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CHINOOK PASS SPRING SKI

The access to Chinook Pass closes in late November unless we have an early winter. Chinook Pass is the highest pass across the Cascade Mountains in the state. It crosses the high Cascade Mountains just east of Mt. Rainier. It usually closes as soon as the snow comes to the high peaks and meadows. Then it is plowed out for cars again in the spring, when a snow pack of 15 feet or more is blown off the road grade with tractors and snow blowers. I have a new contact that lives in the neighborhood who is a great resource for skiing opportunities in this corner of Mt. Rainier National Park, and the word is that Cayuse Pass (skiers start point) will be opening up this weekend.

The ski route to the crest of the Cascades is along the Chinook Pass Highway through fir forests at the lower elevations, then through alpine and sub-alpine meadows dotted with small lakes near the summit. The round trip distance to Chinook Pass is 6 mi. with an 800' elevation gain, and a gentle five percent grade. From there you can ski east toward Yakima, south around Naches Peak, or Southwest toward the lake near the summit. At this point the weather looks good for a Spring Ski Trip this Saturday! So come along if you would like to make one last cross country ski or snowshoe trip this season before hanging up the boards for good. There is only room for 10 people so I will take the first 10 that telephone in a reservation request to the club. Since there is such limited space please only call if you are sure you can make it. All successful requests will be confirmed by return phone call or voice message by Friday. See you at Chinook! Provided: transit, maps. Date Saturday 5/8, depart from 65th & I-5 at 8am/Ret. 5-6pm, Cost \$35 (pay at the door)



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