



Welcome to the Willamette River Water Trail

The Willamette River is very accessible to a great many people because of its proximity to Oregon's largest population centers. Despite this closeness, the river is often overlooked as a source of recreation. The Willamette River Water Trail creates multiple opportunities for people to access the river. This access enables people to experience the river's breadth of wildlife species and to enjoy the solitude of its backwaters and Greenway parks.

A water trail is a route that provides access to launch, landing, and camping sites, encouraging people in small, self-powered boats to explore their rivers. As the second of three guides to the Willamette River, this guide encompasses the upper, or southern, section of the river, including parts of two key tributaries: the Coast Fork Willamette and the Middle Fork Willamette. The third and final guide, covering from Wheatland Ferry to the Columbia River, will be published in spring 2007.