## **SONC - Mt. Ashland Grouse Gap Loop Trail**

Rating: Intermediate

Location: Mt. Ashland Sno-Park

Outing Distance: 6.7 miles Starting Elevation: 6600 feet

**Elevation Change:** gain of 650 feet **Estimated Tour Duration:** 4 hours

Type: Loop

Driving Distance & Travel Time: from Ashland: 23 miles / from Medford: 35 miles

**Driving Donation:** short / \$5

Trailhead Location: Mt. Ashland Nordic parking area

**Trail Markings:** Nordic (blue diamonds)

Trail Description: roadway 80% / hiking trails 20%

Maps: Created by the Oregon Nordic Club in cooperation with the Klamath & Rogue

River-Siskiyou National Forests.

Course Description: Follow Road 20 past the bathrooms on the left for one mile. Where the road forks, stay to the left and traverse the open bowl. The trail descends to Grouse Gap for 1.9 miles. The shelter is 0.3 miles to the south. Continue from the shelter via the "connector" section of the trail. This trail section continues out the road (south) from Grouse Gap. The road will descend through forest and meadows. After 1.4 miles you come to an intersection where you descend on the left (east) spur. This grade increases as you drop on this spur. Continue to bear left and drop through the trees on a fairly steep grade, then traverse a meadow. The last section through the trees is short and just above a road. When you intersect the road grade, continue left (north). After about 0.6 mile you intersect another road (#40S15) where you turn left again (north). After 100 meters you cross Grouse Creek. The next 1.8 miles is a continuous climb up and back to the Sno-Park.

**Special Considerations:** Exposure to weather can be severe, and visibility can

deteriorate rapidly.
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## Mt Ashland Southside (Grouse Loop) Nordic Ski Trail System 6400 Rogue River-Siskyou NF Klamath NE 6900 1000 Mt. Ashland Ski Area T300 6600 6605 6500 CAO Shelter 6535 # 2 × 6815 40630 Grouse Cap Trail Dogs are prohibited on or with 150° of the Grouse Loop Trail System west of the toilet and west 40915 5900 5800 6100 5700 408150 Legend Nordic Trail Plowed Road Unplowed Road 40815 Trafi Mileage Streams Contour Interval = 100 feet Sno-Park Penet Regired Easiest Trail More Difficult Trail Most Difficult Trail Tollet Shelter Downhill Ski Area (Fee Area) Ski Lifts Skiing and snowshoeing are both permitted uses 40515 Road Numb on Blue Diamond (Nordic) Trails. Scale - Miles Be respectful to other users. Do not snowshoe in ski tracks nor ski in snowshoe tracks. 7300 7300 7000 6000 6000 6000 Elevation Profile Elevation Distance (Miles) Sno-Park (Distance in Miles) \* Grouse Gap Shelter (--- Mt Ashland) \* Grouse Creek Sno-Park ^ Klamath National Forest Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Oregon Nordic Club Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District Southern Oregon Chapter Ranger Districts 645 Washington Street PO Box 1209 63822 Highway 96, P.O. Box 377 Happy Camp, CA 96039 Ashland, Oregon 97520 Phoenix, OR 97535