

Plan Your Own Trip



There are multiple opportunities for trips on the rivers covered in this guide. The guide includes about 12.5 miles of the Coast Fork Willamette and about 17 miles of the Middle Fork. Another 80 miles of the Mainstem Willamette River are covered in the guide. Multi-day trips are possible, as well as short afternoon jaunts.

As you review the list of launch sites below, carefully consider where you want to go and how long you plan to spend on the river. Since the rivers in this guide have substantial current,

paddlers should plan to be picked up at the take-out spot or arrange a shuttle vehicle. For many paddlers, a good day on this stretch will cover 12 to 18 miles.

A good example of a multi-day trip is from Whitely Boat Ramp on the Willamette to Buena Vista. This stretch provides many rustic camp sites and can be done in four days and three nights. In this scenario, you can camp at sites such as Beacon Landing, Harkens Lake Landing, Buckskin Mary Landing, Half Moon Bend Landing, and Luckiamute Landing. Where you end up camping can be determined by how fast you plan to paddle, as well as what time of day you get on the water. Depending on how much relaxation you seek, you may want to consider taking another day or two. All of the sites listed below are "rustic"—i.e., they have no running water, toilets, or other amenities. **Remember, Leave No Trace!**

A Note on Parking

This guide does not provide information about overnight parking. Not all sites allow overnight parking. When planning a trip, it is a good idea to visit the put-in/take-out sites, or contact the local property manager or agency and ask for permission to park overnight. In the future, better information about overnight parking will be provided on the Willamette Water Trail website, www.willamettewatertrail.org, as rules are developed for each access point. Local contacts can be found in the Resources section of this guide. Do not leave any valuables in your vehicle.

COAST FORK WILLAMETTE

Launch Sites

- RM 12.5Cloverdale Access (trail to river, 30 yards)
- RM 6.5Dilley Landing (ramp under Hwy 58. bridge)
- RM 3.5Howard Buford Recreation Area

Campsites

- RM 10-11Bristow Landing (primitive)
- RM 9Camas Swale (primitive)
- RM 4-5Seavy Landing (primitive)

