SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

RECREATION REPORT for January 16th, 2014

Headquarters Visitor Center 208-727-5000
Stanley Ranger Station 208-774-3000
Ketchum Ranger Station 208-622-0090

Visitor Center / Administrative Hours

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Road Conditions: To check for current road conditions and closures log onto http://511.idaho.gov/ or call 1-888-432-7623.

Educational Programs Offered! We are pleased to offer a variety of educational activities, programs and services to local schools and youth groups. Several traveling educational trunks are available for loan to educators or group leaders. Teachers and group leaders may call Susan Kranz at 727-5018 for more information.

The Snowshoe with a Ranger Tour is an interesting way to spend a few hours in the beautiful mountains of the Wood River Valley! Tours will depart from Galena Lodge every Thursday and will run through the end of March. Learn about the fascinating history of the Galena mining era and winter ecology. Dress warm, with layers of clothes, and don’t forget to wear insulated boots. Bring gloves, sun screen, sunglasses, snacks and water. Meet at the Galena Lodge porch at 11 am. Tours depart at 11:05 am and last approximately an hour and a half and cover 1 – 2 miles. Due to the nature of the walk, we request that dogs be left at home. For more information call the Sawtooth NRA at 208-727-5000 or Galena Lodge at 208-726-4010

The Sun Valley Nordic Festival, January 25 – February 2, 2014, is a week filled with Nordic skiing, demonstrations, races, seminars, and activities all culminating with the Boulder Mountain Tour.

The Sawtooth NRA and Idaho Conservation League are offering two outings:

Ski Tour: Winter Wildlife of the Sawtooth Valley
Monday, Jan. 27 from 12-2pm at Alturas Ski area
Snowshoe Tour: The History of the Sawtooth Wilderness, Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Wilderness Act. 
Monday, Jan 27 from 12-2pm at Park Creek Ski Area

Group limit 12 and registration is required. Folks need to contact Betsy Mizell to register 208-726-7485
Everyone needs to bring their own skis as well as water, snack, warm clothes and camera.

Planning to Enjoy the Sawtooth NRA with Your Dog? Help make everyone’s trail experience a positive one. Set a good example! Leave the trails cleaner than when you arrived. Your dog is your personal responsibility. “Pet Pick-up Bags” are available at the SNRA Visitor Center. Please, make use of them.

Avalanche Hazards
- Winter travel comes with hazards that are not present in summer, such as avalanches. You are responsible for determining if it is safe to go into an area before proceeding.
- Website for daily avalanche update: www.sawtoothavalanche.com
- Call the Avalanche Hot Line for conditions: 208-622-8027 or visit the above website.
- Training relating to avalanche safety will be conducted by the Avalanche Center. Call the Ketchum Ranger District office at: 208-622-5371

Winter Camping: Some campgrounds are not gated for late season camping. You will need to PACK IN & PACK OUT at these sites. These sites have no drinking water, no garbage pick-up and limited toilet facilities.

Cross Country Skiing! Adult, children, and dog passes can be purchased online: www.bcrd.org or by telephone: 208-578-BCRD from the Blaine County Recreation District, or from Sun Valley Nordic contact: 800-894-9931 or www.sunvalley.com. The Sawtooth NRA Visitor Center sells day-use passes only. The Sawtooth NRA does not sell season passes. Season and day passes may be purchased at Galena Lodge, Elephant’s Perch, or Backwood’s Mountain Sports.

Planning to go camping next summer? Individual sites can be reserved 240 days in advance. Group sites can be reserved 360 days in advance. Reservations cannot be made at local Forest Service offices. Call the National Recreation Reservation Service at 877-444-6777 or go online at recreation.gov to make your reservations.

The Sawtooth NRA Staff!