

Lake Wenatchee Sno-Park Report

Sunday 03/12/2023 6:45 am 31 degrees 0.0" new snow 26" max snow depth

General Information:

Today is the last day of grooming within the non-motorized Sno-Parks in the Lake Wenatchee Area.

North Park, Lower Nason, Upper Nason, Chiwawa, South, and Kahler Glen are currently getting their final grooming and they're looking pretty good for this late season. Though some bare patches remain you may notice that the North and Chiwawa are particularly better than last week.

It was a great season with snow coverage, no washouts on trails, and great visitors that continue to support the Sno-Park program. We are extremely appreciative of your support and know that users like you make grooming trails a possibility. The permits completely fund the Sno-Park system, and it really makes it enjoyable to have a community that shows passion in winter recreation. The local volunteers in our community work tirelessly to keep snowshoe trails open and clear while also providing some insight to our XC Trails so great thanks go to them as well, we wouldn't be able to have the system we do without them. Again, we thank you for your support!

We're now at the end of our winter grooming season. Today, March 12th, will be the end of grooming for the season and begin our transition to regular State Park operations. On March 13th, a Discover Pass will be required to park within the State Park. Keep in mind while the grooming stops today, your snowy adventures don't have to. Trails will still be apparent for weeks to come, though markings and signage will be removed.

Suggested Trail of the Day:

Everywhere is doing pretty great! I'd stay away from water fronts. This includes lake shore and river shores at North Park and Chiwawa. The north park seeing the most significant melt off along the Lake shore. Kahler Glen and Nason ridge prove to be the best conditions all around.

Trail Network	Time Groomed	Comments
South Park	2:45 am	Groomed.
North Park	5 am	Groomed. Coverage along the lake front is thinning, no tracks laid at the lake front and there are sections that have limited grooming.
Nason Ridge	8 am	Lower & Upper Nason groomed.
Kahler Glen	4:40 am	Groomed. Good skiing throughout this network.
Chiwawa	9:30 am	Groomed. Expect thinning coverage along water fronts on the See n' Ski.
Sled Hill	OPEN. Typically, groomed Thurs - Mondays.	

Ice Rink	CLOSED: The ice rink is closed for the foreseeable future. Unfortunately, we had people ignore that the rink was closed, and decided to move snow themselves and created piles all over the rink. Subsequently, those snow piles ruin the ice and make it impossible for grooming. There are crews working on the snow, and we will update again, if we are able to open the rink anytime in the future.
Snowshoe Trails	OPEN. Snowshoe trails marked by blue tape in the forest and blue markers in the open.
Camp Store	OPEN. Fri - Sun 10am - 4pm in Jan & Feb. Warm up by the fire at the Camp Store in the South Park . They offer snowshoe rentals, hot food and drinks, snacks, firewood, sleds and much more wintertime essentials. For any questions about the Camp Store call: (509) 800-7339

[Additional Information](#)

- Many thanks to all our volunteers who maintain the miles of snowshoe trails and ice rink maintenance, and much thanks to Kahler Glen Community Association and Kahler Mountain Club for their partnership and support. Also like to thank you to Western River Conservancy & Chelan County for access to Nason Ridge.
- Check out our winter recreation [promotional video](#)
- Get current snow/weather conditions : [Weather Station](#)
- Local forecast: [National Weather Service Point Forecast](#)

[Permit Information](#)

During the Sno-Park season a Daily Sno-Park pass (\$25) or a Seasonal Sno-Park Pass with the Groomed Trails sticker (\$120) is required to park in all non-motorized Sno-Parks in the Lake Wenatchee Area. This pass is for the vehicle - no other passes are required! Self-pay stations are available in the North and South State Park areas for day passes. A credit card machine is also located in the South Park, where you may purchase daily or seasonal passes. You may also purchase a permit through local vendors in the area to include: Midway Village, Lake Wenatchee Village, Plain Hardware, and Der Sportsman. Permits are available online: epermits.parks.wa.gov

PEAK GROOMING SEASON SCHEDULE*							
Trail Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
North Park							
South Park	Reduced Grooming**			Reduced Grooming**			
Kahler Glen	Reduced Grooming**			Reduced Grooming**			
Lower Nason							

Nason Ridge							
Chiwawa							

*Grooming schedule is subject to change based on snow conditions and mechanical issues. Schedule will not accurately reflect grooming during early and late season due to snow conditions. Always refer to the Daily Grooming Report before heading out.

**During reduced grooming days, the most popular, primary trails in the network are groomed. They also serve as connecting trails from one network to another.

XC Trail Descriptions

All trails groomed with full skate lane and single track.

Lake Wenatchee –South Park and Kahler Glen – 9.6mi / 15.4km

The Nason Ridge Sno-Park at Kahler Glen and the South Lake Wenatchee Sno-Park have approximately 15.4 k of groomed, interconnecting trails. The South State Park has 9.3 k of trails which include a series of 1-3 km loops and longer runs through forest and along lakeshore. Kahler Glen Golf Course trails provide 6.1 k of great views, snow conditions, and access to the Nason Ridge trails. These trails are continuous with the Nason Ridge trail system.

Nason Ridge Backcountry (Upper & Lower Nason) – 12.4mi / 20 km

This 20-kilometer groomed trail system begins at the Nason Ridge Sno-Park at Kahler Glen. (Nason Ridge can also be accessed at the South Lake Wenatchee Sno-Park adding 2k) Lower Nason is 7 kilometers of groomed rolling hills. At 5 k on the Lower Nason trail, a challenging 13.7 k loop option begins Upper Nason. Upper Nason climbs 1,500' to access 5 k of rolling, open, ridge-top terrain with spectacular views of Lake Wenatchee and the surrounding Cascade mountains.

Lake Wenatchee –North Park – 3.4mi / 5.5 km

The groomed trails in the North Park area provides 5.5 k of scenic trails which loop through the campgrounds, follow the river and lake shores, and run through quiet stretches of forest.

Chiwawa Sno-Park – 7.0mi / 11.3 km

This Sno-park offers 11.1 k of groomed trails, the See and Ski, a 7.6 k trail and the Squirrel Run a 3.5 k trail. The See and Ski and Squirrel Run connect 3k from the parking lot by crossing the Chiwawa loop road, creating a loop. Both trails pass through beautiful forest, the See and Ski has great views of the Wenatchee River. Additionally, the **ungroomed** Flying Loop provides a challenging 10 k marked ski route. Dogs are allowed on the XC ski trails only at the Chiwawa Sno-Park, after 10am.

Snowshoe Trail Descriptions

Over 12 miles of volunteer built and maintained Snowshoe Trails

Please stay off groomed ski surfaces for safety of skiers and to keep groomed trails of high quality, except for marked trail crossings.

Lake Wenatchee South Park – 2.5 mi loop, with possibility to access Nason Ridge and Kahler Glen

A 2.5-mi and a route to Nason Ridge for the more adventurous. The loop begins at the lake beach and follows the Wenatchee River downstream. A half mile down the trail a 200 yd “spur out-and-back trail” puts you at the confluence of Nason Creek and the Wenatchee River, shortly after, the trail enters a Ponderosa Pine / Douglas fir forest where evidence of wildlife is abundant. After a

road crossing, you will be faced with another intersection. Taking a right will continue your lake loop adventure. Taking a left will bring you to Kahler Glen trail networks. Further down the trail a turn off to gain access to Nason Ridge Snowshoe route begins 1.3 miles down the trail, where panoramic views of the valley are to be had. The trail eventually makes its way back to the beach you once departed from.

Nason Ridge Snowshoe Route – 3mi, out and back

From the Nason Ridge Sno-Park, snowshoe trails traverse the Kahler Glen Golf Course where a route to Nason Ridge can be found. Panoramic views begin at approximately 1.5 miles on Nason ridge and it is approx. 3-mi to the ridgetop where it ends at the xc ski trail. Please no walking on any portion of the groomed ski surface. This trail is the most difficult snowshoe route Lake Wenatchee Area Sno-Park's offer, though the trail grade is similar to an old logging road. Nason Ridge Snowshoe Route can also be accessed from Lake Wenatchee South Sno-Park.

Lake Wenatchee North Park – 2.3 mi loop

Beginning at the Lake Wenatchee North Sno-Park the trail brings you down to the Wenatchee River. Travel up stream where there are many viewpoints to eventually bring you to the North Beach of Lake Wenatchee in about a half mile. Travel back into the forest along the now extinct glacier's terminal moraine, a small hill running along the lake's shore. Shortly in you'll find a snowshoe trail intersection. Take a right, heading up the hill to make it back to the parking lot in a half mile. Taking a left will add an additional 1.3 miles where you will venture up and further along the rolling terrain.

Chiwawa Sno-Park – 1.5mi or 3.8mi semi-loop

Rockridge Snowshoe Trail is a 1.5-mi or 3.8-mi semi-loop snowshoe trail begins at Chiwawa Sno-Park trailhead, near the "Squirrel Run" XC ski trail. You will find yourself within a ponderosa pine forest that meanders uphill at a moderate rate. You'll cross along natural drainages and cross the xc ski trail a couple times. Along the trail you'll see massive boulders that were placed by ancient flooding and glaciers. The trail ends at the top where views of nearby mountains and forests can be taken in. - 600' elevation gain, great views.

150' Sled Hill

Will typically be groomed Thursday through Monday.

Located within Lake Wenatchee South Park. A moderate slope, about 150' long. Good for families.

Ice Rink Description

Will typically be groomed when precipitation has fallen or when significant use requires it.

Temperatures and snow fall may effect operating hours, always check the daily grooming report to confirm the rink is open.

The Nason Ridge Ice Rink is a 100'x200' ice rink operating at the Nason Ridge Sno-Park where it offers free rentals for all to enjoy. The rink is located at the Sno-Park parking lot, on the other side of the long building. Follow signs to gain access to an easy walk path to the rink. Once at the rink there is a small storage shed at the rink entrance where skates and balance assisting device are free to use. This is a new amenity that the Sno-Park offers, please sign in so we can track usage, this will allow us to make improvements in the future. Please read all the rules and the bulletin board at the ice rink prior to enjoying your time on the ice.

This rink is maintained and operated by local volunteers with a passion for winter recreation. Please

respect all rules, closures, and the equipment they have donated for the public use.