



BUTTERFIELD

POINT E - O - POINT F

O - POINT G

POINT J

SNOWMOBILE ROUTE

CORRAL LOOP

POINT D - O

O - POINT H

SLIDE MTN

LAKE LOOP

POINT C - O

O - POINT B

POINT A - O

O - WALTON SNO-PARK

WALTON SKI TRAILS

FS ROAD 22

## Walton Lake Ski Trails, Ochoco Mtns, Oregon

The Walton Sno-Park is located about nine miles northeast of Ochoco Ranger Station on Forest Road 22. This is on the Big Summit District of the Ochoco National Forest. Traction tires or chains are recommended as the last few miles are steep, narrow, and not sanded. SNO-PARK PERMITS ARE REQUIRED AT WALTON SNO-PARK

There are about 20 miles of marked ski trails originating from the Sno-Park. Trails are marked with blue diamonds and there are map boards at each trail junction. Junctions are labeled with a letter from "A" through "J". Open areas are marked with blue stakes or with white stakes with blue diamonds. All trails are accessed from the Sno-Park. Length of each trail is shown along with the elevation of the highest and lowest point on the trail.

The trails are marked and maintained by the Ochoco Chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club. For current trail information contact the club at (541) 447-5505 or e-mail to [skiandsew@coinet.com](mailto:skiandsew@coinet.com) or check the website

### **Corral Loop - Elevation 5250 - 5550 - Easy loop trail of approximately 5 miles**

This trail starts at Point A on the map at the parking area of Walton Snow Park and provides access to all the other trails except the Round Mountain Trail. The terrain is mostly flat with some moderate slopes. This trail provides great views of tall Ponderosa Pines and meadows as well as some other forested areas.

### **Slide Mountain - Elevation 5480-6020 - Easy to Moderate out and back trail of 3.7 miles**

This trail starts at Point A on the map and crosses the snowmobile trail about 100 feet from the junction. After 1.7 miles of easy but somewhat uphill trail it connects with the Drop Off and High Rim Trail at Point J. This trail continues another 2 miles and ends at a viewpoint on the west side of Slide Mountain. The last mile of this trail is more difficult because of increased elevation gain. Backcountry skiers can continue east from the end of the marked trail toward Mt Pisgah.

### **Lake Trail - Elevation 5160-5420 - Easy loop of 2 miles**

To access this trail, stay on the Corral Loop until you come to Point C. At Point C, turn South through an open meadow and large pines towards Walton Lake. When you get to the Lake you follow the Lake Road for a short distance and then turn North back onto the trail. The junction of the road and trail is not easy to spot so watch carefully for the blue diamonds that mark the ski trail. The trail then continues north and east where it connects back up with the Corral Loop at Point D.

### **Butterfield - Elevation 5300-5560 - Moderate to Difficult Loop of 2.6 miles**

Access to this trail is at the northern end of the Corral Loop. It takes off at Point E and travels North along roads except for about ¼ of a mile. There are good views at the North end of the loop.

### **Drop Off - Elevation 5500-5700 - Difficult connecting trail of 1.9 miles**

To access this trail, stay on the Corral Loop until you reach Point G. This is the easiest way to ski this trail, although it can be accessed from the Slide Mountain trail at point J as well. At Point G the trail follows a road for the first mile and then traverses through a plantation. The most difficult section is near Point J where the trail climbs a 60% slope. This part of the trail is usually walked or side stepped.

### **High Rim - Elevation 5500-5900 - Moderate to Difficult connecting trail of 1.8 miles**

To access to this trail, turn left on the Corral Loop at Point B. Continue on the Corral Loop until you come to Point H. High Rim is a connecting trail that joins the Slide Mountain Trail at Point J. Turn left at Point H and begin a steady uphill climb until the trail breaks out on an open plateau at the highest point. There are excellent views to the west if you go on about 200 yards west of the marked trail from the high point. The ridge to the south provides an easy telemark slope back to either this trail or the Slide Mountain trail. Further north on this trail there are good views to the north.