




Willamette/McKenzie Confluence

The confluence of the Willamette and McKenzie Rivers is like many others—dynamic with beautiful tall cottonwoods lining the riparian area. Just downstream is Green Island, a property purchased by the McKenzie River Trust. As with many other places on the Willamette, this island provides key habitat for a range of species and is undergoing restoration activity. A common theme along the Willamette is restoration. As you travel the river, there is a good chance of seeing restoration work—usually some level of replanting activity along the riverside (or riparian area). This type of activity is essential to providing shade, which helps keep the river cool. Healthy riparian areas also provide habitat for insect, bird, and mammal species linked to the river.

Armitage County Park

-  (Lane County) McKenzie River
-  This park's boat ramp makes an easy put-in to the quick flow of the McKenzie. This stretch of the river is much like the Willamette downstream—shallow at times, with braided channels in places.
-  As with the rest of the river, watch for strainers. Approximately 3 miles from the confluence of the Willamette.
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