

Lake Wenatchee Sno-Parks Report

Sunday 012/15/2024 8:50 am 30 degrees 0" new snow 5" max snow depth

General Information:

Good morning winter recreation enthusiasts! Welcome to the 2024-2025 Sno-Park Season. Yes, the snow load is minimal currently, but we just can't wait to start skiing. We currently do not have enough snow to take our sno-cats out, but we are doing what we can to bring you the corduroyed ski trails that we all are hoping for.

Our crews have set out on snowmobile groomers and groomed all of the North Park except the west end of the system. Expect patchy snow in places under heavy tree canopy or near shorelines. Today our groomers will be grooming South Park with snowmobiles.

Throughout the next few days, you will see our staff transitioning signage through the systems. Currently there are no trail signs on snowshoe routes or ski routes, this hopefully will change when we receive more snow.

The sled hill is not currently open. We will begin looking to open and groom Chiwawa and Nason Ridge Sno-Park when more snow is received.

Sno-Park Permits are now required for parking at Lake Wenatchee South and North Park.

Grooming will occur intermittently until peak grooming begins. We will update this report when the grooming occurs.

Trail Network	Time Groomed	Comments
South Park	12/15	Grooming will begin today; however, it may take most of the day to get the trails established. Expect some patches of bare ground under heavy tree canopy.
North Park	12/14	Grooming occurred via snowmobiles. Most of the system has been groomed, except the west end of the system. Expect bare ground in places of heavy tree canopy and along shorelines.
Nason Ridge	Closed	Lower Nason:
	Closed	Upper Nason:
Kahler Glen	Closed	
Chiwawa	Closed	
Sled Hill	Closed. Typically, groomed Thursdays - Mondays.	
Ice Rink	CLOSED: The ice rink is closed.	
Snowshoe Trails	OPEN. Snowshoe trails marked by blue tape in the forest. Staff and volunteers are working on placing additional signage and markers out in the open.	
Camp Store	OPEN on Dec 27-Jan 5, 10am – 4pm. Jan & Feb, Fridays – Sundays & holiday Mondays 10am – 4pm. Warm up by the fire at the Camp Store in South Park . They offer snowshoe rentals, hot food and drinks, snacks, firewood, sleds and many more wintertime essentials. For any questions about the Camp Store call: (509) 800-7339.	

Additional Information

Warming Hut: Day use only, no overnight stays. Located at the intersection of the ski and snowshoes trail on the west saddle of Upper Nason Ridge. The Hut is available for day-use skiers and snowshoers to enjoy a fire in the wood stove. Firewood and fire starting is provided in the Hut.

- **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. Thank you also to 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, KMC Winter Pro-shop, and Der Sportsman. Permits are also available online: epermits.parks.wa.gov

PEAK GROOMING SEASON SCHEDULE*

Trail Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
North Park							
South Park							
Kahler Glen							
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.

XC Trail Descriptions

All trails groomed with full skate lane and single track.

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

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-kilometer 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 (Upper & Lower Nason) — 12.4 mi / 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 2 k.*) Lower Nason is 7 k 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 — 3.4 mi / 5.5 km

The groomed trails in the North Park area provide 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 — 7.0 mi / 11.3 km

This Sno-Park offers 11.1 k of groomed trails: the See and Ski 7.6 k trail and the Squirrel Run 3.5 k trail. The See and Ski and Squirrel Run connect 3 k 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 the 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 loop 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 yard “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 the Kahler Glen trail networks. Further down the trail a turn off to gain access to Nason Ridge Snowshoe Route begins 1.3 mi 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 — 3 mi, 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 mi on Nason Ridge and it is approximately 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-Parks 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 upstream 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 mi where you will venture up and further along the rolling terrain.

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

Rockridge Snowshoe Trail is a 1.5 mile or 3.8 mile semi-loop snowshoe trail that 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; a 600' elevation gain with 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

Temperatures and snowfall may affect operating hours. Always check the daily grooming report to confirm the rink is open.

The Nason Ridge Ice Rink is a 100' x 200' 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. 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 public use.