

Instant Winter

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Ready or not, here it comes. Although the official start of winter doesn't arrive until Dec. 21, the snow gods gave us our first big visit this past weekend. Not a whole lot can be said about the dusting that feathered our fair town on Friday and Saturday, but snow geeks and outdoor lovers alike flocked to the higher elevations to rejoice in close to 2 feet of white stuff.



Snowshoers and their pups return to their vehicles on Coal Bank Pass on Saturday.



Walking in a winter wonderland.



Evergreens showing off their new layer of white.



Several inches of snow blanketed the area around Coal Bank Pass.



We haven't seen these guys in a while.