

WHERE TO RENT OR BUY CROSS COUNTRY SKIS

Where to rent cross country skis for our field trips

- White Pass rents skis and is the best place to get them for our field trips
- You are welcome to rent from your local ski shop

Where and how to rent cross country skis in western WA

- Since most rental shops don't open before 9:00 am, reserve and pick up your gear the day before your trip. Plan to return it the day after your trip.
- Be sure to ask if your rental skis have been glide-waxed recently. If not, request to have it done or rent someplace else.
- Boots should fit on the snug side with the socks you plan to wear on the trip. Too loose and you have less control. Try boots out in the bindings before leaving the store.
- Poles should be somewhere between your armpit and the top of your shoulder.
- Ski length is sized by body weight. If you are on the low end of the range, go for the shorter skis.
- Unfortunately, there is no place to rent cross country skis in Olympia or Tacoma.

Where to rent in the north Puget Sound area:

[Try the Mountaineers Gear Library](#) - new this year. We have no experience with it, so call or email them and see what it's all about.

[ProSki and Mountain Service, North Bend](#)

[Ascent Outdoors in Ballard](#)

[Seattle Ski and Snowboard Shop](#) in Shoreline

[Mountain to Sound Outfitters, Seattle](#)

[Summit at Snoqualmie Nordic Center](#)

Where to rent in the south cascades:

[White Pass Nordic Center](#)

[Whittaker Mountaineering, Ashford, WA](#) - for trips to [MTTA trails](#) (Copper Creek), Mount Rainier National Park

2025 Olympia Mountaineers Basic Cross Country Skiing course

Where to buy classic cross country skis

Recommended places to buy in Washington (not a comprehensive list—send us your recommendations):

[REI Seattle](#)

[White Pass Nordic Center](#)

[Winthrop Mountain Sports - Winthrop Mountain Sports](#)

[Cascade Outdoor Store](#)

[Nordic Ultratune](#)

[Methow Cycle & Sport](#)

[Der Sportsmann](#)

Recommended Online nordic ski shops:

[Winthrop Mountain Sports - Winthrop Mountain Sports](#)

[WebCyclery & WebSkis | Bend, OR](#)

[Gear West: Ski & Bike Shop Long Lake, MN | Sports Store](#)

[Boulder Nordic Sport Home Page](#)

[New Moon Ski & Bike | Hayward, WI](#)

[Pioneer Midwest - Pioneer Midwest](#)

Call (yes, talk to a real person) before you buy!

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