

Meissner Sno-Park Area NORDIC SKI & SNOWSHOE TRAILS

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AREA NOTICE



Areas & Trails Closed to Dogs

Dogs are prohibited in the following winter recreation areas: Dutchman Flat, Swampy Lakes, Meissner and Vista Butte trail systems. Areas south of Cascade Lakes Hwy and Skyliner area are open to dogs.

Reasons for the Closure Are:
 * To prevent collisions between dogs and people on trails
 * To reduce sanitation problems on trails and at shelters
 * To reduce conflicts between users over dog behavior

Exception
 With a permit, controlled working dogs in harness are allowed on groomed snowmobile trails only. For permits and further details call the Bend/Fort Rock Ranger Station.

PRIVATE LAND
 No public access

Snow camping is prohibited within 300 ft. of shelters or Sno-Parks. RV camping is permitted in Sno-Parks except for Dutchman Sno-Park.

Legend

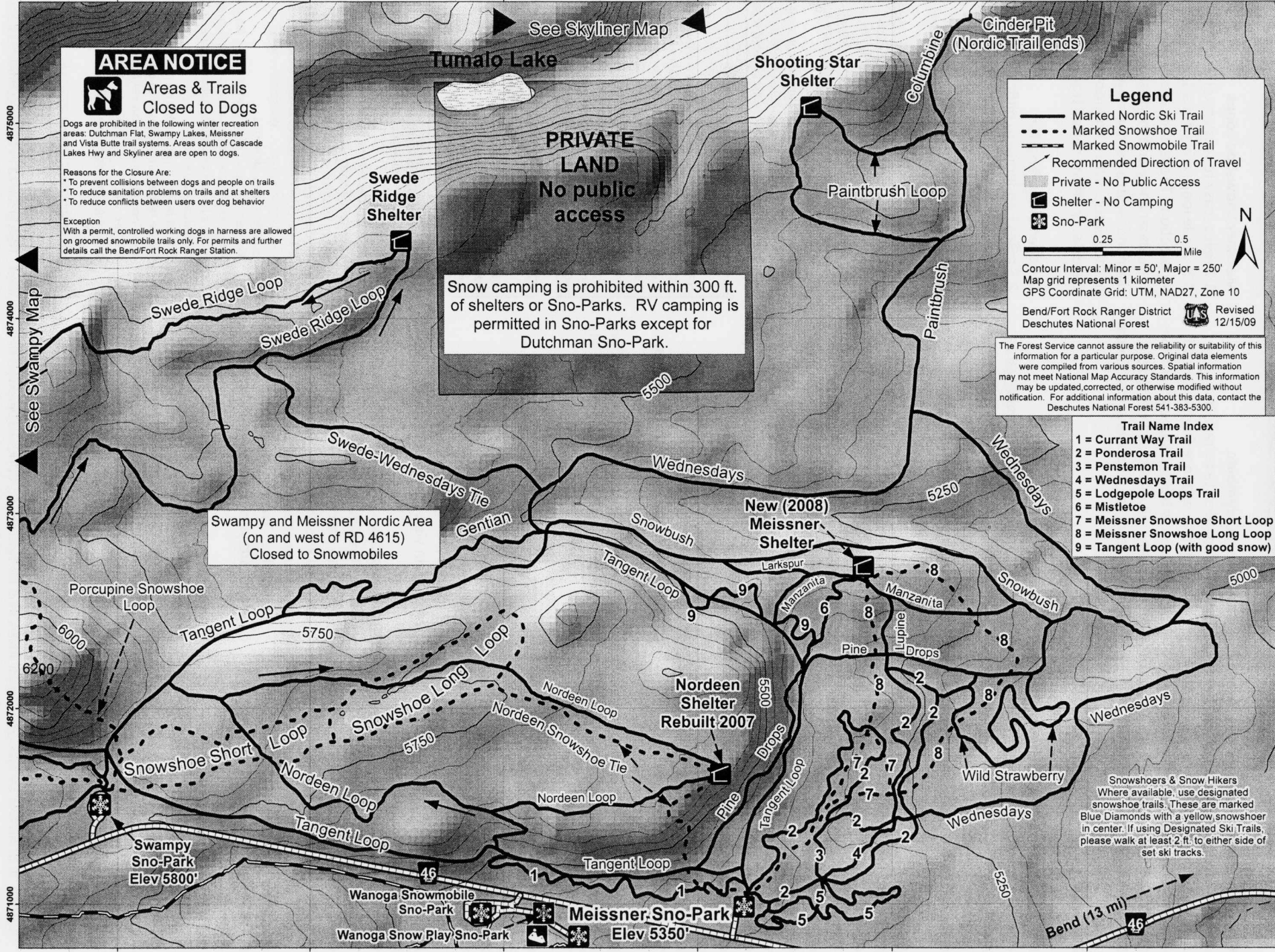
- Marked Nordic Ski Trail
 - Marked Snowshoe Trail
 - Marked Snowmobile Trail
 - Recommended Direction of Travel
 - Private - No Public Access
 - Shelter - No Camping
 - Sno-Park
- 0 0.25 0.5 Mile
- Contour Interval: Minor = 50', Major = 250'
 Map grid represents 1 kilometer
 GPS Coordinate Grid: UTM, NAD27, Zone 10
- Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District
 Deschutes National Forest
- Revised 12/15/09

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Trail Name Index

- 1 = Currant Way Trail
- 2 = Ponderosa Trail
- 3 = Penstemon Trail
- 4 = Wednesdays Trail
- 5 = Lodgepole Loops Trail
- 6 = Mistletoe
- 7 = Meissner Snowshoe Short Loop
- 8 = Meissner Snowshoe Long Loop
- 9 = Tangent Loop (with good snow)

Snowshoers & Snow Hikers
 Where available, use designated snowshoe trails. These are marked Blue Diamonds with a yellow snowshoer in center. If using Designated Ski Trails, please walk at least 2 ft. to either side of set ski tracks.



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See Swampy Map

See Skyliner Map

Bend (13 mi)

MEISSNER SNO-PARK NORDIC SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING

Virginia Meissner Sno-park was named in memory of Virginia Meissner and her contributions to Nordic skiing in Central Oregon. Sno-Park permits are required from November 15 to April 30. **Dogs are NOT allowed.**

Currant Way

1.1 miles (easy)

Heading west from the trailhead, the trail moves over undulating terrain through grand fir and small stands of lodgepole and ponderosa – makes a great loop of 1.9 miles by returning on Tangent (moderate).

Gentian

1.2 miles (difficult)

Gentian is accessed off the north Tangent trail at what is known as “5 Corners” (the intersections of Tangent, Gentian, Wednesdays and Snowbush) and has wonderful views of South Sister and Broken Top. This trail moves side to side and has some swooping downhill corners.

Lodgepole Loops

1.4 miles (easy)

Beginning east of the trailhead, this is a great figure 8 trail loop for beginners with flat to rolling terrain with gentle uphill and downhill slopes.

Lupine

0.3 miles (difficult)

Provides alternate access to and from Meissner Shelter. **Not a groomed trail.**

Manzanita

0.9 miles (easy)

Provides access to Meissner Shelter and is one of the most popular trails. It winds through open country with wonderful mountain views.

Mistletoe

0.4 miles (moderate)

A fun downhill run from the Meissner shelter back to Tangent.

Paintbrush Loop

1.4 miles (difficult)

Provides access to the Shooting Star shelter. **S. part of loop not groomed.** N. part of loop periodically groomed.

Paintbrush/Columbine

1.5 miles (moderate terrain, but rated difficult due to distance from trailhead) Moderate length ski to some great views at the cinder pit. Accessed via Tangent and Wednesdays. Also known as “Cinder Pit” trail.

Pine Drops

1.7 miles (moderate)

This trail begins by the grooming garage off Tangent and heads north through rolling terrain, crosses Tangent again and then northeast to intersect with Snowbush.

Ponderosa

3.6 miles (easy to moderate)

Whether classic or skating, you will love the challenging terrain of this trail as it moves through stands of old growth ponderosa and grand fir. S. part of loop is easy, N. part of loop is moderate terrain.

Snowbush

1.6 miles (moderate)

This makes a great downhill run when skied from west to east. Ski up to Meissner Shelter from the bottom. Pine Drops connects here as well to complete a loop back to Tangent or to access Ponderosa and Wild Strawberry.

Tangent Loop

5.5 miles (easy to moderate)

Primary corridor for Meissner. Also provides access to Swampy area. Great mountain views are on the north side.

Wednesdays

4 miles (moderate to difficult)

The north part of Wednesdays is groomed and also known as the “Cinder Pit Trail” when connecting with Paintbrush and Columbine. **The remaining part of Wednesdays is not a groomed trail.**

Wild Strawberry

1.6 miles (difficult)

This is the most expert trail on the Meissner system. If you love rolling, twisty trails, this is for you.

Meissner Snowshoe Loops

3.2 miles (easy to moderate)

A 3 ¼ mile loop trail, with a 1 ¾ mile short loop option. These trails are designed for snowshoers only and marked with blue diamonds with a yellow snowshoer symbol in the center. When on groomed trails, please stay off the set ski tracks.

Nordeen Snowshoe Tie

2.5 miles (moderate to difficult)

Connects Meissner Sno-Park to Nordeen shelter, then on to the Snowshoe Long Loop on the Swampy Trail system.

Trail Grooming

The Meissner Nordic Community Ski Club grooms up to 40 kms of trail for both skating and classical technique. Trails are groomed on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from December 1 – March 31. Check the Snow Phone or website for the latest grooming report: 541.585.2289 or meissnernordic.org Please beware that grooming equipment and personnel may be on these trails during these periods and other unscheduled times.

Shelters

Nordic Trails and shelters in this area are built and maintained by volunteers from Meissner Nordic, Central Oregon Nordic Club and the Oregon National Guard in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service. Your cooperation is essential to keep these facilities available for public use. Please use wood sparingly, pack out all trash, discourage vandalism and **no overnight camping within 300 ft. of shelters.**

Emergency 9-1-1

Deschutes non-emergency 541-693-6911
Deschutes National Forest Recreation Information & Lost and Found 541-383-4000

NORDIC SKI/SNOWSHOE TRAIL ETIQUETTE

1. Match your abilities and experience with your trip plans.
2. Do not snowshoe or walk on a ski track.
3. Keep to the right when meeting another skier. When stopped, do not block the trail.
4. Yield the right of way to the descending skier.
5. If an accident occurs, everyone should render necessary assistance. Witnesses should establish their identities.
6. Respect the rights of all winter users. Do not interfere with or harass others. People may judge all skiers or snowmobilers by one individual's actions.
7. Do not litter. If you pack it in, pack it out.
8. Please respect areas closed to dogs. If you visit areas open to dogs, follow canine courtesy.
9. Shelter policy – Day Use only. No overnight camping - overnight use exhausts firewood rapidly.
10. Ski or snowshoe at your own risk!