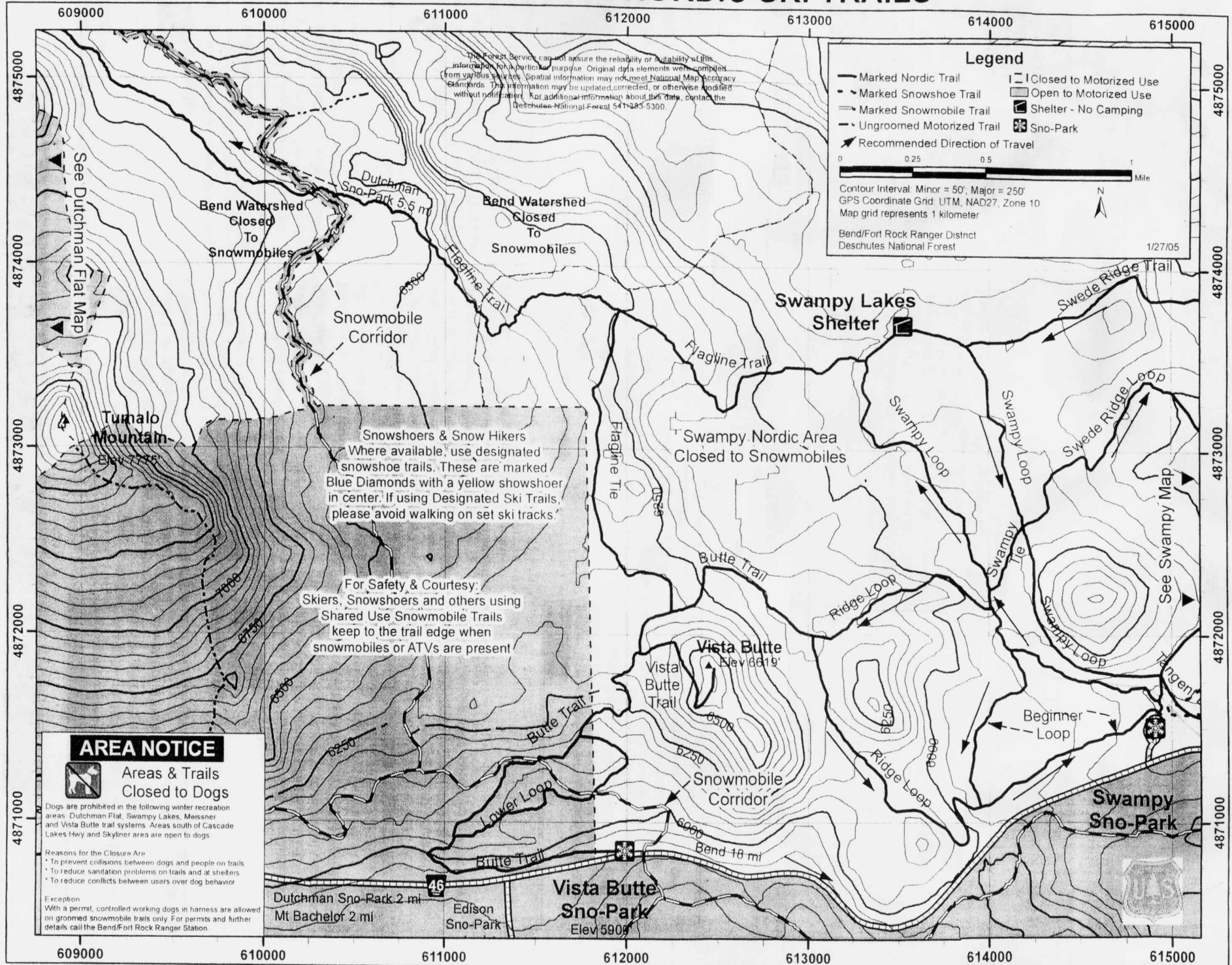


# Vista Butte Sno-Park NORDIC SKI TRAILS



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**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 avoid walking on set ski tracks.

**For Safety & Courtesy:**  
Skiers, Snowshoers and others using Shared Use Snowmobile Trails keep to the trail edge when snowmobiles or ATVs are present.

## 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.

# VISTA BUTTE SNO-PARK NORDIC SKIING

Vista Butte Sno-Park is nothing more than a wide spot in the road.

## Butte Trail



2.2 miles

The trail begins at the Vista Butte Sno-Park and travels west for a short distance before turning east up a moderate to fairly steep side hill. The hill is followed by flat gentle terrain. Then the trail splits into two equidistant sections that eventually connect again to form a single route. Continuing on, the trail circles the base of Vista Butte where it intersects with the Ridge Loop Trail. Recommended for advanced skiers.

## Flagline Trail



4.0 miles

This trail begins at Swampy Lakes Loop, just west of the Swampy Lakes Shelter. This trail leads through a thick forest to the north of Tumalo Mountain before connecting with the Big Meadow Trail. Flagline Trail is accessed from Vista Butte Sno-Park using the Butte and Flagline Tie Trails.

## Flagline Tie



1.3 miles

This is the major connection between Vista Butte and the Flagline trail. It passes through mixed lodgepole and mountain hemlock along gentle terrain.

## Vista Butte Trail



0.5 miles

This trail branches off of the Butte Trail, and traverses to the top of Vista Butte. The terrain is steep, but may be easy when covered in fresh snow. During the spring season, icy conditions present a potential skiing hazard. The butte top affords spectacular views. Take your camera.

## Swampy Lakes Trail



2.0 miles

This relatively short, easy trail climbs gently, following an old road, through a lodgepole pine forest to a ridge overlooking Swampy Lakes. Excellent views of the mountain peaks in the high country can be seen from the ridge. A more difficult option is to take a short, steep downhill route off the ridge and ski across the lake to the shelter. The shelter is located directly north of the lakes in a sparser stand of lodgepole pine. This popular trail gets early snow.

## Swampy Lakes Loop



1.9 miles

This trail provides slightly easier access to Swampy Lakes Shelter from the Swampy Lakes Sno-Park. The trail branches off the Tangent Loop Trail and follows a road for about 3/4 mile before a short descent through an opening. At about 1 1/4 miles the trail bypasses a short steep hill and climbs before leveling out across the lake. After a northwesterly turn it climbs for a few hundred feet to the Swampy Lakes Shelter.

## Beginner Loop



1.4 miles

This Loop offers a short but pleasant trip along gentle terrain through lodgepole pine. To take this loop, follow the main Swampy Lakes Trail for about 3/4 mile. Then turn left at the Beginner Loop Junction. At about 3/4 mile more, it intersects with the Ridge Trail. Continue another 3/4 mile back to the Swampy Lakes Sno-Park. The preferred ski direction is counter-clockwise.

## Emergency 9-1-1

Deschutes non-emergency 541-693-6911  
Bend-Fort Rock Ranger Station  
Recreation Information &  
Lost and Found 541-383-4000

## Ridge Loop



2.6 miles

Follow the main Swampy Lakes Trail almost 1 mile to the junction with the Ridge Trail. Follow the Ridge Trail up to where it connects with the Vista Butte Trail. Continue on the Ridge Trail by going left. Continue in a generally downward mode until the Ridge Trail connects with the Beginner Loop. Follow Beginner Loop about 3/4 mile to the Swampy Lakes Sno-Park. The preferred ski direction is counter-clockwise because of the relatively steep section just after one leaves the Swampy Lakes Trail.

## Shelters

Nordic Trails in this area are built and maintained by volunteers from the Central Oregon Nordic Club and individual volunteers 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, no overnight camping and encourage others to do the same. Thank You.

## NORDIC SKI TRAIL ETIQUETTE

1. Match your abilities and experience with your trip plans.
2. Do not snowshoe or walk over a ski track. It ruins the trail for skiers.
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 ski to the right on shared use trails to allow snowmobiles to pass safely.
9. Please respect areas closed to dogs. If you visit areas open to dogs, follow canine courtesy.
10. Shelter policy - Day Use only. No overnight camping - overnight use exhausts wood rapidly.

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