

## Lake Wenatchee State Park Grooming Report

*Sunday, 3/10 8:30 a.m. 11 degrees 0" snow past 24 hrs. 34" Snow depth*

**OVERALL:** Beautiful conditions and really nice trails today! All trails groomed; full skate lanes and classic tracks at Chiwawa and Nason, classic tracks set on all other trails.

**BEST OPTIONS:** All trails are in great condition, we recommend literally any trail today! For best views and overall experience, though, we suggest checking out the Nason Ridge system. With clear skies and a gorgeous alpen-glow sunrise, it will be a stunning way to take advantage of our last day of grooming this season!

**ALERTS:** **This is our LAST DAY of formal grant supported machine grooming!** However, park staff plan to do some intermittent snowmobile grooming in the North Park in the coming days as we service the large Snocats after a great season of use.

If you visited the park yesterday, you may have seen park staff roaming around with a small film crew... we were taking advantage of a gorgeous day of freshly groomed trails and happy folk to collect footage for a marketing project for the park. We apologize if you experienced any inconvenience caused by our operating snowmobiles on the North Park and See & Ski trails as we were transporting the crew around and collecting film. The groomers report that those affected trails cleaned up "real nice!", and are ready to rock and roll!

### MISC:

We'd like to say thanks to all of our supporters and volunteers who contributed in many ways to our park this winter. This includes several passionate locals, and dedicated out-of-towners. Your effort and enthusiasm does not go unnoticed, and is very much appreciated. Hats off to you all!

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding our winter rec operations this year, please let us know so we can assess them and incorporate into future planning if necessary.

**Enjoy the trails, our friends!**

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**FORECAST:** Sunny and clear with a high near 40.

Get current snow/weather conditions at the park here: [Weather Station](#)

Local forecast: [National Weather Service Point Forecast](#)

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**South Park & Kahler Glen:** Kahler Glen completed at 6:00a.m. with a full skate lane. South Park to be completed by 10:30a.m. Fantastic conditions!

**North Park:** Completed 5:30a.m., excellent conditions, limited skate lane. Shorelines are beginning to thin, so tracks were laid in select areas only along these stretches.

**Chiwawa:** Entire system (Squirrel Run through the See & Ski) to be completed by 9:00a.m. with a full skate lane. Shorelines are beginning to thin, so tracks were laid in select areas only along these stretches.

**Nason Ridge:** Lower and Upper Nason to be completed by 9:00a.m. fantastic conditions! Full skate lane provided for the entire route from the Nason Sno Park.

*Dogs are allowed on Chiwawa trails after **10:00am** every day!*

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**EVENTS/PROGRAMS:** There are no more scheduled snowshoe hikes for the winter season. Looking forward, we will be scheduling programs in the summer months at the amphitheater in the south state park. Saturdays 10:00 a.m. Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue will be holding programs, 8:00 p.m. an evening program will be held, and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. a Junior Ranger Program will be held by one of the park rangers. Programs are subject to change, so be sure to call ahead to make sure they are still scheduled

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**Permits Required:** A Season Sno-Park pass with Groomed Trails sticker will get you into all parking areas (\$80). The Daily Sno-Park pass (\$20) also requires an Annual or Daily Discover Pass [in the park](#). Self-pay stations are available at the North and South Park parking areas for purchase of daily Sno-Park and daily Discover Passes. No self-pay stations are available at Chiwawa or Kahler Glen Sno-Park parking lots, please plan accordingly if travelling to those parks!

SnoPark permits are available online: [Buy Permits](#) Also available locally at the Midway Grocery and Plain Hardware.

#### **X-C Trail Descriptions and Typical Grooming Schedule:**

**South Park:** Approximately 12 k groomed trails, double-tracked. Within the state park, the total includes a series of 1-3 km loops and longer runs through forest, along the lakeshore, and above the Wenatchee River. Open loops groomed in and around Kahler Glen Golf Course. These trails will typically be groomed Thursday through Monday.

**Nason Ridge Backcountry:** This 20-kilometer groomed trail system begins at the Nason Ridge Sno-Park at Kahler Glen, within the South Park trail system. The first 7 k (“Lower Nason”) has rolling hills. At 7 k a challenging 13 k loop option begins (“Upper Nason”). The trail climbs 1,500’ to access miles of rolling, open, ridge-top terrain. The panoramic views of Lake Wenatchee and the surrounding Cascade mountains are spectacular. All trails are groomed with one track lane and a wide skating lane. Lower Nason is groomed Thursday - Monday and Upper Nason Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Challenging loop trip options are possible by way of the un-groomed Nason Ridge hiking trail. **A cooperative effort by Chelan Douglas Land Trust and Western Rivers.org has resulted in the purchase of these lands in an effort to protect recreational and natural resource values in perpetuity:** <http://www.westernrivers.org/projectatlas/nason-ridge/> <https://www.cdlandtrust.org/what-we-do/land-conservation/lake-wenatchee-area/nason-ridge>

**North Park:** The groomed trails in the North Park area provides 5.3 k of scenic trails which loop through the campgrounds, follow the river and lake shores, and run through quiet stretches of forest. This area offers a less-traveled alternative to the sometimes busy trails in the South Park area. These trails will typically be groomed 3 - 4 times weekly Thursday through Monday. Full skate lanes in the camp loops, the rest double-tracked with mini-skate lane (5.5 ft).

**Chiwawa See and Ski:** This Sno-park offers the “See and Ski” Trail, an 8 k groomed loop with a full skate lane (8 ft) and single track for the entire route. Trail passes through the forest and along the Wenatchee River. New this year, the 3.5k “Squirrel Run” is groomed as well. This route leaves the Sno-park from the east edge of the parking area, gains less than 100’ of elevation through open pine forest before gradually descending to a road crossing where it connects with the See & Ski trail, making for an excellent loop option. These trails will typically be groomed 2-3 days / week, Friday through Monday. **Dogs are allowed after 10 a.m.!**

**Snowshoe Trail Information: South Park:** Here we offer a 1.8-mile loop trip and a route to Nason Ridge for the more adventurous. The loop follows Wenatchee River and Nason creek then returns to the beach through a Ponderosa Pine / Douglas fir forest. The Nason Ridge trail runs 2.7 miles from beach to ridge top. Great views begin about one mile from the beach.

**North Park:** A 2-mile loop is maintained along river, lakeshore and through forest. Thanks to our volunteers!

**Chiwawa:** A 1.5 or 3.8 mile semi-loop snowshoe trail – 600' elevation gain, great views. Volunteer built!

**Sled Hill: OPEN!** A moderate slope, about 150'. Groomed Thursdays – Mondays.