hwy 2 east across the Pend Oreille River. Immediately turn north at the end of the bridge onto Le Clerc Road/County Road 9305 and follow for 7.5 mi to Indian Creek Road/Co Rd 3029 east. Go 1.5 mi to trailhead.
20 spaces
Tracks 11 km



2

Republic Ranger District

(509) 775-7400