

WHERE TO RENT OR BUY CROSS COUNTRY SKIS 2024

Where and how to rent cross country skis for a Mountaineers trip

- 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, size down.
- If you are in Olympia and need to rent for a trip to the Snoqualmie Pass area, you will need to get your skis the night before the trip, at one of the Puget Sound locations listed below. Unfortunately, there is no place to rent in Olympia or Tacoma.

Where to rent in the Puget Sound area:

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

[REI Seattle](#)

[REI Issaquah](#)

[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), MRNP

2024 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](#)

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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