



# SNOW SPORTS

## Mt. Baker Scenic Highway 542

The Mt. Baker recreation area is a 1-1.5 hour drive from Bellingham. Ensure a safe and enjoyable time by bringing proper equipment, appropriate clothing and checking current weather reports. In 1998-99 it broke the world's record for the most snowfall in a season: 1,140 inches / 2896 cm! The nearest lodging are bed & breakfasts, vacation homes, cabins, and condos in and around Glacier and Maple Falls.

### Downhill Skiing & Snowboarding

#### **Mt. Baker Ski Area**

[mtbaker.us](http://mtbaker.us) / Office 360-734-6771 / Snow Report 360-671-0211

Provides snowboarders and skiers with a variety of terrain, day lodges, ski lessons and rentals.

Mt. Baker has the longest season in the state and the most snow in North America.

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|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Average snowfall          | 682 inches | (1,780 cm) |
| Vertical rise             | 1,500 ft   | (455 m)    |
| Heather Meadows elevation | 4,300 ft   | (1,310m)   |
| White Salmon elevation    | 3,500 ft   | (1,066m)   |

8 quad chairs, 2 handle tows

Runs: 31% Expert, 45% Intermediate, 24% Beginner

### Cross Country Skiing

#### **Salmon Ridge Area**

Managed by the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

[nooksacknordicskiclub.org/](http://nooksacknordicskiclub.org/)

Provides up to 15 miles (25km) of trail depending on snow. Trails are groomed on a volunteer basis and is not guaranteed. Trail use is free, but a Sno-Park Permit is required to park at the trail head. The trail is located about 13 miles beyond the town of Glacier on the Mt. Baker Highway, State Route 543 (between mileposts 46/47), and is across the road from Silver Fir Campground (Razor Hone Road #3070 and Anderson Road #3071). For details, rules and current trail conditions go to their website.

### Snowshoeing

The **Salmon Ridge Area** has about 3 miles of snowshoe trails. It is important to stay off the groomed ski tracks. A Sno-Park Permit is required to park. Detailed information and maps are on the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club website. The website also lists other trails in the Mt. Baker area.

[nooksacknordicskiclub.org/trails/snowshoer-information/](http://nooksacknordicskiclub.org/trails/snowshoer-information/)

[parks.wa.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/80](http://parks.wa.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/80)

Mount Baker Ranger District, 360-856-5700

#### **Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism**

904 Potter Street  
Bellingham, WA 98229

360.671.3990 | 800.487.2032

[bellingham.org](http://bellingham.org)

[tourism@bellingham.org](mailto:tourism@bellingham.org)



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Use caution and check avalanche conditions, [www.nwac.us/](http://www.nwac.us/)

## **Snowmobiling**

[wssa.us/](http://wssa.us/) (maps, grooming reports, sno-parks, clubs)  
[parks.wa.gov/138/Snowmobile-Recreation](http://parks.wa.gov/138/Snowmobile-Recreation)

There are two trails off the Mt. Baker Highway 542; Canyon Creek (Road #31) and Glacier Creek (Road #39). Snowmobiling is allowed when the road systems are closed to vehicles and there is sufficient snow pack (24"). Also, Schrieber's Meadow off Hwy. 20 (Baker Lake Rd.) is popular. These trails are designated Washington State Sno-Parks and you need to show your permit in your vehicle window.

## **Sledding**

One popular place to sled is at Highwood Lake near the Mt. Baker Ski Area. Sled at your own risk and check ice thickness and condition for safety.

## **Equipment Rentals**

Glacier Ski Shop, 360-599-1943  
 Mt. Baker Ski Area, 360-734-6771  
 Mt. Baker Snowboard Shop, 360-599-2008  
 Yeager's, 360-733-1080  
 Back Country Essentials, 360-543-5678

|   | Downhill | X-Country | Snowboards | Snowshoes | Telemark | Back Country |                     |
|---|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| X | X        | X         | X          | X         | X        | X            | Sports Apparel      |
| X |          | X         |            |           |          |              |                     |
|   |          | X         | X          |           |          |              |                     |
| X | X        | X         | X          |           |          |              |                     |
| X | X        |           | X          | X         |          |              | Alpine touring skis |

## **Information**

### **Washington State Parks - Winter Recreation Program**

[parks.wa.gov/winter/](http://parks.wa.gov/winter/)

### **Snow Park Permits**

One must purchase a permit to park in the snow-cleared lots near trail heads.  
 Buy on line at [parks.wa.gov/](http://parks.wa.gov/) (Click on Activities)  
 \$20 day pass / \$40 yearly pass (\$2 more at vendors)

#### **Bellingham**

Backcountry Essentials, 360-543-5678  
 REI Store, Sehome Village, 360-647-8955

#### **Maple Falls (Mount Baker Highway)**

Crossroads Grocery, 360-599-9657

#### **Burlington**

State Parks Northwest Region Headquarters  
 220 N. Walnut St., Burlington, 360-755-9231

### **Road/Weather Pass Report**

Dial 511 or 1-800-695-7623 / [wsdot.wa.gov/](http://wsdot.wa.gov/)

### **Northwest Weather and Avalanche Center**

206-526-4666 / [nwac.us/](http://nwac.us/)