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The Willamette Valley Project

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Forest Service: 541-782-2283
www.fs.fed.us/

Linn County Parks: 541-967-3917
www.co.linn.or.us/parks/

Bureau of Land Management: 541-683-6600
www.blm.gov/

Oregon State Parks: 503-986-0707
www.oregon.gov/OPRD/PARKS/

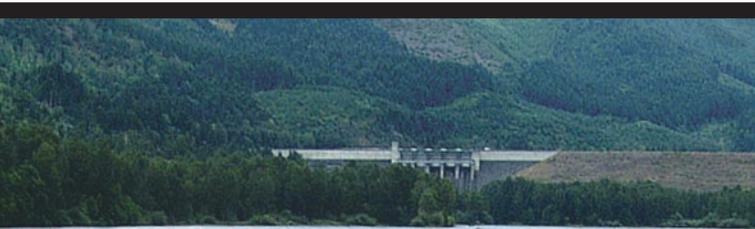
Lane County parks: 541-682-2000
www.lanecounty.org

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: 503-808-5150
www.nwp.usace.army.mil

Campground Reservations: 1-877-444-6777
www.reserveusa.com

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is made up of about 35,000 civilian and military men and women. Our diverse workforce of biologists, engineers, geologists, hydrologists, natural resource managers and other professionals meets the demands of changing times and requirements as a vital part of America's Army. Our mission is to provide quality, responsive engineering services to the nation.

The Corps' Portland District encompasses nearly 97,000 square miles of land and water in Oregon and southwest Washington. The District's future is tied to helping balance the region's competing needs.



Welcome to the Willamette Valley Project

The Willamette Valley Project consists of 13 dams and reservoirs in the Willamette River drainage system. This system begins south of Cottage Grove, Oregon, and extends north to the Columbia River where it is nestled between the Coast Range Mountains and the Cascade Mountains.

The Big Picture

The dams, authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1936, work together to provide flood damage reduction, hydroelectric power, irrigation, navigation, improved water quality, fish and wildlife enhancement, industrial and municipal water supply and recreation to the Willamette Valley.

Water levels in flood control reservoirs are at their lowest November through February, creating storage space needed to hold water during heavy rains. To reduce flood damage during heavy rains, water is stored in the reservoirs behind the dams; the Corps releases the water after flood conditions pass. Since the completion of the dams, more than \$18.6 billion of flood damages has been prevented in the Willamette Valley.



After the flood season, water levels in the reservoirs are raised slowly, coinciding with summer recreation season. In the dry months, when rivers are low, stored water is released to improve conditions for fish, navigation, irrigation and water quality.

Eight of the Willamette Valley dams borrow the power of the water as it passes through the generators to produce hydroelectricity. These dams provide enough power to service 300,000 homes.

What is there to do?

There are more than 50 developed recreation sites within the Willamette Valley Project. Activities available at each reservoir vary, but may include: camping, picnicking, boating, water skiing, fishing, swimming, hunting, hiking, biking, equestrian use and wildlife viewing.

The Corps of Engineers, U. S. Forest Service, Oregon State Parks, Lane and Linn county parks and private organizations manage various parks around Corps reservoirs. Contact the managing agency listed in the matrix for information about fees and rules for specific parks.

Safety Tips

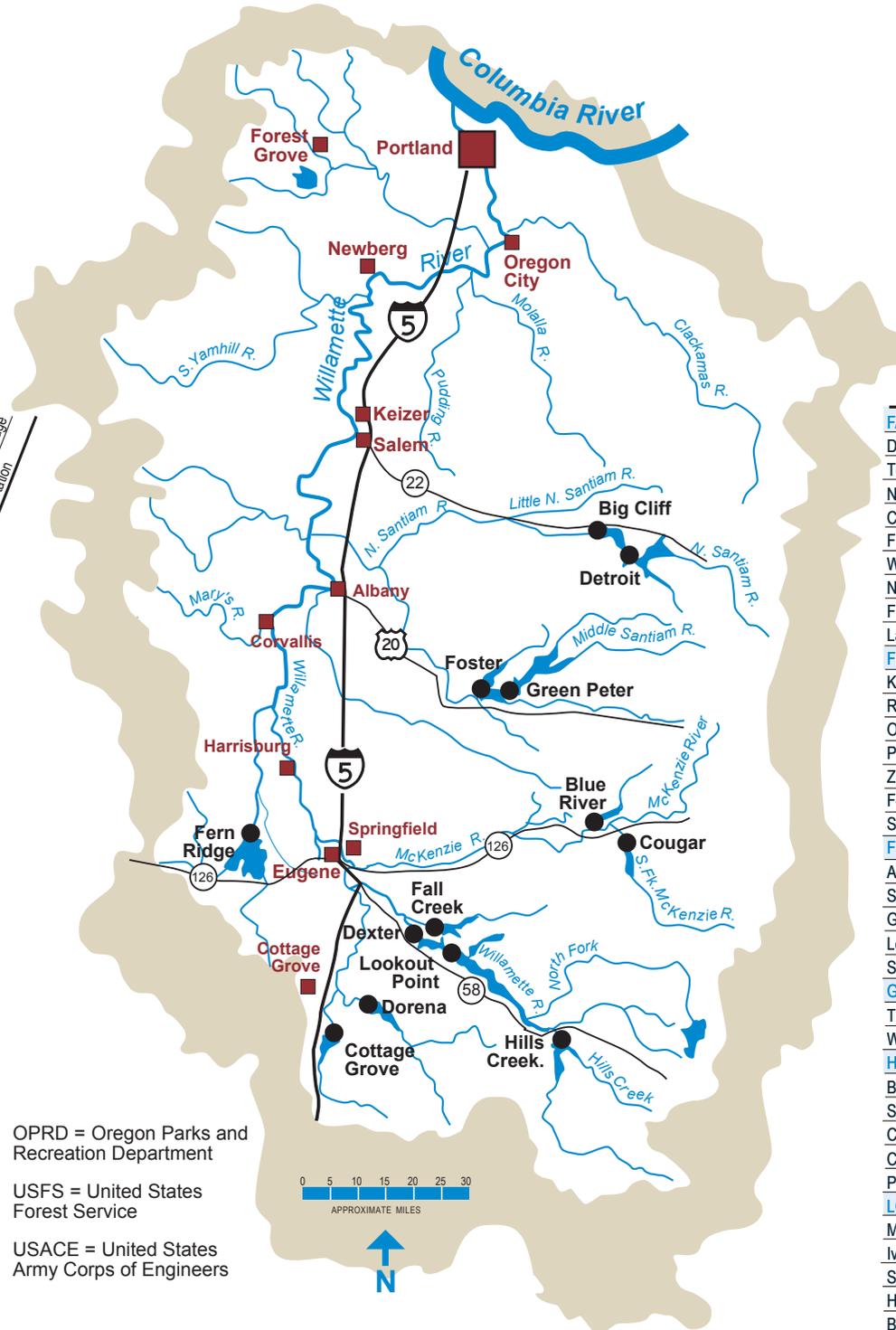
When Boating...

Be cautious of submerged stumps, logs and rocks and floating debris. Oregon state law requires children 12 and under to wear an approved Personal Floatation Device while on a boat.

When Swimming...

Never swim alone; use the buddy system. Swim only in posted swimming areas away from docks and boating areas.

The Willamette Basin



OPEN				Day-Use	Restrooms	Playground	Hiking	Drinking Water	Picnicking	Swimming	Fishing	Water Skiing	Camp Sites	Reservable Sites/Fees	Boat Launch	Showers	RV Camp/Utilities	RV Camp W/O Utilities	Electricity	Bird / Wildlife Viewing	Marina/Boat Moorage	Dump Station
BLUE RIVER LAKE																						
Mona Campground	USFS	April - Sept											23									
Lookout Creek	USFS	April - Sept											55									
Saddle Dam	USFS	All Year																				
COTTAGE GROVE LAKE																						
Pine Meadows Campground	USACE ^(a)												88									
Primitive Campground	USACE ^(b)												15									
Lakeside Park	USACE	Mid May-Early Sept																				
Wilson Creek Park	USACE	Mid May-Early Sept																				
Riverside Park	USACE	Mid May-Early Sept																				
Shortridge Park	USACE	Mid May-Early Sept																				
COUGAR LAKE																						
Echo Park	USFS	April - Sept																				
Slide Creek Campground	USFS	May - Sept											16									
Sunnyside Campground	USFS	April - Sept											13									
French Pete Campground	USFS	May - Sept											17									
Delta Campground	USFS	May - Sept											38									
DETROIT LAKE / BIG CLIFF LAKE																						
Hoover Campground	USFS	April - Sept											37									
Piety Boat-in Campground	USFS	All Year											12									
Southshore Campground	USFS	April - Sept											30									
Detroit Lake State Park	OPRD	Mar 1 - Nov 30											311									
Cove Creek Campground	USFS	April - Sept											63									
Mongold Day Use	OPRD	All Year																				
DEXTER LAKE																						
Dexter Park ^(c)	OPRD	All Year																				
Lowell Park	OPRD	All Year																				
DORENA LAKE																						
Schwarz Campground ^(d)	USACE	Late April - Sept											72/6									
Harms Park	USACE	All Year																				
Bake Stewart Park	USACE	Mid May-Early Sept																				
Baker Bay Park	Lane County	April - Oct											49/2									

OPRD = Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

USFS = United States Forest Service

USACE = United States Army Corps of Engineers

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FALL CREEK LAKE			Day-Use	Restrooms	Playground	Hiking	Drinking Water	Picnicking	Swimming	Fishing	Water Skiing	Camp Sites	Reservable Sites/Fees	Boat Launch	Showers	RV Camp/Utilities	RV Camp W/O Utilities	Electricity	Bird / Wildlife Viewing	Marina/Boat Moorage	Dump Station	
Drinkwater	USACE	All Year																				
Tufti	USACE	All Year																				
Nelson Creek	USACE	All Year																				
Cascara Campground	OPRD	May - Sept										47										
Fisherman's Pt. Campground	OPRD	May - Sept										8										
Winberry Park	OPRD	May - Sept																				
North Shore Park	OPRD	All Year																				
Free Meadow	OPRD	May - Sept																				
Lakeside One and Two	OPRD	May - Sept																				
FERN RIDGE LAKE																						
Kirk Park	USACE	Mid April - Mid Oct																				
Richardson Park	Lane County	Mid April - Mid Oct										88										
Orchard Pt. Park	Lane County	April 1 - Oct 31																				
Perkins Peninsula Park	Lane County	April 1 - Oct 31																				
Zumwalt Park	Lane County	All Year																				
Fern Ridge Shores	Private Concession																					
Shore Lane Park	USACE	Mid April - Mid Oct																				
FOSTER LAKE																						
Andrew S. Wiley Park	USACE	All Year																				
Shea Point	USACE	All Year																				
Gedney Creek Park	Linn County	All Year																				
Lewis Creek Park	Linn County	Mid May - Early Sept																				
Sunnyside Park	Linn County	Mid April - Mid Nov										165										
GREEN PETER LAKE																						
Thistle Creek Park	Linn County	All Year																				
Whitcomb Creek Park	Linn County	Mid April - Mid Oct										39										
HILLS CREEK LAKE																						
Bingham Boat Ramp	USFS	Seasonal																				
Sand Prairie Campground	USFS	May - Sept										21										
Cline-Clark Picnic Ground	USFS	All Year																				
C.T. Beach Picnic Ground	USFS	April - Oct																				
Packard Creek Campground	USFS	April - Sept										35										
LOOKOUT POINT LAKE																						
Meridian Park	USACE	All Year																				
Ivan Oakes Park	USACE	Mid May - Early Sept										24										
Signal Point	USACE	All Year																				
Hampton Campground	USFS	April - Sept										4										
Black Canyon Campground	USFS	Mid April - Mid Sept										72										

^(a) Weekend before Memorial Day - Weekend after Labor Day
^(b) Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend

^(c) Disk Golf Course
^(d) 72 single sites and 6 group sites