

#### CHIWAWA SNO-PARK

## Description:

This sno-park is in the Lake Wenatchee area past the state park and before you get to Fish Lake. The See-N-Ski loop trail is only about 4 miles long and is quite level except for a couple very short hills, but the view at the end loop of the river and up to the ridge tops is wonderful. The loops on the north side of the road are ungroomed and sometimes hard to follow but the See-N-Ski loop is sporatically machine groomed easy to follow and good skiing if it is a good snow year at the Lake. The big attraction of this area is that it is one of the most deserted sno-park areas in the Stevens Pass corridor. A nice quiet day might be to ski this sno-park and the North Wenatchee state park sno-park (not the usual main State Park lot). It is usually so quiet at this lot that it is

bewildering to me that they still require a groomed trails tag on you annual snow park to use it.

### Directions:

To get to this sno-park head east from Seattle on Hwy. 2 (Stevens Pass Hwy) to the summit, and continue for another 20 miles to

Coles Corner. Turn left or north on Hwy. 207, drive past Lake Wenatchee State Park and cross the bridge over the Wenatchee River and take the first right on Old Hwy 150 (about 4.5 mi. from Coles Corner). Stay to the right on this road for about two miles and you will see the sno-park on your left. Park here and the groomed trail is across the road on the river side.

# Permits or Fees Required:

This parking area requires a Washington State Sno-Park permit with a grooming tag. A seasonal permit is \$80 (including the \$40 grooming tag). A day use permit is also fine here which is \$20 for one to three cosecutive days (2021) and works a either groomed or non groomed sno-parks.



#### Winter Snow Driving:

- A. Clothing:
- 1. Be sure to bring proper clothing for a winter drive, old jacket and gloves for shoveling & chains, bring extra layers and a blanket if stuck on the highway for a while.
- B. Winter Driving equipment:
  - 1.Chains:Link, Cable, Fabric Sock, Plastic. Link chains best for deep snow, cables for convenience.
  - 2. Traction aid: Sand or kitty litter, rock salt, old rug, add weight (sand bags), use momentum.
  - 3. Shovel, blocks
- C. Trip Preparation:
- 1. Check pass report for closures or restrictions, if pass will be closed for avalanche control this will usually be posted.
- a. Snoqualmie Pass is usually the first pass to close because the commercial truck traffic goes this way; Stevens tends to get more seasoned drivers, but road maintenance is not as good.
- 2. Check weather before you go. If a big storm is predicted for the afternoon you don't want to get stuck on an unplowed back road after a long day of skiing or snowshoeing.
  - 3. Check avalanche forecast before you go:
- a. Five levels: 1-Low, 2-Moderate, 3-Considerable, 4-High, 5-Extreme. There are safe places to go in most all conditions, but you do not want to be near potential avalanche terrain during hazardous conditions (https://www.nwac.us).