

## Getting there: Carpooling, Winter Driving and Sno-park permits

### Carpooling

- Carpooling is encouraged by the Mountaineers
- Must be self arranged and selected for liability reasons. Leaders will encourage and set a meeting location and time.
- Reimburse the driver for gas. The Mountaineers has no specified carpool mileage reimbursement rate. We suggest estimating the value of the transportation - including the cost of fuel, wear-and-tear, and inconvenience - then dividing this amount by the number of people riding in the vehicle. Passengers discuss with the driver.
- See [Good Carpooling Practices](#) on the Mountaineers website for more on carpooling protocols and best practices.
- How to arrange a carpool: Go to the trip/activity listing on The Mountaineers website, and click on "Roster", and that will give you the names, email addresses, branch affiliation and car-pooling preferences of the participants. Feel free to use this information to contact participants about carpooling, or just use "Reply all" to this email to contact everyone to ask who is going your way. If you do that, please address your subsequent emails only to the intended recipient, instead of "reply all".

### Winter Driving

- The drive is often the riskiest part of the trip:
  - Bad weather = slow traffic, dangerous roads.
  - Flooding, landslides, avalanches, downed trees and power lines, can block roads.
  - Pass closures may add many hours to a trip and/or require an alternate route or change of plan.
- See Washington DOT's [Winter driving tips](#) for important information on chains, tires, winter driving tips, what to carry in your car, pass closures, what to do if stranded

### Sno-park permits

- Many cross country skiing trails are accessed via designated [sno-park parking lots](#) that require purchase and display of a day use or seasonal permit.
- Purchase permits online through [Washington State Parks](#)
- Purchase in-person at [some sno-parks at Snoqualmie Pass](#) or [local vendors](#).
- More information:
  - [Central Cascades Winter Recreation Council](#) – information for the sno-parks at Snoqualmie Pass
  - Washington Trails Association's [How to visit a sno-park](#)