

# Lake Wenatchee Sno-Parks Report

Thursday 03/06/2025 7 am 22 degrees 0" new snow 20" max snow depth

## General Information:

Good morning skiers,

We began scaling back our grooming this weekend due to declining conditions and declining visitation, thus **no grooming occurred today**. Looking forward to this weekend, we will not be grooming Upper Nason tomorrow, Friday, but typical grooming will take place on Saturday and Sunday.

Due to the conditions and visitation, **Sunday will be our last day of grooming for the season**. After Sunday, signs will slowly be removed from the Sno-Park systems and transitioned back to our summer operations.

We had a good winter season, of course more snow would've been great, but cold temperatures prevented an early end of season. This is many people's favorite season, including ours, so it's always hard to write these end of season reports. But we're also looking forward to seeing the migrating birds back to their summer homes, hiking in the mountains, and relaxing at the South beach.

Trail Network	Time Groomed	<u>Comments</u>
South Park	3/3	Okay Conditions. Tracks Set. All areas have been groomed, including the campground, except for one connecting route to the horse corral from the campground. Low spots may be present in heavily forested areas and in the campground. Connecting trails and trails leading to campgrounds have some bare spots, use caution.
North Park	3/3	Snowmobile groomed today. Okay conditions in the upper trail sections however, bare spots are appearing throughout. Areas of bare spots appearing along river front trails. The lakefront and trails leading to the beach were not groomed due to bare spots on the trail. Tracks set were possible.
Nason Ridge	3/3	<b>Lower Nason:</b> Good Conditions. Some puddling may occur in the small parts of lower Nason. Creek crossing boards are exposed, but water is traveling underneath as expected. Tracks set.
	3/2	<b>Upper Nason:</b> Good Conditions. Tracks set.
Kahler Glen	3/3	Good conditions. Tracks set. Bare spots on connector trails leading from South Park.
Chiwawa	3/2	The straight stretch of Squirrel Run was not groomed due to low snow on the trail causing some side sloping and uneven trail bed, the lollipop at the east end of the trail was groomed. Bare spots are appearing in the first km on See N' Ski, please use caution. The trails away from the water are experiencing good conditions whereas anything close to the water has bare spots. Tracks set where grooming occurred. Low spots exist along waterfront.
Sled Hill	Open. Typically, groomed Thursdays - Mondays.	
Ice Rink at Nason Ridge	CLOSED	
Snowshoe Trails	OPEN. Snowshoe trails marked by blue tape in the forest	

<b>Camp Store</b>	<b>CLOSED: closed until May 1<sup>st</sup>.</b>
<b>Kahler Mountain Club</b>	<b>The Pro Shop at Kahler Glen is open Wednesday – Sunday, 9 am- 5 pm.</b> They offer cross-country ski, snowshoe, and ice-skating rentals, Sno-Park Permits, winter wear, sleds, light refreshments and snacks. For any questions call (509) 763-4025.

## [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](http://epermits.parks.wa.gov)

<b>PEAK GROOMING SEASON SCHEDULE*</b>							
Trail Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
North Park							
South Park							
Kahler Glen							
Lower Nason							
Nason Ridge							

Chiwawa							
<p>*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.</p>							

## 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.*

**Message from the Snowshoe Trail Volunteers: Please use snowshoes on the trails to prevent postholes. Fixing postholes takes a significant amount of time. This is especially true on the Nason Ridge trails. Thank you for your cooperation. Thanks to all the volunteers for all their hard work!**

### **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.*