

Ski Tours:

Updated March 2017

Novice Ski

Novice ski tours must have a leader and it is recommended to have a co-leader also—to help with the group..

Description listed in Newsletter and on the Web site:

These ski tours are for the inexperienced skiers. Novice tour leaders will not teach skiers how to ski, but the leaders will help new skiers as much as possible. Rent your skis the night before—the leader may not stop at ski rental shops (ask the leader). Please see [tour essentials](#) for what to bring with you.

Novice Ski Mt. Hood, Oregon

(Date), (Day), Novice Ski

Bennett Pass, Mt. Hood, OR

We will 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 a 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).

(Date), (Day), Novice Ski

Bunny Hill, Mt. Hood, OR

Join us on a four-mile, nearly level, trail and work on your newly learned skiing skills. The trail is mostly in the woods and quiet once we pass the inner-tubers at the snow play area. Bring the necessary gear (listed above). Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (Name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day), Novice Ski

Glacier View, Mt. Hood, OR

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

(Date), (Day), Novice Ski

Pocket Creek, Mt. Hood, OR

Come ski on the Pocket Creek trail, a wide, gentle road, which has views of the East Fork Hood River valley and Mt. Hood. It will be an out-and-back of between 3-5 miles with everyone being able to choose how far they want to go—turning back when ready for an easy descent. Bring the necessary gear (listed above). Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (Name) (phone) (email).

Note: not sure if this trail is still there—after the floods. Be sure to check it out before leading it.

(Date), (Day), Novice Ski

Teacup Lake, Mt. Hood, OR

Come ski these groomed trails, where you can nearly count on good conditions. You can perfect your skills and enjoy the scenery without having to worry so much about where your skis are going. Please bring a \$10 trail fee for the grooming, which is managed by volunteers from the Teacup Nordic club, and the necessary gear (see list above). Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (Name) (phone) (email).

**(Date), (Day), Novice Ski
Trillium Lake Loop, Mt. Hood, OR**

Join us to ski three to four miles on relatively flat terrain to Trillium Lake (south of Hwy 26.) We will look for some bumps and hills to practice basic skills. Bring the necessary gear (listed above). Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (Name) (phone) (email).

**(Date), (Day), 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 and very good for beginner skiers. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (Name) (phone) (email).

Novice Ski Wind River, Washington

**(Date), (Day), Novice Ski
Old Man Pass area, Wind River, WA**

This will be a loop ski, using Trails 150 and 148, which are usually groomed. We start at Old Man Pass Sno-Park, heading past the McClellan Sno-Park, cross the road then back, passing Koshlco Sno-Park, to our cars. The total distance will be about 3-4 miles with options for another 1.3 miles. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more information contact the leader, (Name): (phone) (email)

**(Date), (Day), Novice Ski
Upper Wind River, WA**

Come ski in the upper Wind River on a 5-mile round trip route that follows the northern section of the Hardtime Loop. It goes through some 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).

Easy and Easy Intermediate Ski

**(Date), (Day), Easy Ski
Glacier View Loop, Mt. Hood, OR**

Lets 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), Easy and Intermediate Ski
Mineral Jane Trail, Mt. Hood, OR**

Note – Bridge out as of March 2017. An ONC trail tending group led by Roy Buntin rebuilt the Mineral Jane Trail, originally built by the club in its early years. This tour starts at the White River East Sno-Park and crosses the snow bridge over the White River and goes out and back, so the easy group will ski until noon, have lunch, and return for a total distance of about six miles. The intermediate group, will ski out until noon, and return for a total of nine miles. The trail connects with a road that climbs the Barlow Ridge, providing some very 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), All Ability Ski
Teacup, Mt. Hood, OR**

The Teacup Nordic club grooms and maintains this wonderful ski area. There are many easy short loops to ski along with longer loops for the more skilled skier. There is a clear view of Mt. Hood when the skies are clear. Please bring a \$10 trail fee for the grooming. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (Name) (phone) (email).

**(Date), (Day), Easy Ski or Snowshoe
Trillium Lake, Mt. Hood, OR**

This is a popular, comfortably wide trail down and around Trillium Lake. The loop is about 8-mile loop, if you go all the way around. 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).

Easy/Intermediate Ski Mt. Hood, Oregon

**(Date), (Day), Easy and Intermediate Ski
Weygandt Loop, Mt. Hood**

Come ski the Weygandt Loop from the Tilly Jane parking area on the NE side of Mt. Hood. When we get to the Cloud Cap road, the Easy level group will head back to the cars, 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), Easy/Intermediate Ski
Mud Creek/Lost Man Loops, Trillium Basin, Mt. Hood, OR**

Lets ski the Mud Creek loop and include the Lost Man loop. If the skies are clear, we will have views of Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Hood, the Salmon River ridges and the Clackamas high country. The distance for the longer tour will be about 10.5 miles with a gain of about 1,200 ft elevation. The self-guided easy tour can follow the intermediate group, turning around when they desire or go 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

Mystery Ski (TBD)

**(Date), (Day), Intermediate Ski
Location 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).
Intermediate Ski Mt. Hood, Oregon

**(Date), (Day), Intermediate Ski
Barlow Pass, Mt Hood, OR**

We will 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 feet, which has a view of the White River Valley and Mt. Hood. We will ski about 7.4 miles round trip with an elevation gain of about 600 feet. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (Name) (phone) (email).

**(Date), (Day), Intermediate Ski Tour
Bennett Pass, Mt. Hood**

We will ski from the Bennett Pass Sno-Park. The elevation of Bennett Pass Sno-Park is 4674 feet and I hope the snow conditions will be adequate. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (Name) (phone) (email).

**(Date), (Day), Intermediate Ski
Camptown-Crosstown Trail, Government Camp, OR**

Starting at Glacier View Sno Park this trail 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 possibly 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), Intermediate Ski
Lookout Mountain, Mt. Hood, OR**

Come 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. From the top we will have 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 is needed for this 12 mile round trip tour, which gains 2,000 feet. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (Name) (phone) (email).

**(Date), (Day), Intermediate Ski
Teacup Lake, Mt. Hood, OR**

We will go to Teacup Lake and cruise the groomed trails for 10-12 miles, classic, not skating. The pace will be reasonable with frequent breaks and time to appreciate the view. Our 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), Intermediate Ski
Twin Lakes, Mt. Hood, OR**

Come join us on a tour that follow the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) to the lakes. The loop passes by the two 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 conditons. After passing the two lakes the trail connects back with the PCT for the trip back to the sno-park. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (Name) (phone) (email).

**(Date), (Day), Intermediate Ski
West Leg Trail, Mt. Hood, OR**

Lets 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) starting in Government Camp with an elevation gain of 1,950 feet and a great downhill run on the way back.--downhill skills needed. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (Name) (phone) (email).

**(Date), (Day), Intermediate Ski
North and South Loops, Santiam Pass, OR**

Starting from the Ray Benson Sno7Park we will ski to the North Blowout shelter on the north leg of the North Loop then continue to Island Junction shelter via Circle Lake trail. Our return to the Sno-Park will be 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), Intermediate Ski
Island Junction! Brandenburg Shelters, Santiam Pass, OR**

Starting from the Ray Benson Sno-Park we will ski to the Island Junction shelter on the south leg of the North Blowout loop and the Two Buttes trail. Then we continue to Brandenburg shelter and return via 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 Ski Mt. St. Helens, Washington

**(Date), (Day), 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. We will start from the Cougar Sno-Park and will ski out and back so skiers can choose their own distance on this scenic trail, which offers varied terrain. Total mileage is approximately 8 miles depending on conditions. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (Name) (phone) (email).

(Date), (Day), Intermediate Ski

Sasquatch Loops, Mt St Helens WA

We will ski from Marble Mountain Sno-Park on the road to the trailhead for the Sasquatch Loops. The trail then 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 Shari's in Vancouver off East Mill Plain Rd. for a 9:00 a.m. carpool departure. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (Name) (phone) (email).
Intermediate Ski Wind River, Washington

(Date), (Day), Intermediate Ski

Crazy Hills, Wind River, WA

We will ski from the Lone Butte Sno-Park for 3 miles on a scenic, nearly-level road to the Beaver Marsh trail, a primitive old road that leads to the flat, large meadows of the marsh with a view of Mt. Adams. We cross the marsh, climb to the Hidden Valley road and start a loop return. Depending on snow and weather conditions, the return leg of the loop could be very scenic, challenging and interesting. This tour introduces you to a little-visited area with multiple skiing routes. Maximum: 9 miles with an elevation gain of 500 feet. On the way home we will ski one mile into a private cabin for soup and bread, then back out to the Sno-Park to head home via Carson, Stevenson and the Bridge of the Gods—getting back to town at 7:00 or 8:00 p.m. Tour is limited to 10 skiers. 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 Mt. Hood, Oregon

Intermediate/Advanced Ski

(Date), (Day), 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. 1000 ft. elevation gain. We will start at Bennett Pass, cross the Terrible Traverse and have a thrilling downhill road run to the Pocket Creek trails. Those who want to do the shorter loop will head back to Bennett Pass. The rest will do the longer loop by following the Meadows Creek trail around Teacup and return 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), Intermediate/Advanced Ski

Mineral Jane to Barlow Ridge, Mt. Hood, OR

Note **Mineral Jane Bridge out as of March 2017**. Join us for a challenging tour with a great view of Mt. Hood. Starting at White River we 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 we follow the Barlow Ridge Trail to an open clear cut. We may ski up the further to the ridge making it a ski of 10 miles and almost 1,000 feet. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (Name) (phone) (email).

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

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

We will ski 11 miles with 2,300 ft. elevation gain. Turning skills are required. This trip is open to strong skiers, even if they cannot Telemark. The tour starts at the Tilly Jane Trail Head, 3,700 ft., and climbs 2,000 ft in three miles to the A-Frame, where we can rest, sheltered from the weather in a unique building from the 1930's. We then proceed to the Cloud Cap Inn. If the Craig Rats are home, we will tour this historic Inn built in 1889. From here, we will see spectacular views of the Hood River Valley and Eastern Oregon. Depending on the group strength, we can also push higher above tree line for additional skiing. Return is via the wagon trail and then Cloud Cap Road. Skins are highly recommended. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (Name) (phone) (email).
Intermediate/Advanced Ski Mt. St. Helens, Washington

(Date), (Day), 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-foot elevation gain. We will lunch by the lake with the eye catching cascading waterfall, then ski on the play hill and practice tele-turns. After lunch we ascend the hill and ski down the Swift Creek Trail or go higher on the mountain as conditions permits, a ski of 6-7 miles and 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), 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 will be an "out-and-back" trip so it will be suitable for both intermediate and advanced skiers. The intermediate group can turn around at any point for an easy return. The advance group will continue as far as conditions and consensus permit. Elevation gain will be at least 1,000 feet. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (Name) (phone) (email).

Advanced Ski

(Date), (Day), Advanced Ski

Bonney Butte, Mt Hood, OR

We will ski the Bennett Pass trail to the top of the Bonney Butte. The trail goes past the "Terrible Traverse" at 2.4 miles then continues to Bonney Junction at 4.3 miles with less than two miles to the top 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).
Advanced Ski Mt. St. Helens, Washington

(Date), (Day), (Advanced Ski

Muddy River Lahar, Mt. St. Helens, WA

This adventurous trip will lead to the scenic Muddy River lahar. A clear day will offer 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. If the snow level is too high and conditions are not good we will go out Bennett Pass then on to Windy Gap, with time to practice our tele turns on the hills. Meet at (meeting place) at (meeting time) to carpool. For more info contact the leader: (Name) (phone) (email).

Skijoring

(Date), (Day), Easy/Intermediate Skijor, Dogs Welcome

Clear Lake, Mt Hood, OR

Klindt calls skiing at Clear Lake "truly a scenic gem". This area is mostly rolling and therefore ideal for easy skiing. It's variety of forest, clear cuts and lakeshore makes for fun skiing. There are a variety of choices include: 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).

(Date), (Day), Skijoring

Trout Lake, WA

Skijoring is skiing with dogs in harnesses and towropes connected to a waist belt. The goal is to bond with the animal and form a team approach to enjoying the outdoors. Teaching the animal and human to ski together and stay together is the challenge and the most rewarding part of the whole experience. The animals seek the harness as a joy to put on because they are going to play in the great outdoors with their beloved

master. 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 information contact the leader, (Name): (phone) (email)