

# Oregon Ski Tours

## Novice Ski

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- Skiers need to bring the following items in a daypack (lined with a plastic bag to keep things dry):
  - Raincoat and rain pants
  - Warm coat and extra long sleeve shirt or sweater
  - Extra wool socks
  - Warm hat and gloves/mittens (bring extras)
  - Gaiters
  - Sunglasses and sunscreen
  - Lunch and snacks
  - At least one liter of water
  - A thermos with something hot to drink (optional)

(Date), (Day of Week), Novice Ski

### **Bennett Pass, Mt. Hood, OR**

Ski a 3-4 mile round trip tour on relatively easy terrain through the forest on a road. We will stop at the saddle before the S-curves for lunch and a view of the area. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

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### **Snow Bunny Hill, Mt. Hood, OR**

Join us on a 4-mile, nearly level trail to work on your newly learned skills. The trail is mostly in the woods and is quiet after passing the snow play area. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Novice Ski

### **Glacier View, Mt. Hood, OR**

Ski this gentle downhill road out and back through the forest near Government Camp. For more of a challenge we may complete the loop. We will explore Kurt's Konnection, which is nearly flat for a tour of less than 4 miles. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Novice Ski

### **Pocket Creek, Mt. Hood, OR**

Ski the Pocket Creek trail, a wide, gentle road which has views of the East Fork Hood River valley and Mt. Hood. It is an out and back of 3-5 miles depending on when you turn back. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

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**Robinhood Loop Trail, Mt. Hood, OR**

Ski an easy trail on the north side of Highway 35 across from Pocket Creek. The traverse is relatively flat through open woods. For those who still have energy, we can venture up Newton Creek. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Novice Ski

**Teacup Lake, Mt. Hood. OR**

Perfect your skills and enjoy the scenery on groomed trails, where conditions are nearly always good. Bring a \$10 donation to contribute for grooming, which is managed by volunteers from the Teacup Chapter of ONC. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Novice Ski

**Trillium Lake Loop, Mt. Hood, OR**

Ski 3-4 miles on relatively flat terrain to Trillium Lake (south of Hwy 26.) We will look for some bumps and hills to practice basic skills. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Novice Ski

**White River West, Mt. Hood, OR**

We will ski the trail next to White River toward the gravel pit. This is a wide, open area which is very good for beginning skiers. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

**Easy/Intermediate Ski**

(Date), (Day of Week), All Ability Ski

**Teacup Lake, Mt. Hood, OR**

The Teacup Chapter of ONC grooms and maintains this wonderful ski area. There are many easy short loops for beginners and longer loops for more advanced skiers. There is a view of Mt. Hood when the skies are clear. Bring a \$10 donation to contribute for grooming. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Easy/Intermediate Ski

**Glacier View Loop, Mt. Hood, OR**

Ski in Government Camp, combining the Glacier View Loop with Kurt's Connection for an easy 3-mile loop tour. For those who want a slightly greater challenge, we'll add the 1.2-mile Enid Lake Loop after returning to the sno-park. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Easy/Intermediate Ski

**Mineral Jane Trail, Mt. Hood, OR**

This out-and-back tour starts at the White River East Sno-Park and crosses the snow bridge over the White River. The easy group will ski until noon, have lunch, and return for a total distance of about 6 miles. The intermediate group will ski out until noon, then return for a total of 9 miles. The trail connects with a road that climbs the Barlow Ridge, providing unique views of Mt Hood and White

River Canyon. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Easy/Intermediate Ski or Snowshoe

### **Trillium Lake, Mt. Hood, OR**

This popular, comfortably-wide trail goes down, then around Trillium Lake. The loop is about 8 miles. Enjoy nice views of Mt. Hood from the south shore of the lake. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Easy/Intermediate Ski

### **Weygandt Loop, Mt. Hood, OR**

Ski the Weygandt Loop from the Tilly Jane parking area on the northeast side of Mt. Hood. When we reach the Cloud Cap road, the easy-level group will head back, making it a 5-mile loop. The intermediate group will ski up the old wagon road to Cloud Cap and back down the route. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Easy/Intermediate Ski

### **Mud Creek/Lost Man Loops, Trillium Basin, Mt. Hood, OR**

Ski the Mud Creek loop and include the Lost Man loop. When skies are clear, there are views of Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Hood, the Salmon River ridges, and the Clackamas high country. The distance for the longer tour is about 10.5 miles with a gain of about 1,200 ft. elevation. The self-guided easy tour follows the intermediate group, turning around when desired or goes around Trillium Lake (about 5 miles). Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

## **Intermediate Ski**

(Date), (Day of Week), Intermediate Ski

### **Mystery Ski (TBD)**

Come join us for a Wednesday activity. We ski where the snow is good! Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Intermediate Ski

### **Barlow Pass, Mt Hood, OR**

Ski from the Barlow Pass Sno-Park following the Mineral Jane Trail to the Barlow Saddle. We will turn left and follow the Barlow Ridge Trail to a high point of 4,730 ft., which views the White River Valley and Mt. Hood. Total distance is 7.4 miles round trip with an elevation gain of about 600 ft. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Intermediate Ski

### **Bennett Pass, Mt. Hood, OR**

Begin at the Bennett Pass Sno-Park (4,674 ft.). Ski past the Terrible Traverse to the ridge above Pocket Creek with views of the east side of Mt. Hood. Continue on to Bonney Junction at 5,400 ft. or beyond to Windy Gap for a total of 8 miles, 800 ft. elevation gain. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Intermediate Ski

**Camptown-Crosstown Trail, Government Camp, OR**

This is a relatively new trail that begins at Enid Lake. It goes through old growth trees and loosely parallels the North side of Highway 26. A loop is possible by connecting to the trails along the south side at the base of Summit Ski Area, which has the advantage of stopping to eat indoors and use indoor plumbing! Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Intermediate Ski

**Lookout Mountain, Mt. Hood, OR**

Ski up Lookout Mountain, the second highest point in the Mt. Hood National Forest, on the east side of Mt. Hood. The route is mostly on a road with a gradual rise. A mile from the summit is High Prairie, with great views to the north. At the top are views of the high plains to the east and south to the central Cascades. The return from the summit requires strong turning skills and good stamina for this 12-mile round trip tour, which gains 2,000 ft. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Intermediate Ski

**Teacup Lake, Mt. Hood, OR**

Cruise the groomed trails at Teacup Lake for 10-12 miles (classic, not skating). The pace will be reasonable with frequent breaks and time to appreciate the views. The lunch break will be in the sun or in the trailer. Excellent conditions are practically guaranteed. \$10 trail fee. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Intermediate Ski

**Twin Lakes, Mt. Hood, OR**

Join us on a loop tour that follows the Pacific Crest Trail. The loop passes by both lakes and is 9.7 miles with 1,100 ft. elevation gain. It is a fun challenge for an intermediate skier, best done in good snow conditions. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Intermediate Ski

**West Leg Trail, Mt. Hood, OR**

Starting in Government Camp, ski up West Leg Road, the original road that led to Timberline Lodge. It is a 5.3-mile uphill tour (10.6 round trip) with an elevation gain of 1,950 ft. and a great downhill run on the way back. Downhill skills are needed. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Intermediate Ski

**North and South Loops, Santiam Pass, OR**

Starting from the Ray Benson Sno-Park, ski to the North Blowout shelter on the North Loop then continue to Island Junction shelter via the Circle Lake trail. Return to the sno-park via the South Loop for a round trip of about 8 miles. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Intermediate Ski

**Island Junction & Brandenburg Shelters, Santiam Pass, OR**

Starting from the Ray Benson Sno-Park, ski to the Island Junction shelter on the south leg of the North Blowout loop and the Two Buttes trail. Continue to Brandenburg shelter and return via the South Loop for a round trip of about 10 miles. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

**Intermediate/Advanced Ski**

(Date), (Day of Week), Intermediate/Advanced Ski

**Bennett Pass to Pocket Creek Loop, Mt. Hood, OR**

This tour offers two options: 8.7 miles with approx. 800 ft. elevation gain or 11.3 miles with approx. 1,000 ft. elevation gain. Start at Bennett Pass, cross the Terrible Traverse, and have a thrilling downhill road run to the Pocket Creek trails. Those doing the shorter loop will head back to Bennett Pass. The longer loop follows the Meadows Creek trail around Teacup and returns via the Pocket Creek Tie Trail. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Intermediate/Advanced Ski

**Mineral Jane to Barlow Ridge, Mt. Hood, OR**

Join us for a challenging tour with a great view of Mt. Hood. Starting at White River, follow the Mineral Jane Trail (named for ONC's Jane Cox, who helped make this trail a reality in the early years of the club) to Barlow Saddle. From there follow the Barlow Ridge Trail to an open clear cut. We may ski up the ridge making it a ski of 10 miles and almost 1,000 ft. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Intermediate/Advanced Ski

**Tilly Jane to Cloud Cap Inn, Mt. Hood, OR**

Ski 11 miles with 2,300 ft. elevation gain. This trip is open to strong skiers, even if they cannot telemark. Start at the Tilly Jane Trail Head at 3,700 ft. and climb 2,000 ft. over 3 miles to the Tilly Jane A-frame where we can rest. Proceed to the Cloud Cap Inn, which we can tour if the Craig Rats are present and enjoy spectacular views of the Hood River Valley and Eastern Oregon. Depending on group strength, we can push higher above tree line for additional skiing. Return via the wagon trail and Cloud Cap Road. Skins are highly recommended; turning skills are required. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

**Advanced Ski**

(Date), (Day of Week), Advanced Ski

**Bonney Butte, Mt Hood, OR**

Ski the Bennett Pass trail to the top of the Bonney Butte. The trail goes past the Terrible Traverse at 2.4 miles and continues to Bonney Junction at 4.3 miles, with less than two miles to the summit of Bonney Butte from there. It is a 12-mile round trip with 1,500 ft. elevation gain. There are views of Mt. Hood along the way, and from the top of Bonney Butte you can see as far as the Three Sisters on a clear day. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

# Washington Ski Tours

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  - Lunch and snacks
  - At least one liter of water
  - A thermos with something hot to drink (optional)

(Date), (Day of Week), Novice Ski

### **Old Man Pass, Wind River, WA**

This is a loop ski, using Trails 150 and 148, which are usually groomed. Start at Old Man Pass Sno-Park, head past the McClellan Sno-Park, cross the road, then return passing Koshko Sno-Park. Total distance is about 3-4 miles with options for another 1.3 miles. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Novice Ski

### **Upper Wind River, WA**

Ski in the upper Wind River area on a 5-mile round trip route that follows the northern section of the Hardtime Loop. It goes through open areas and is very scenic on a clear day. If the group feels like it, we can ski a bit farther or add a short loop on the return. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

## Intermediate Ski

(Date), (Day of Week), Intermediate Ski

### **Kalama Trail, Mt. St. Helens, WA**

Come ski this wonderful, rolling trail with great views along the west side of Mt. St. Helens. Start at the Cougar Sno-Park and ski out and back on this scenic trail, which offers varied terrain. Total mileage is approximately 8 miles depending on conditions and group consensus. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Intermediate Ski  
**Sasquatch Loops, Mt. St. Helens, WA**

Ski from the Marble Mountain Sno-Park on the road to the trailhead for the Sasquatch Loops. The trail climbs up to nice views of the mountain. The descent can be challenging depending on ski conditions; bring skins if you have them, just in case. Total distance is approximately 8 miles. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Intermediate Ski  
**Crazy Hills, Wind River, WA**

Ski from the Lone Butte Sno-Park for 3 miles on a scenic, nearly-level road to the Beaver Marsh trail, a primitive road that leads to the flat, large meadows of the marsh with a view of Mt. Adams. Cross the marsh, climb to the Hidden Valley road, and begin a loop return. Depending on snow and weather conditions, the return leg of the loop is scenic, challenging, and interesting. This tour travels a little-visited area with multiple skiing routes. Maximum 9 miles with an elevation gain of 500 ft. Participants must be at least strong, intermediate-level skiers and be prepared for any kind of weather and snow. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

### **Intermediate/Advanced Ski**

(Date), (Day of Week), Intermediate/Advanced Ski  
**June Lake Loop, Mt. St. Helens, WA**

A gentle climb through a young fir forest takes you through the woods of snow-covered flows to June Lake, a 500 ft. elevation gain. We will lunch by the lake and cascading waterfall, then ski on the play hill and practice tele turns. After lunch ascend the hill and ski down the Swift Creek Trail or go higher on the mountain as conditions permit. Distance is 6-7 miles with about 900 ft. elevation gain. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Intermediate/Advanced Ski  
**Kalama Trail, Mt. St. Helens, WA**

Ski this wonderful, rolling trail with great views along the west side of Mt. St. Helens. This is an out-and-back trip suitable for both intermediate and advanced skiers. The intermediate group can turn around at any point for an easy return. The advanced group will continue as far as conditions and consensus permit. Elevation gain will be at least 1,000 ft. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

### **Advanced Ski**

(Date), (Day of Week), Advanced Ski  
**Muddy River Lahar, Mt. St. Helens, WA**

This adventurous trip leads to the scenic Muddy River lahar. A clear day offers fantastic views of the mountain. The route is about 12.5 miles with 800 ft. elevation gain. The mile-wide lahar, with the towering mass of Mt. St. Helens rising dramatically above, is the south side's most scenic feature. Weather permitting we will explore for the best views. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

# Skijoring

(Date), (Day of Week), (Difficulty Level) Skijoring

## **Trout Lake, WA**

Skijoring is skiing with dogs in harnesses and tow ropes connected to a waist belt. The goal is to bond with the animal and form a team approach to enjoying the outdoors. Teaching the dog and human to ski together and stay together is a rewarding part of the experience. Bring pulling harness if you have one, but a standard harness will do. Do not expect your dog to pull using a collar. A sno-park permit is required. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day of Week), Easy/Intermediate Skijoring, Dogs Welcome

## **Clear Lake, Mt Hood, OR**

Klindt calls skiing at Clear Lake “truly a scenic gem.” The area is mostly rolling and ideal for easy skiing. Its variety of forest, clear cuts, and lakeshore makes for fun skiing. There are a variety of choices from a 2-mile out and back to 10-mile loops. If you want to skijor, bring your equipment. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (name) (phone) (email).