

# Why Establish a Willamette River Water Trail?

Information is critical to safe traveling on any river and can make the difference between an enjoyable experience and a trip that one wouldn't recommend. Paddlers need to know about put-ins, campsites, amenities (e.g., restrooms), and availability of water. A water trail guide provides this information and helps you to plan for a trip and to understand the range of opportunities and potential hazards on a given stretch of river. In the case of the Willamette water trail, you can also learn about local wildlife, habitat restoration, and overall stewardship of the river system. As an officially recognized Water Trail, the Willamette River can become eligible for regional and national resources and funding to further the amenities and resources linked to the water trail.



*Dilley Landing, Coast Fork*

## The Willamette Water Trail Project



*Whitely Boat Ramp*

The Willamette Water Trail is the result of a multi-year collaboration of federal, state, and local agencies, cities, and nonprofit organizations working together to increase access to and understanding of the Willamette River. In addition to this map series, the water trail web page at [www.willamettewatertrail.org](http://www.willamettewatertrail.org) provides site inventories, updates on new issues and river hazards, and other information to further your safe access to and use of the river.

This three-guide series was designed to be **used on the river**. It is waterproof and can accompany you on a variety of adventures. The guides will help people of all ages explore and appreciate this great river system.