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## Visitor Experience Assessments

What does a visitor do at a state park? How would they describe their day of recreation? Likely it would be with descriptions of the weather, scenery, photographs, and adjectives illustrating how they felt out in the natural world. Even more likely the parking lot and restrooms would only be mentioned if they were out of order. In assessing visitor experience at Oregon State Parks it is important to remember that a visitor's day is a collection of experiences and activities characterized by the sense of place that a state park provides.

The goal of this chapter is to review existing conditions of state parks through a variety of lenses. While surveys and condition assessments are extremely useful to planning efforts, they don't always describe the way a park 'feels'. When planning a new park facility or program it is important to understand if that experience is compatible with existing park practices, natural settings, and historical context. This is where visitor experience and landscape setting evaluations help a park planner understand the character of a park.

Thinking about visitor surveys, activity data, existing facility conditions, and landscape settings provides a multifaceted analysis of visitor experience in state parks. The National Scenic Area has established an understanding of how visitor experience applies to visiting and living in the Gorge; this informs our analysis. This chapter provides existing condition assessments organized by regional analysis followed by individual parks. Data was collected primarily by OPRD staff, while referencing the National Scenic Area Management Plan (NSAMP).

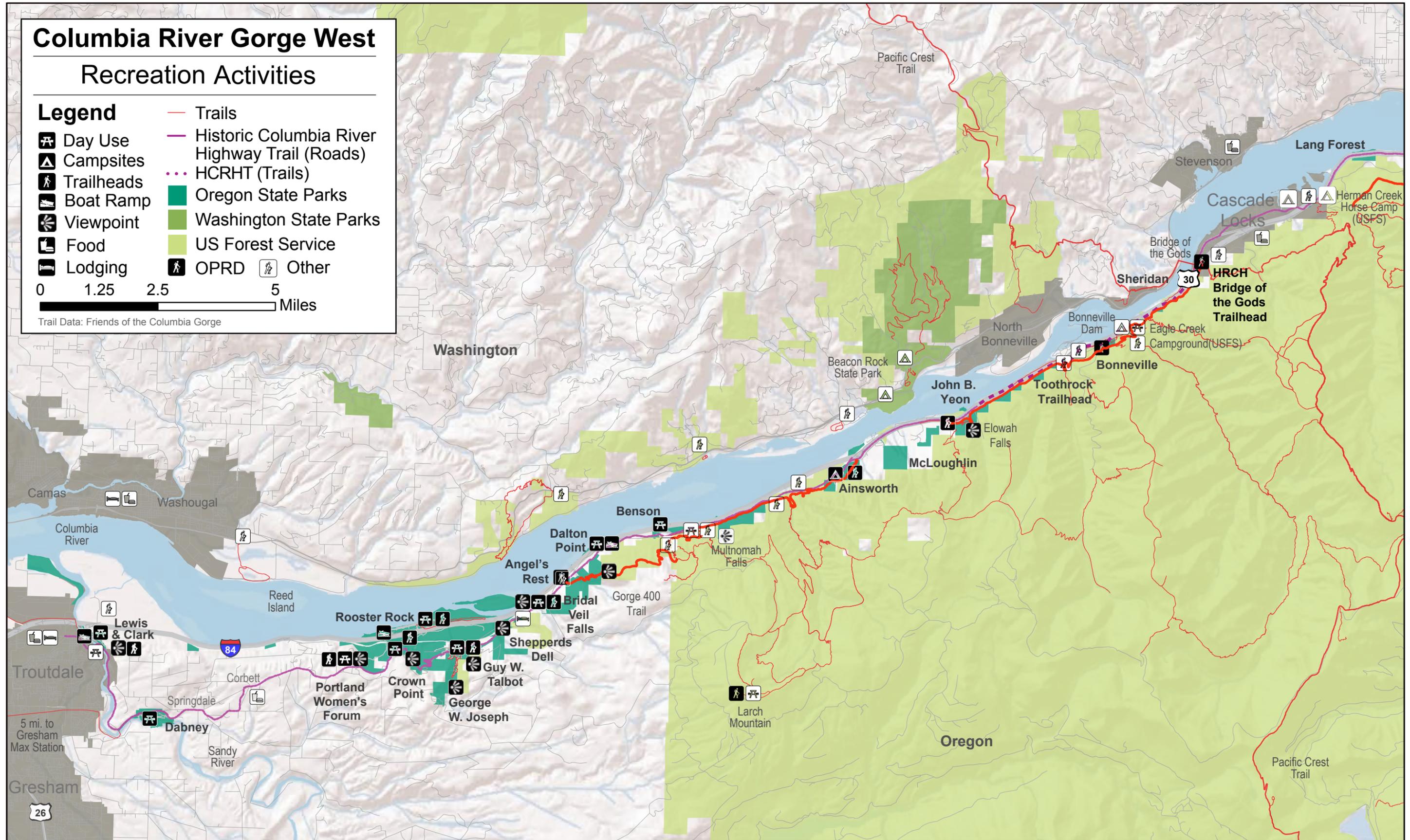
# Columbia River Gorge West Recreation Activities

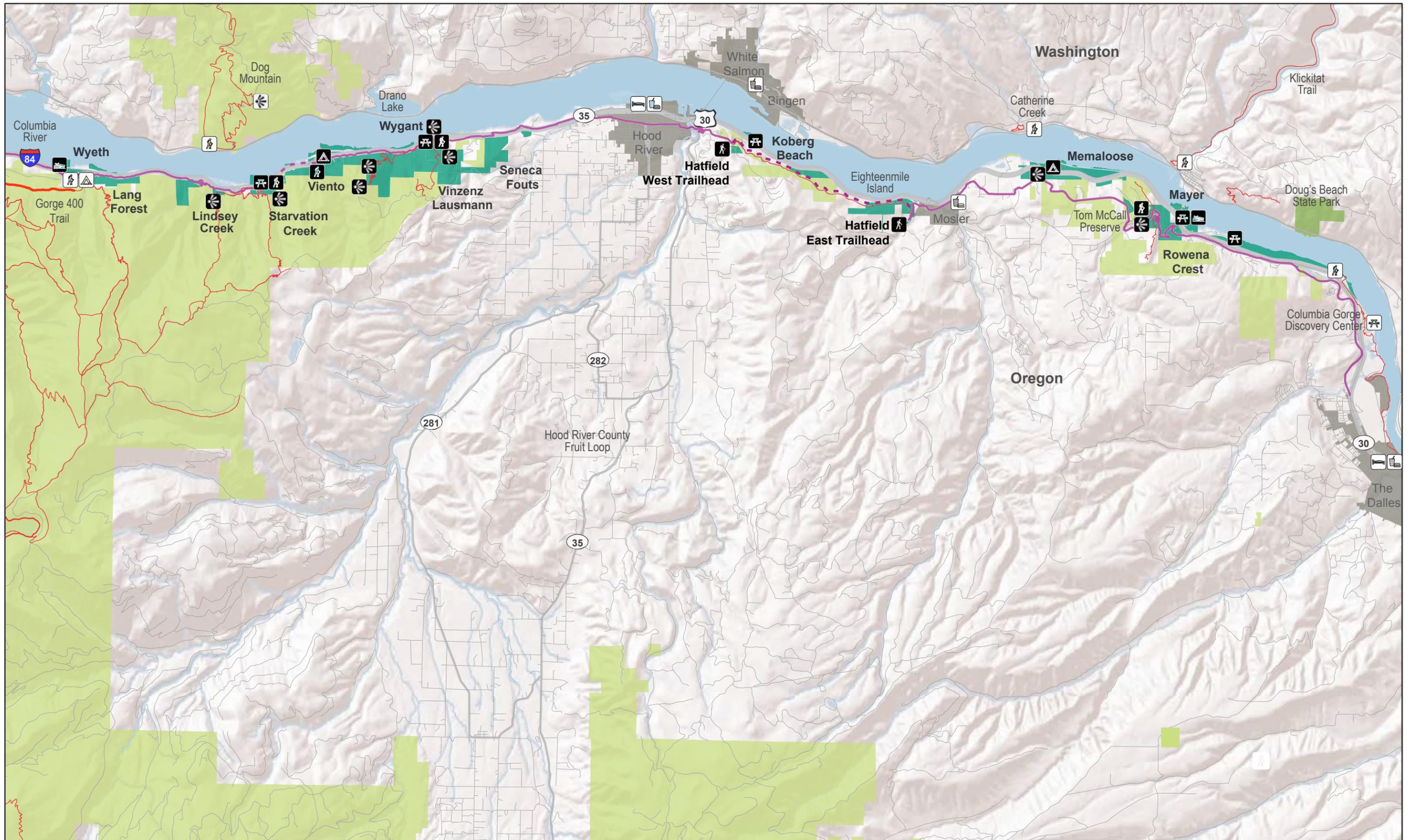
## Legend

- Day Use
- Campsites
- Trailheads
- Boat Ramp
- Viewpoint
- Food
- Lodging
- Trails
- Historic Columbia River Highway Trail (Roads)
- HCRHT (Trails)
- Oregon State Parks
- Washington State Parks
- US Forest Service
- OPRD
- Other

0 1.25 2.5 5 Miles

Trail Data: Friends of the Columbia Gorge





Map 4.1 Regional Activity Map Columbia River Gorge

## Visitor Experience

Park visitors may come for a specific purpose like rafting or seeing a waterfall, yet their experience at a park is made up of many other components: finding the park easily because of clear road signage, delighting at the sound of the birds in the trees, or learning something about the history of the state during their visit. If we are to plan our parks for high quality visitor experiences we must consider the cumulative effects of the many experiences a visitor has when spending a day in the park. One way we can do this is by considering the relationship between the activities that visitors participate in, the facilities that support those activities and the natural setting in which those activities occur. Descriptions of positive and negative visitor experiences are included in this chapter.

The orange diagrams on this page represent 42 activities that take place at state parks in the Columbia River management unit. As you can see, the Gorge provides a wealth and variety of activities for all types of people, including active and passive recreation activities and organized programs. Throughout the next few pages of the chapter, visitor experience is described as it currently occurs in the Gorge.



Boat Ramp Area at West Mayer State Park

## Visitor Experience Activities in Gorge State Parks

Backpacking	Beach	Bicycling	Bike/Hike-In Camping	Car Camping
Court Games	Canoe/Kayak	Clothing Optional Beach	Dog Walking	Collecting
Day Hiking	Disc Golf	Fishing from Bank	Fishing from Boat	Fly Fishing
General Play	Historic Site	Horseback Riding	Interpretation	Jogging
Mountain Biking	Motorboating	Outdoor Skills	Orienteering	Photography
Park Events	Personal Watercraft	Picnicking	Rafting	Ranger-Led Programs
Relaxing	Climbing	RV Camping	Sailing	Sightseeing
Swimming	Tent Camping	Tubing	Walking	Waterfowl Hunting
Wildlife Viewing	Wind Sports			

# Recreation Activities

This chart describes where recreation activities occur throughout the Gorge, in state parks and at other recreation facilities, including US Forest Service and Nature Conservancy properties. This chart depicts passive and active, self-guided recreation activities. Organized activities are described in a chart on the next page.

This chart allowed park planners to quickly see which parks provide a wider variety of recreation opportunities, as well as where there are gaps in the Gorge for recreation. The connectivity diagram was introduced in Chapter One. Please reference [page 14](#) for an explanation of the diagram. It was created to illustrate existing conditions and proposals for the Gorge, at a glance on one page.

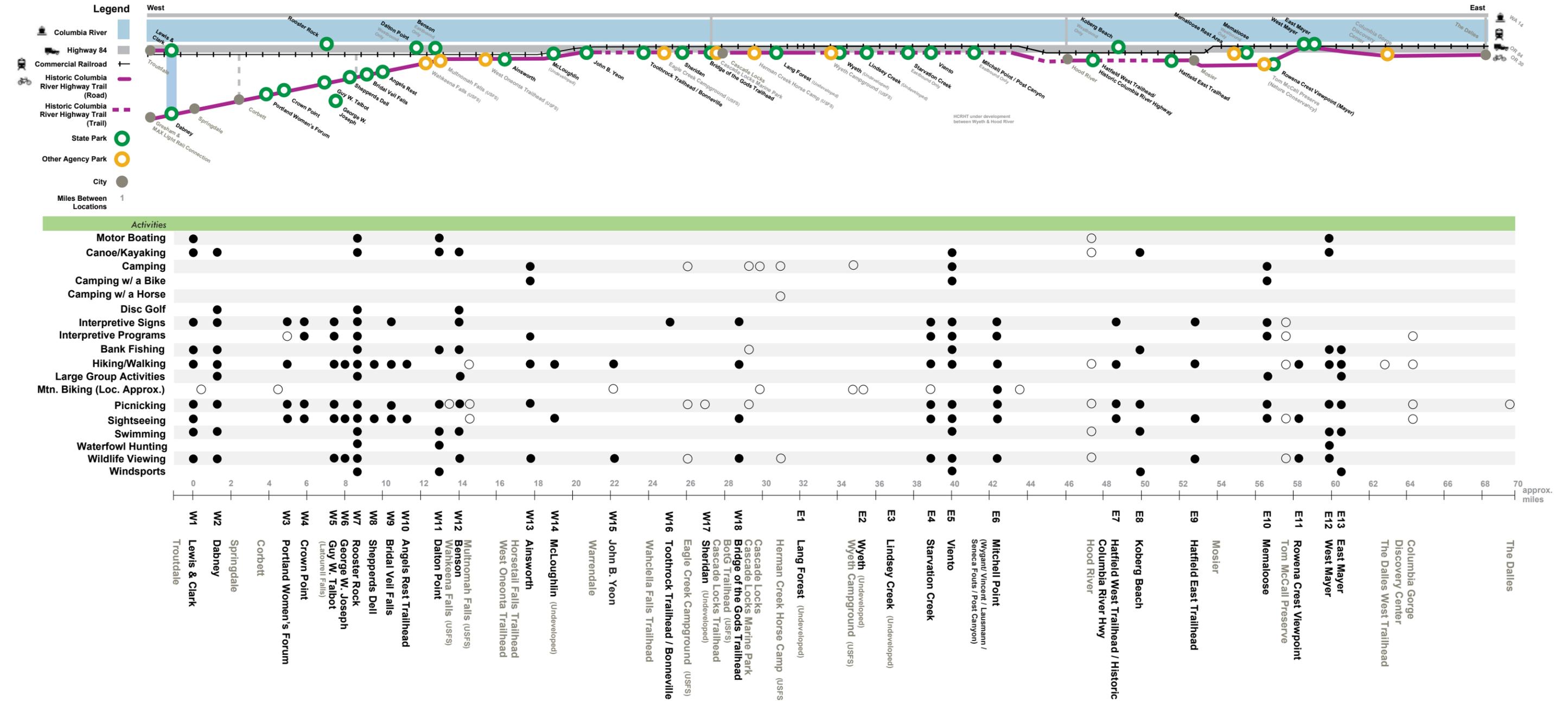


Figure 4.1 Visitor Experience: Recreation Activities

# Organized Activities

This chart describes where organized activities occur throughout the Gorge, in state parks. Organized Activities include programs, public events, and volunteer activities, or all the things that happens in a state park that are not self-guided recreation experiences. These activities are defined below.

**Public Events** Organized and publicized special events, held annually or one time, in state parks and coordinated with the local community, ie Star Parties, and Holiday Events.

**Environmental Education** Organized programs for children and adults that are usually aligned with state curriculum standards, often including hands-on field experiences. These include school field trips, instructor workshops, and Jr. Ranger programs.

**Interpretive Media** Interpretive elements that are not guided by staff, ie panels, and exhibits, and brochures.

**Guided Interpretation** Programmed, scheduled activities led by a trained staff that connect visitors with park resources and stories including guided hikes, campfire programs, etc.

**Outdoor Skills** Programmed activities focusing on teaching or promoting participation in outdoor skills in a safe, responsible manner. Includes 'Let's Go' Program

**Partnerships** Provide support through donations or other financial resources, materials, staffing, or through other agreements. Most are non-profits, including Adopt-A-Park Groups, Friends Groups, Oregon State Parks Foundation, schools, and corporations.

**Volunteer Groups** Non-paid individuals or groups who work alongside park staff in providing services to visitors. Duties may include greeting visitors, selling firewood, staffing visitor centers, pulling invasives, gardening and tree planting, etc. This includes Park Hosts, Maintenance Hosts, Scout Groups, and Corporate Groups.



Figure 4.2 Visitor Experience: Organized Activities

# Facilities

This chart describes existing facilities throughout the Gorge, in state parks and other recreation areas.

**Day Use** Recreation facilities providing places for activities that take place during the day, i.e. hiking, picnicking, etc.

**Overnight** Parks that provide camping or cabins.

**Day Use Fee** Parks where users are required to pay a fee for parking.

**Universal Access Amenities** Provides equal access to facilities and experiences for visitors of all levels of ability.

**Trailheads** A starting point providing access to a trail and light facilities, usually containing parking, maps, and water. 'Regional Trailheads' connect to longer USFS trails for multiday backpacking trips.

**Bike Trailheads** Trailheads with direct access to the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail.

**Boat Ramp** A designated access point for visitors to safely enter the water with a motorized boat.

**Waterfalls** Parks that feature scenic waterfalls.

**Food** Locations where restaurants or take-out food is available.

**Lodging** Locations where there are hotels.

**Recreational Services** Retail shops that provide equipment, rentals, or repairs for local recreation.

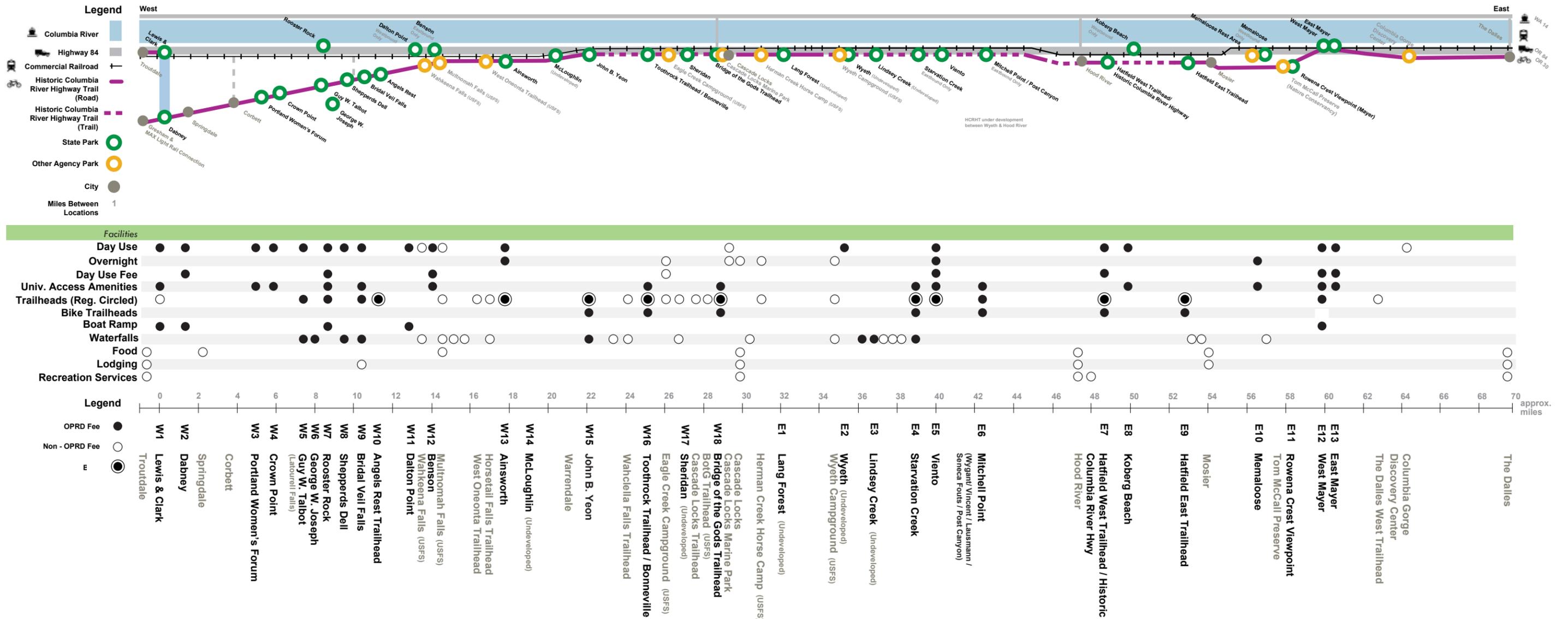


Figure 4.3 Facilities

# Universal Access Inventory

This chart describes existing universal access facilities throughout the Gorge, in state parks and other recreation areas. Universal access facilities are accessible to all people with all abilities. One of the goals in the planning process was to do an assessment of universal access in state parks, to determine how accessible parks were. One measure we used was determining if the 'Major Park Attraction' was accessible. Results of the inventory are described in the diagram above.

**Universal Access Amenities** Parks that contain features that provide equal access to facilities and experiences for visitors of all levels of ability.

**Trailhead** Parks that provide trailheads with accessible features, i.e. viewpoints, amenities

**Trails** Parks where all users can access trails or trail segments.

**Picnicking** Parks that provide accessible picnic facilities.

**Interpretive Elements** Interpretive elements tell the cultural and natural histories of state parks. Parks are identified where these features are accessible

**Scenic Viewpoint** Parks that provide an accessible viewpoint.

**Gathering Space** Indoor or outdoor spaces for large gatherings, including amphitheatres.

**Water Access** Parks that provide universal access to the river.

**Boat Ramp** Motor boat ramps that are universally accessible.

**Fishing** Parks that provide universal access for fishing from the bank.

**Restrooms** Parks with universal access restroom facilities.

**Overnight** Parks providing universal access camping options.

**Major Park Attractions** Is the major park attraction universally accessible?

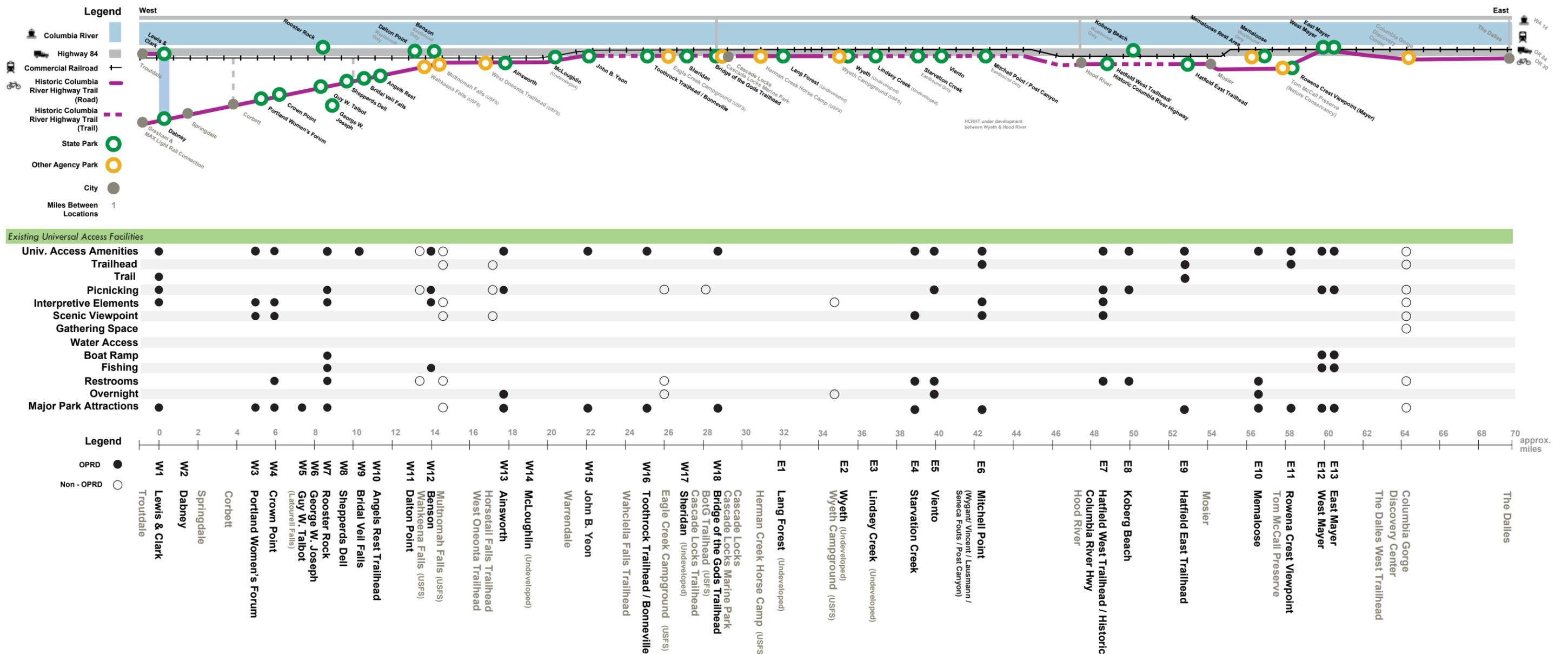


Figure 4.4 Universal Access Inventory

# Park Fees & Revenue

This chart describes existing park fees and revenue sources at parks in the Columbia Gorge Management Unit.

Day Use Fee Parks where users are charged a fee for parking.

Camping Fee Parks that charge users for camping. There are different rates depending on they type of camp site (RV, Full hook up, Walk-In, Hiker/Biker). Some parks are on the reservation system and some are not.

Picnic Shelter Reservation Fee These parks have a picnic shelter that can be rented for a fee.

Picnic Area Reservation Fee These parks have a picnic area that can be rented for a fee.

Concessionaires Parks where there are outside concessionaires, selling food or services.

OPRD Sales of Goods Parks that have a shop operated by OPRD, typically in partnership with a Friend's Group.

Friends Groups Parks that partner with an organized group that hosts park events, operations or volunteer work.

Special Use Permit Fee Parks that provide permits for hosting regular events where users pay a fee.

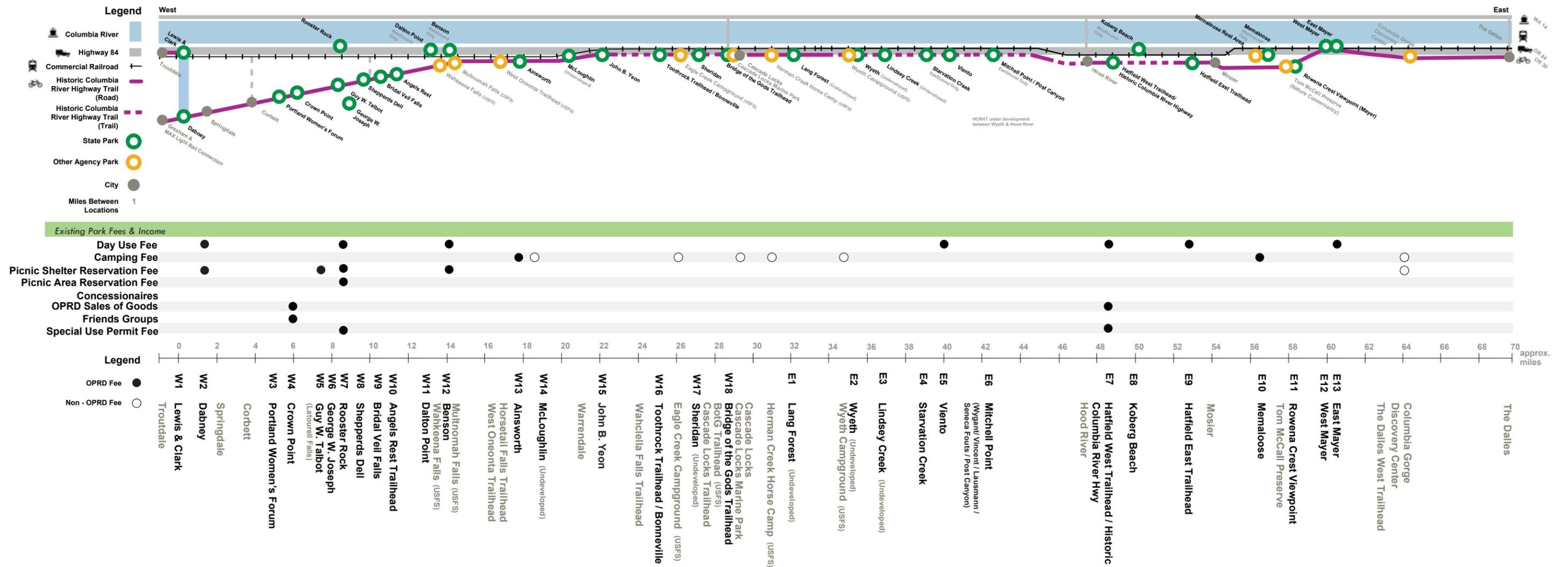


Figure 4.5 Park Fees and Revenue

# Landscape Setting

Landscape setting, or landscape character assessment, is a tool for identifying what makes one place different from another. Landscapes encompass both the physical and cultural qualities of outdoor spaces. Experientially, landscapes deeply influence the way people feel when they visit state parks. Picnicking on a bench at Ainsworth alongside the Historic Highway is a very different experience than laying a blanket out by the river at Rooster Rock. By assessing the landscape settings present in our parks in relation to the facilities and activities present within them, staff gain a better understanding of the quality of experiences visitors have and where they occur.

Landscape setting assessment is a tool utilized in most European planning efforts and has several benefits to park planning:

- Inform the scale and siting of potential enhancements and decommissioning of facilities within existing parks
- Help plan for future acquisitions, supplementing settings not present in our current parks.
- Allow visitor experiences to be planned in tandem with natural resource restoration projects
- Contribute a framework to advise recreation and environmental planning at parkwide and regional scales

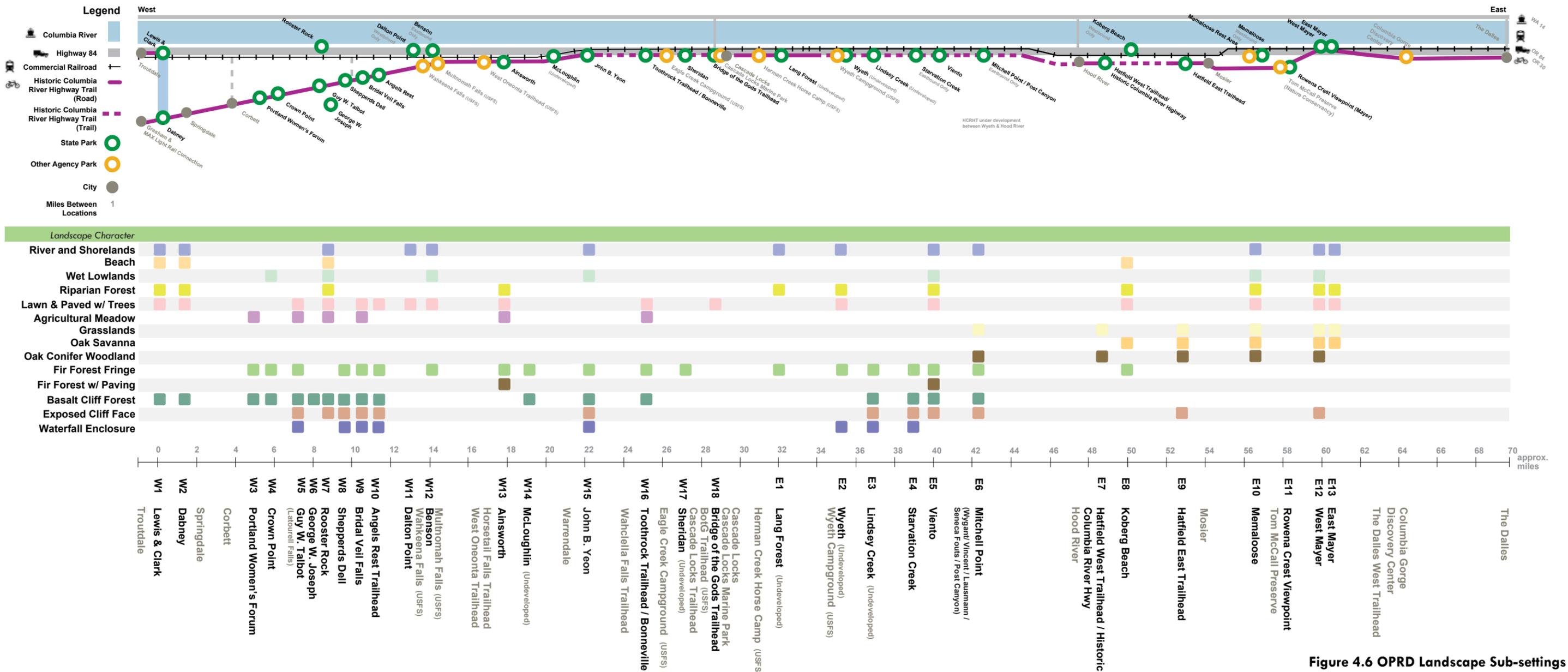


Figure 4.6 OPRD Landscape Sub-settings

## Gorge National Scenic Area Landscape Settings

Landscape setting assessments differ from natural resource assessments, describing human experience as opposed to habitat value. While considering the history of a particular landscape and understanding its current place in time as continuously changing, landscape settings focus on the aesthetic and cultural values - the overall character of a place, as opposed to the biological composition. The Scenic Area Management Plan defines eight landscape settings through “a combination of land use, landform, and vegetation patterns that distinguish an area in appearance and character from other portions of the Scenic Area (Section I, p.14)”. These settings help define development regulations that coordinate with and contribute to the scenic quality of the Gorge, preserving its unique natural value for future generations. An overview of these settings and how they are applied to state parks appear in Figure 4.7.

## Oregon State Parks Landscape Sub-Settings

The OPRD landscape sub-settings defined in this chapter were informed by the intensive natural resource assessments discussed in Chapter 3. Designed to sit within the landscape settings defined in the National Scenic Area Management Plan, the sub-settings are more specific to the conditions found within state parks. In creating them, we aim to establish a tool to assess the variety of settings a park provides, therefore increasing visitor experiences in our parks.

The following landscape sub-settings occur within our state parks in the Columbia River Gorge and are identified throughout the chapter as they apply to each park.

## National Scenic Area Landscape Settings & OPRD Landscape Sub-settings

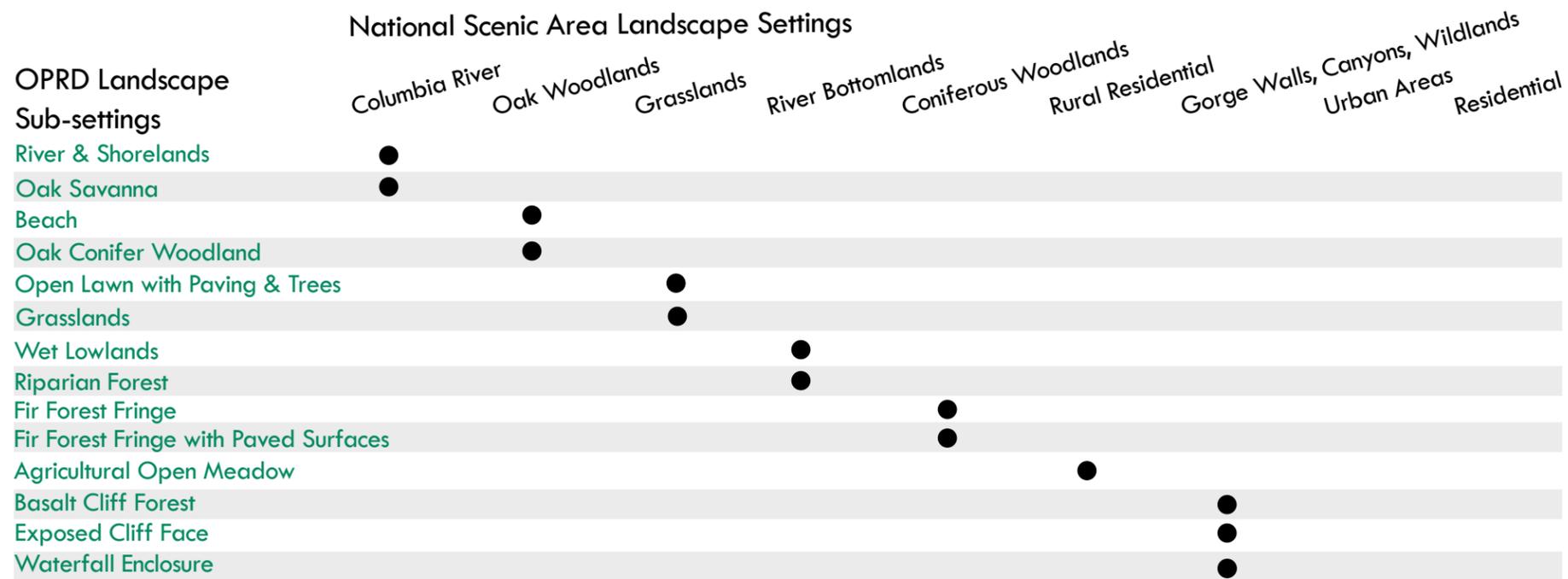


Figure 4.7 National Scenic Area Landscape Settings & OPRD Landscape Subsettings

### River and Shorelands



**Key Characteristics:** Columbia and Sandy Rivers, includes river edges and shoreline riparian habitats  
**Geology and Landform:** Scoured canyon bottom  
**Soils and Vegetation:** Water, cobble, sand, willows, cottonwoods  
**Views:** Open views of river surface, unprotected and exposed to the elements - rain, sun, wind, spray  
**Cultural:** Human interference with river’s edge, stabilized river channel, buoys and channel markers, jetties and docks

### Beach



**Key Characteristics:** Sandy shoreline on river’s edge, low slope meeting water, access to river, river flow and occasional wavelets, exposure to elements- rain, wind, and sun  
**Geology and Landform:** Flat, open expanse of sand, cobble  
**Soils and Vegetation:** Water, sand, willows  
**Views:** Open views of river and river gorge  
**Cultural:** Footpaths through the understory to access the beach

### Wet Lowlands



**Key Characteristics:** Wetlands, wet meadows and forests, open views of horizon and distance, backdrop of Columbia Gorge canyon walls  
**Geology and Landform:** scoured canyon bottom, flat, delta landscape  
**Soils and Vegetation:** dense grass, sedges, rushes, willow, alder  
**Views:** Open views across landscape, limited views of the Columbia River with possible views of the Gorge canyon walls  
**Cultural:** restoration projects - mowed grasses, native plantings

### Riparian Forest



**Key Characteristics:** Mixed Deciduous Coniferous Forest, dense understory vegetation, diverse native plant communities  
**Geology and Landform:** scoured canyon bottom, flat, delta landscape  
**Soils and Vegetation:** Gravel, silt and sand deposits, mixed Coniferous/Deciduous forest, typically native plant communities  
**Views:** Seasonal changes, screened views of Gorge canyon walls  
**Cultural:** Occasional trails, nature observation areas

### Open Lawn & Paved Surfaces with Scattered Trees



**Key Characteristics:** Pastoral landscape, ornamental trees, lawn  
**Geology and Landform:** Open flat expanses, scoured canyons, viewpoints atop canyon walls  
**Soils and Vegetation:** Gravel, silt and sand deposits, Mixed Coniferous/Deciduous forest, native and non-native species, lawn  
**Views:** Limited views of horizon, intermittent views Columbia River, limited views of the Columbia Gorge canyon walls  
**Cultural:** Scattered parking lots, roads, trailheads, benches and picnic tables

### Agricultural Open Meadow



**Key Characteristics:** Agrarian managed use of land for production, top of canyon walls, open unlimited views of horizon, high exposure to the elements - wind, rain, and sun. Agricultural outbuildings/barns and vernacular architecture dot the landscape  
**Geology and Landform:** Plateaus of gorge walls, Col. river basalt  
**Soils and Vegetation:** Basalt base, crops or pasture  
**Views:** Open, unlimited views of horizon & the Columbia River Gorge  
**Cultural:** Agricultural outbuildings /barns and vernacular architecture dot the landscape

### Grasslands



**Key Characteristics:** wildflower meadows and open grasslands, wide open views of horizon and distant landforms, exposure to the elements - wind, rain, and sun.  
**Geology and Landform:** Plateaus of the gorge walls, Columbia river basalt  
**Soils and Vegetation:** Basaltic rock, grass, seasonal wildflowers  
**Views:** Open views of horizon and the Columbia River Gorge  
**Cultural:** Visible roads, occasional footpaths

### Oak Savanna



**Key Characteristics:** Stands of oak and pine mixed with grassy meadows covering plateaus and flanks of eastern Gorge down to the river's edge  
**Geology and Landform:** Open flat expanses, typically near river  
**Soils and Vegetation:**  
**Views:** Open, limited views of the horizon and the Columbia River Gorge, with occasional large oaks  
**Cultural:** Visible roads, trails and footpaths, fir removal to prevent encroachment

### Oak Conifer Woodland



**Key Characteristics:** Pine-oak forests covering plateaus and flanks of eastern Gorge, interspersed with oak savannah and grassland, areas of dense understory (often including poison oak!)  
**Geology and Landform:** Plateaus atop gorge walls, sloping Columbia river basalt flows  
**Soils and Vegetation:** Basaltic rock, ponderosa pine  
**Views:** Open, unlimited views of horizon and the Columbia River Gorge  
**Cultural:** Trails and footpaths, fir removal to prevent encroachment

### Fir Forest Fringe



**Key Characteristics:** Fir Hemlock forest community on medium slopes, typically immediately adjacent to riparian areas  
**Geology and Landform:** Scoured canyon bottom, shallow slopes less than 15%, typically the toe of the slope of canyon walls  
**Soils and Vegetation:** Basalt base, tall conifers, deciduous trees, dense shrubby understory  
**Views:** Occasional views of canyon walls above trees  
**Cultural:** Roads, trails, stream crossings

### Fir Forest Fringe with Paved Surfaces



See above for natural characteristics, but with campsites or other paved facilities

### Basalt Cliff Forest



**Key Characteristics:** Steep slopes and vertical sensations, exposed Columbia River basalt outcrops, deep forest pockets  
**Geology and Landform:** Entablature/columnade blocks of Columbia River basalt. Ancient pillow lava flows formed spherical masses. Steep slopes in excess of 15% form the canyon walls of the Columbia Gorge.  
**Soils and Vegetation:** Basalt outcrops, talus slopes, coniferous forest, moderately dense understory, vibrant ferns, mosses, and lichens on canyon walls  
**Views:** Limited views within forested landscape, breaks in trees allow window views of the canyon walls, Columbia River, and distant horizon  
**Cultural:** Bridges, trails and footpaths, stream crossings, rock climbers



This SCORP plan asked people to rate various camping types using 5-point Likert scales according to the likelihood of using a type of camping when or if the individual went camping at an Oregon State Park campground (1 = Not at all likely to 5 = Very likely), and to rate their perceived need for more of each type of camping near the individual's community (1 = Lowest priority need to 5 = High priority need). Statewide, drive-in tent sites had the highest likelihood of use, while hiker-biker sites had the lowest likelihood of use. Similarly, drive-in tent sites had the highest priority need while hiker-biker sites had the lowest priority need. The majority of Oregonians are not at all likely to use RV sites or hiker-biker sites. For Oregonians, drive-in tent sites have the highest likelihood of use and priority need, followed by cabins or yurts, hike-in tent campsites, RV sites, and hiker-biker sites. Regions 2 and 6 demonstrated some interesting contrasts in results: Region 6 has the highest likelihood of use and priority need for RV sites, while Region 2 is the least on both (Figure 4.10).

Oregonians were asked their opinions about priorities for the future. Respondents were asked to rate several items for investment by park and forest agencies using a 5-point Likert scale (1 = Lowest priority need to 5 = Highest priority need). The following priority lists are based on number of individuals served, not on the frequency of their participation in each activity

The top priority needs for Oregonians are

- Soft surface walking trails.
- Access to waterways.
- Nature and wildlife viewing areas.
- Playgrounds with natural materials (Natural Play Areas).
- Picnic areas for small groups.
- Off-street bicycle trails.

Low priority needs for Oregonians are:

- Tennis courts.
- Basketball courts.
- Baseball / softball fields.

## Visitor Survey Data

Visitor Surveys were conducted for ten parks in the Gorge in summer 2012.

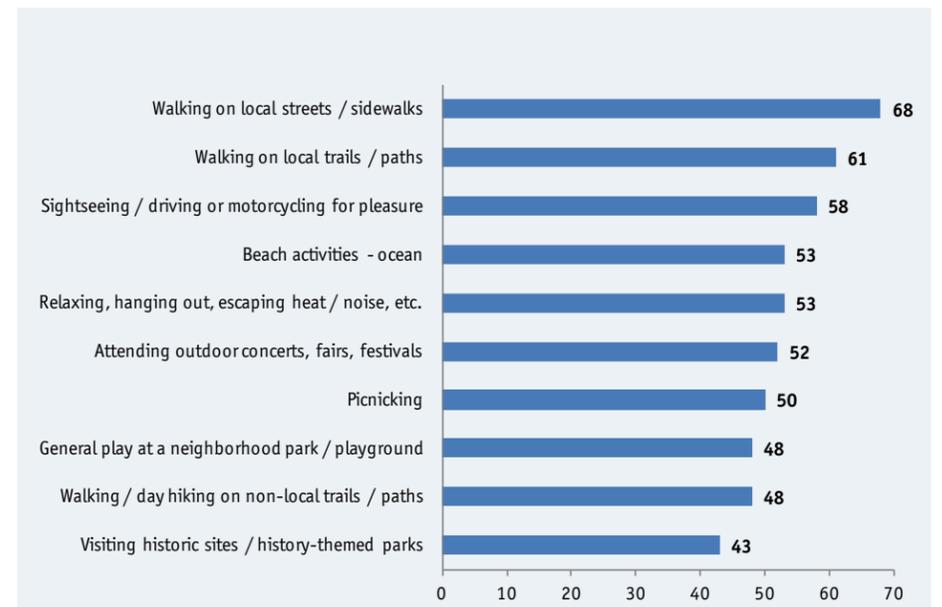
- W1 Lewis & Clark
- W2 Dabney
- W4 Crown Point, Vista House
- W7 Rooster Rock
- W9 Bridal Veil Falls
- W12 Benson
- W13 Ainsworth (Overnight)
- E4 Starvation Creek
- E10 Memaloose (Overnight)
- E11-13 Mayer

Project objectives were to describe overnight activities, demographic characteristics, and opinions about conditions and management at this park and provide recommendations for maintaining or improving conditions at this park. Data was obtained from questionnaires administered to random samples of dayuse and overnight (Ainsworth & Memaloose) visitors to the park.

Results of these surveys described information pertaining to:

- Popular Activities at the Parks,
- Average Duration of Visits,
- Distance Visitors Traveled from Home to the Park,
- Number of Return Visits,
- Group Size,
- Data about Travel Method,
- Visitor Spending Data,
- Trip Planning Information Availability,
- Satisfaction with Experience and Park Conditions,
- Attitudes about Management Strategies,
- Sociodemographics

Results of these surveys have been summarized in the following graphics and on park visitor experience summaries throughout the rest of the chapter. The full surveys can be found on the OPRD website at [http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/PLANS/Pages/planning\\_SCORP.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/PLANS/Pages/planning_SCORP.aspx).



**Figure 4.9 Top Ten Activities for Oregon Residents, 2011**  
**Percent Population Participating** (Source: Oregon SCORP Plan, 2013):  
 The table above demonstrates how the recreation activities compare in each region to statistics for the state.

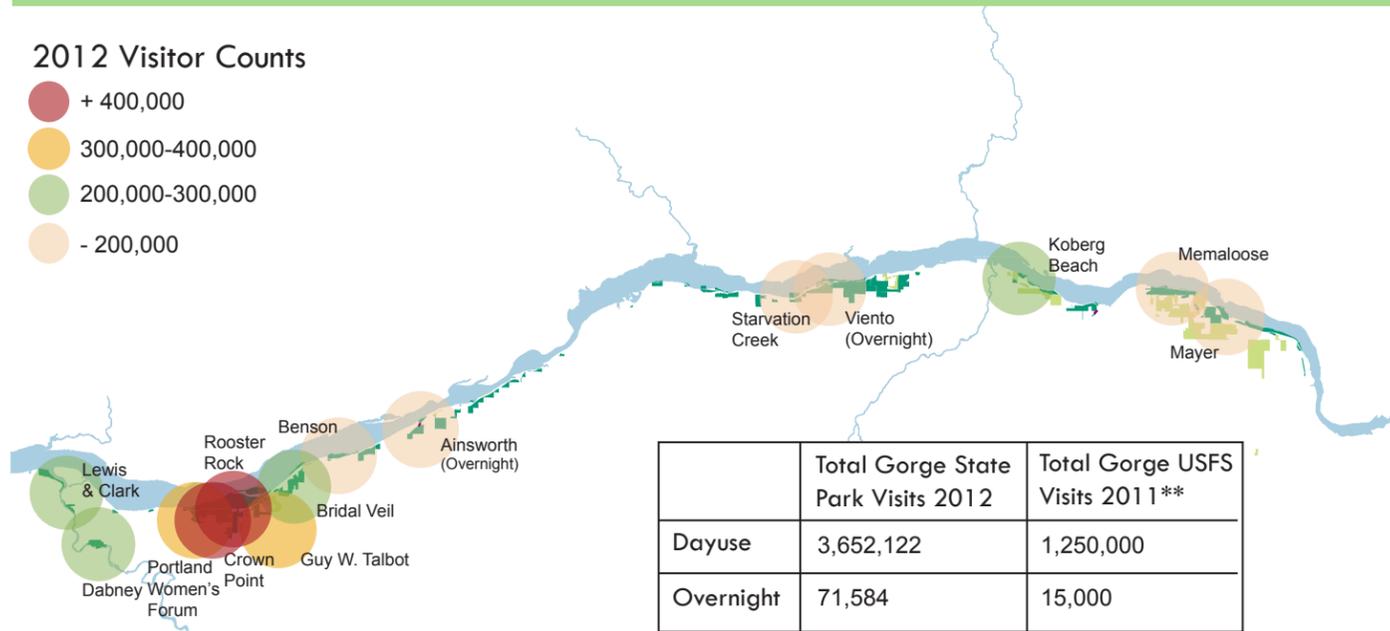
Camping Type	Oregon SCORP Region	
	2	6
RV sites	1.9	2.8
Cabins or yurts w/ heat, lights	2.8	2.7
Cabins or yurts w/ heat, lights, bathroom, kitchen	2.7	2.8
Drive-in tent sites	3.3	3.2
Hike-in tent sites	2.8	2.6
Hiker-biker sites	2.3	2.2
Other	2.6	2.6

**Figure 4.10 Priority Need of Camping Type near community, Oregon SCORP Regions - Mean for 5-Point Likert (1='Lowest Priority Need' to 5 = 'Highest Priority Need')** (Source: Oregon SCORP Plan, 2013)

## Visitation Levels

### 2012 Visitor Counts

- + 400,000
- 300,000-400,000
- 200,000-300,000
- - 200,000



## Gorge-wide Primary Activities



### Oregon State Parks

- Hiking/Walking
- Swimming/Wading
- Picnicking/Barbecuing
- Sightseeing



### USFS\*\*

(w/ percent participating)

- Viewing Natural Features 78%
- Hiking/Walking 74%
- Relaxing 43%
- Viewing Wildlife 35%
- Driving for Pleasure 30%



### Gorge Scenic Area\*\*\*

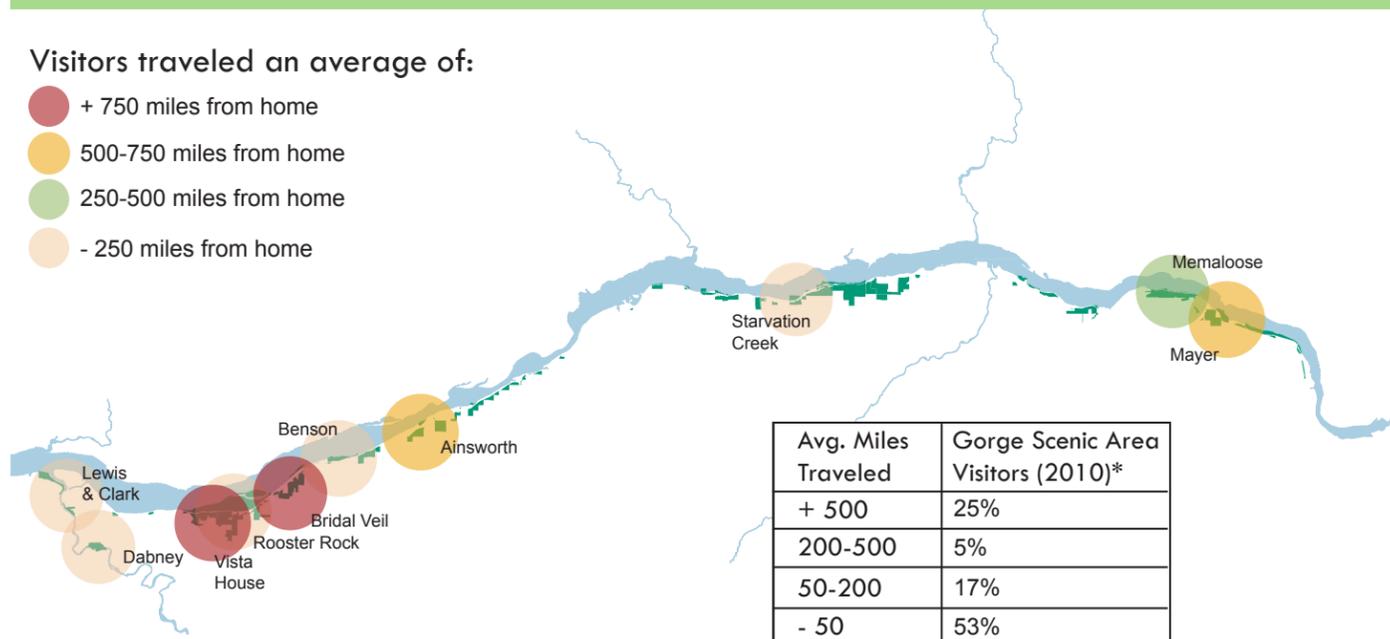
(w/ percent participating)

- Viewing Natural Features 84.4%
- Hiking/Walking 72%
- Sightseeing 61%
- Relaxing 47%
- Driving For Pleasure 42%

## Draw

### Visitors traveled an average of:

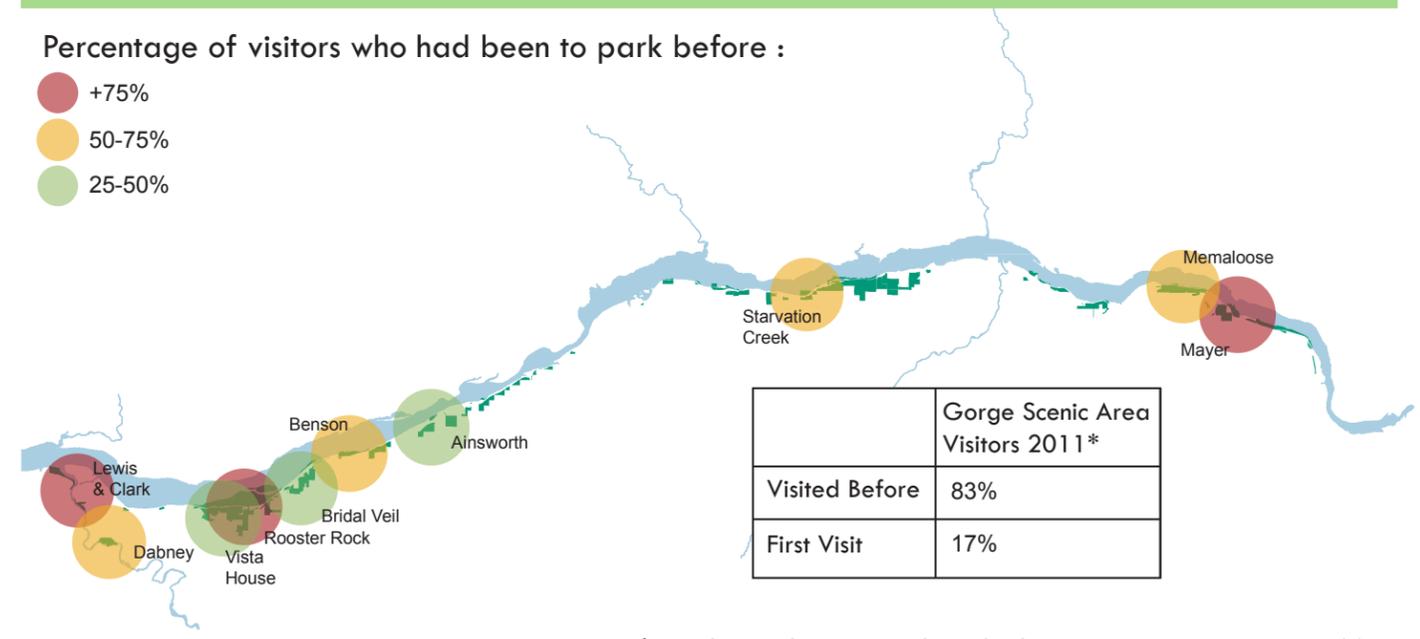
- + 750 miles from home
- 500-750 miles from home
- 250-500 miles from home
- - 250 miles from home



## Return Visits

### Percentage of visitors who had been to park before :

- +75%
- 50-75%
- 25-50%



\* Resident and Visitor Study, Columbia River Gorge Commission, 2011

\*\* USDA FS Visitor Use Report, 2011

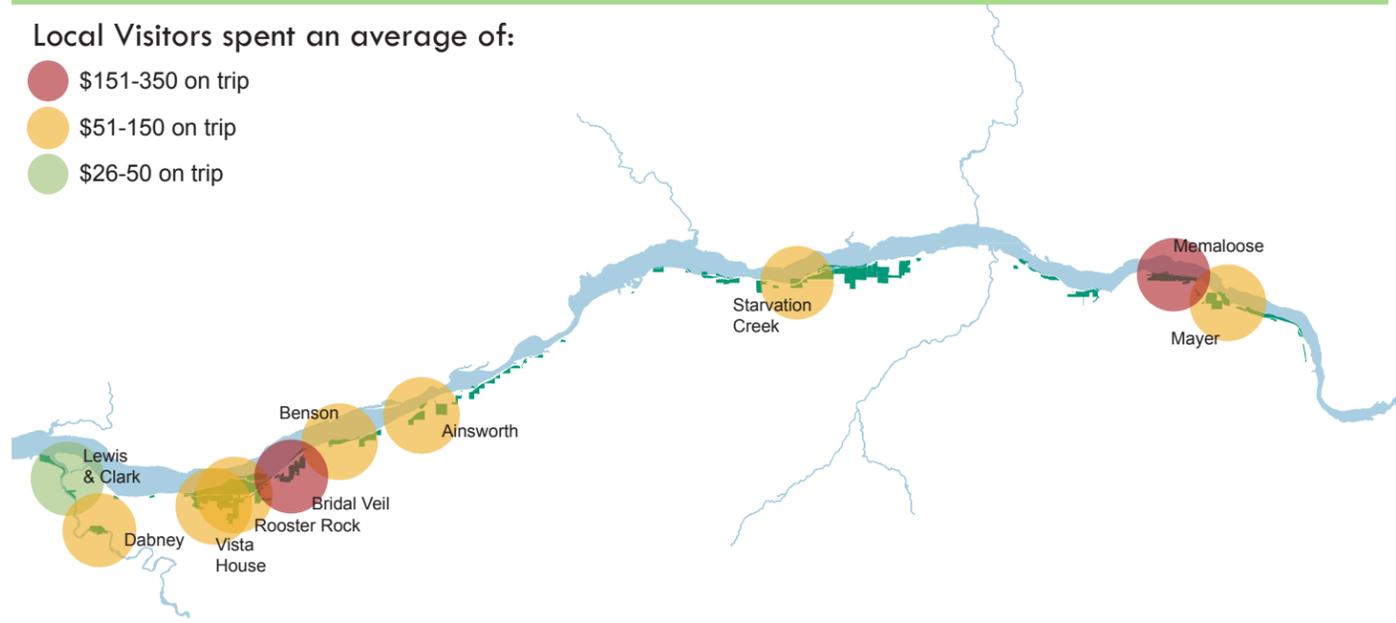
\*\*\* Columbia River Gorge Meta-Analysis: A Spatial and Temporal Examination of Outdoor Recreation, 2013

Figure 4.11 Visitor Survey Statistics Informational Graphics (Source: 2012 OPRD Visitor Surveys, unless otherwise noted)

## Average Trip Cost

Local Visitors spent an average of:

- \$151-350 on trip
- \$51-150 on trip
- \$26-50 on trip



## Overcrowding

Percentage of users indicating park felt:

- Overcapacity
- Normal
- Suppressed

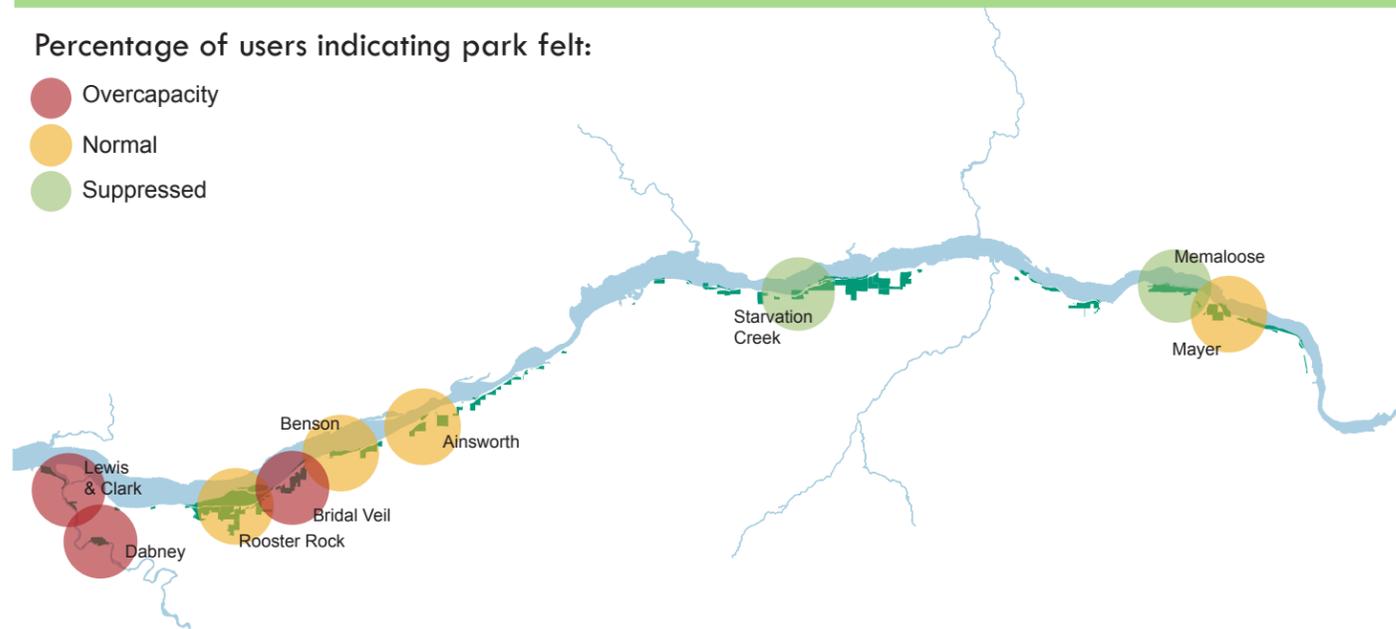


Figure 4.11 Visitor Survey Statistics Informational Graphics (Source: 2012 OPRD Visitor Surveys)

## Park Visitor Experience Assessment

The following pages summarize existing condition information, park statistics, visitor surveys, recreation activities, park maps, and landscape setting assessments, in two page spreads. Definitions of the conditions displayed on the pages are described below.

**Park Character** A quick assessment of the park's contributions to recreation in the Gorge.

**Primary Landmarks** Scenic or identifying characteristics in or near the park that contribute to the park's character.

**Volume** A non-scientific, comparative assessment of how road and train noise detract from the natural setting (1 Truck = 'Low Noise', 3 Trucks = 'High Noise').

**Acreage** The overall size of the park. Inaccessible areas are limited to public enjoyment by a lack of trails, or disconnected by property boundaries, roads, railroad, and geography.

**Total Trails** The current number of trail miles within the park boundary.

**Day Use/Overnight Visitors 2012** The number of visitors in 2012, based on primary types of park use.

**Day Use Fee** The absence or presence of a parking fee in the park.

**Day Use Parking** The current number of parking spaces in the park.

**Top suggestion for improving the park** Based on Visitor Surveys.

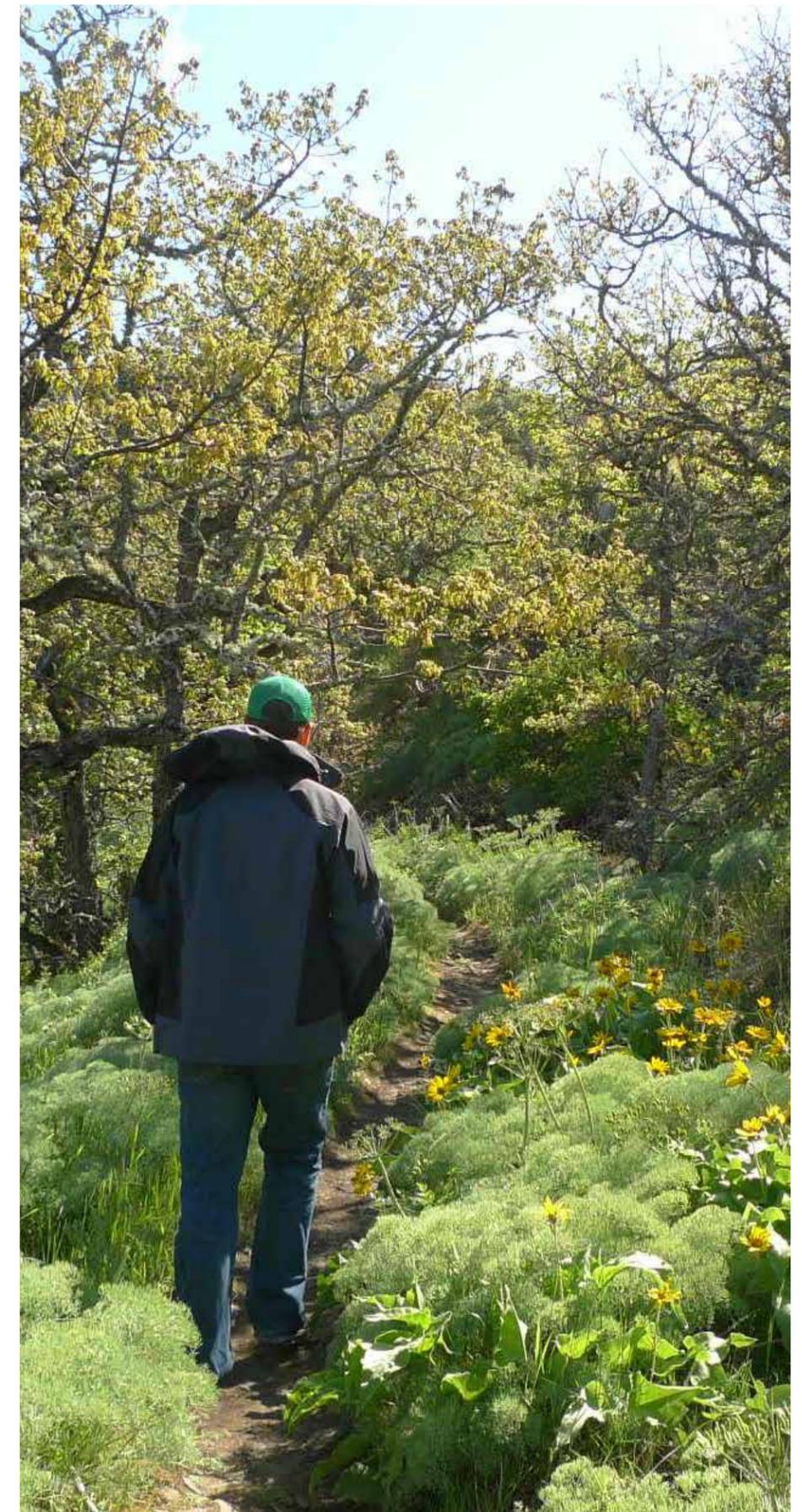
**Percentage Indicating Overcrowding** Based on Visitor Surveys.

**Current Interpretive Programs** Current organized activities currently present in the park. See [Figure 4.2](#) for a detailed breakdown.

**Landscape Settings** The natural character of a landscape area. See detailed explanation on [page 53](#).

**Primary Activities** Based on Visitor Surveys.

**Park Activities by Landscape Setting** An analysis of which recreation activities occur in various landscape settings across the park.



# W1 Lewis & Clark State Park

**Park Character:** Day use recreation and access to the Sandy River, close to Portland/Metro region

**Primary Landmarks:** Sandy River, Broughton Bluff, Interstate 84

**Acreage:** 55.2 (170.9 Inaccessible)

**Volume:**



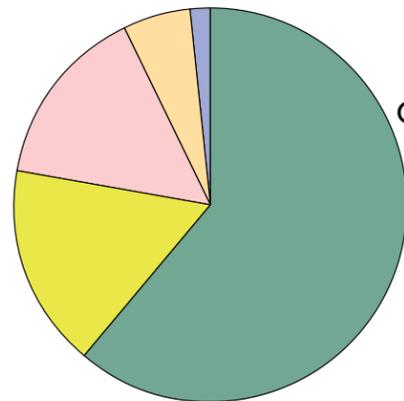
**Total Trails:** 1.7 Miles

**Dayuse Visitors 2012:** 257,046

**Day Use Fee:** No

**Day Use Parking :** 174 spaces

**Top suggestion for improving the park:** Improve parking  
**Percentage indicating overcrowding:** 70% (Overcapacity)  
**Current Interpretive Programs:** None



**Landscape Settings:**  
 Basalt Cliff Forest 61%  
 Riparian Forest 17%  
 Open Lawn w/ Paved Surfaces 11%  
 Beach 6%  
 River & Shorelands 1%

**Primary Activities:**



## Park Activities by Landscape Setting

### River & Shorelands



Fishing From a Boat  
 Flatwater Canoe/Kayaking  
 Motorboating  
 Rafting  
 Sightseeing  
 Swimming  
 Tubing

### Beach



Fishing from a Bank  
 Fly Fishing  
 Relaxing

### Riparian Forest



Day Hiking/Walking  
 Bird Watching/ Nature Observation

### Open Lawn & Paving with Scattered Trees



Dog Walking/Pet Exercise  
 Day Hiking/Walking  
 Learning: Botanical Trail  
 Picnicking  
 Relaxing

### Basalt Cliff Forest



Climbing  
 Day Hiking/Walking  
 Orienteering

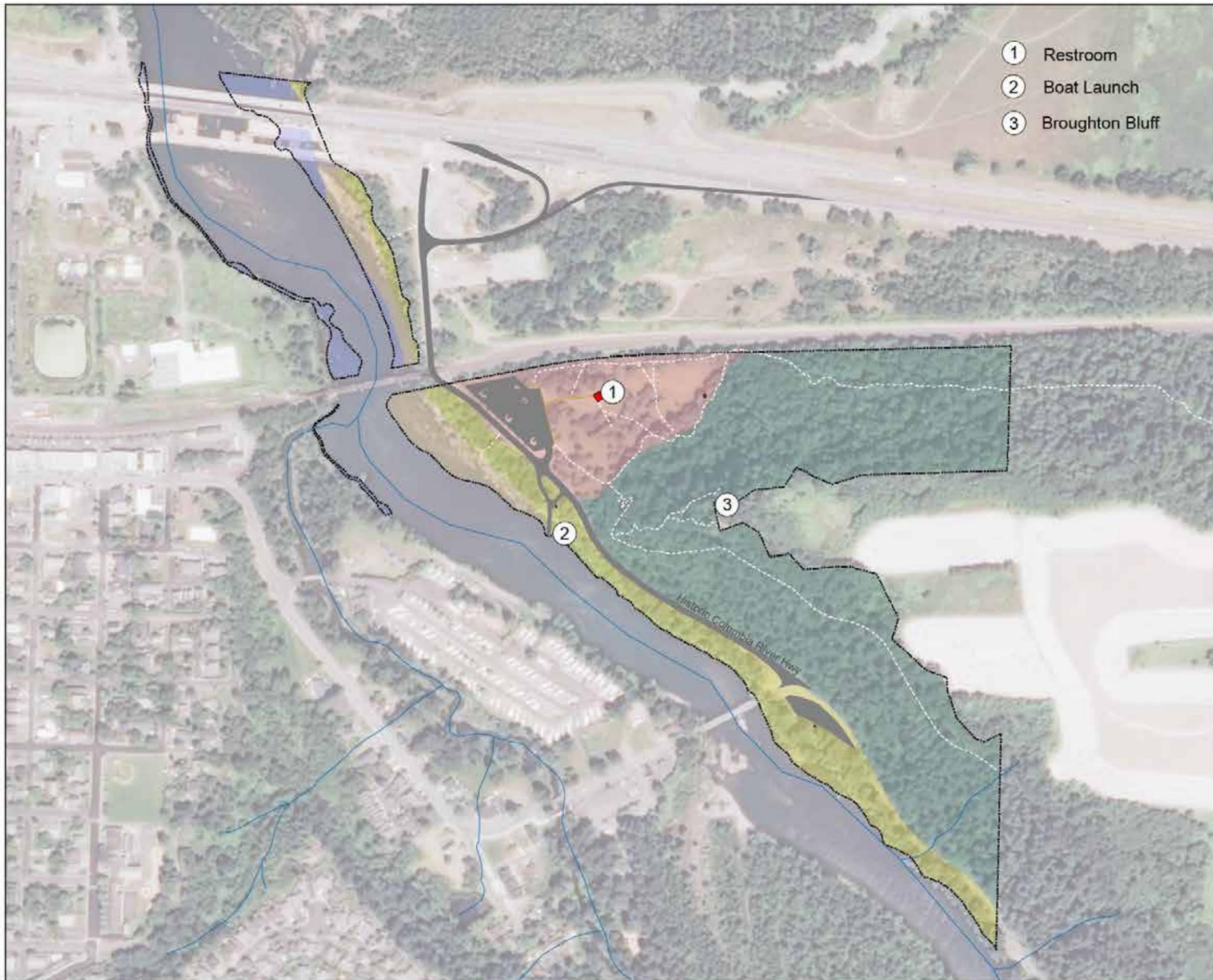
*Note: Lewis and Clark State Recreation Site was the subject of a 2011 Comprehensive Plan which this plan's recommendations will refer to. Statistics are provided here for compative analysis.*

# Lewis and Clark State Recreation Area

## Existing Conditions

HUB 210

July 2014



- ① Restroom
- ② Boat Launch
- ③ Broughton Bluff

### Legend

- Park Boundary
- Buildings
- Road / Parking Lot
- Walkway/Sidewalk
- Trail
- Streams

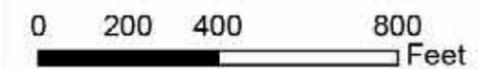
### OPRD Landscape Sub-setting

- Open Lawn with Paved Surfaces and Scattered Trees
- Beach
- River and Shorelands
- Riparian Forest
- Basalt Cliff Forest

### Location



### Park Boundary / Map Extent



# W2 Dabney State Recreation Area

**Park Character:** Day use recreation and access to the Sandy River, close to Portland/Metro region

**Primary Landmarks:** Sandy River, Disc Golf Course, Historic Columbia River Highway, Railroad Trestle

**Acreeage:** 146.8

**Total Trails:** 2 miles

**2012 Day Use Attendance:** 232,560

**Day Use Fee:** Yes

**Day Use Parking:** 209 spaces

**Volume:**



**Top suggestion for improving the park:** Improve parking

**Percentage indicating overcrowding:** 66% (Overcapacity)

**Current Interpretive Programs:** None

**Landscape Settings:**

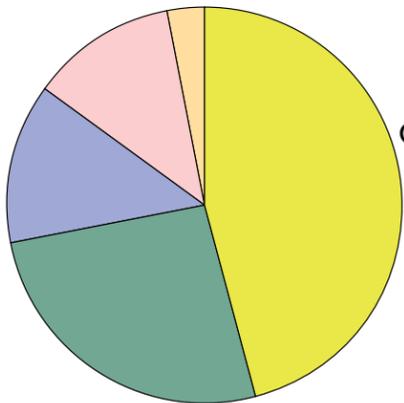
Riparian Forest 46%

Basalt Cliff Forest 27%

River & Shorelands 13%

Open Lawn w/ Paved Surfaces 12%

Beach 3%



**Primary Activities:**

Swimming/Wading (66%)

Picnicking/Barbecuing (53%)

Hiking/Walking (38%)

Tubing (29%)

Sightseeing (26%)



## Park Activities by Landscape Setting

### River & Shorelands



- Fishing, Fly Fishing
- Flatwater Canoe/Kayaking
- Floating
- Rafting
- Sight Seeing
- Swimming

### Riparian Forest



- Bird Watching/ Nature Observation
- Disc Golf
- Day Hiking/Walking
- Learning: Interpretive Signs
- Relaxing

### Open Lawn & Paving with Scattered Trees



- Biking on Road
- Disc Golf
- Picnicking



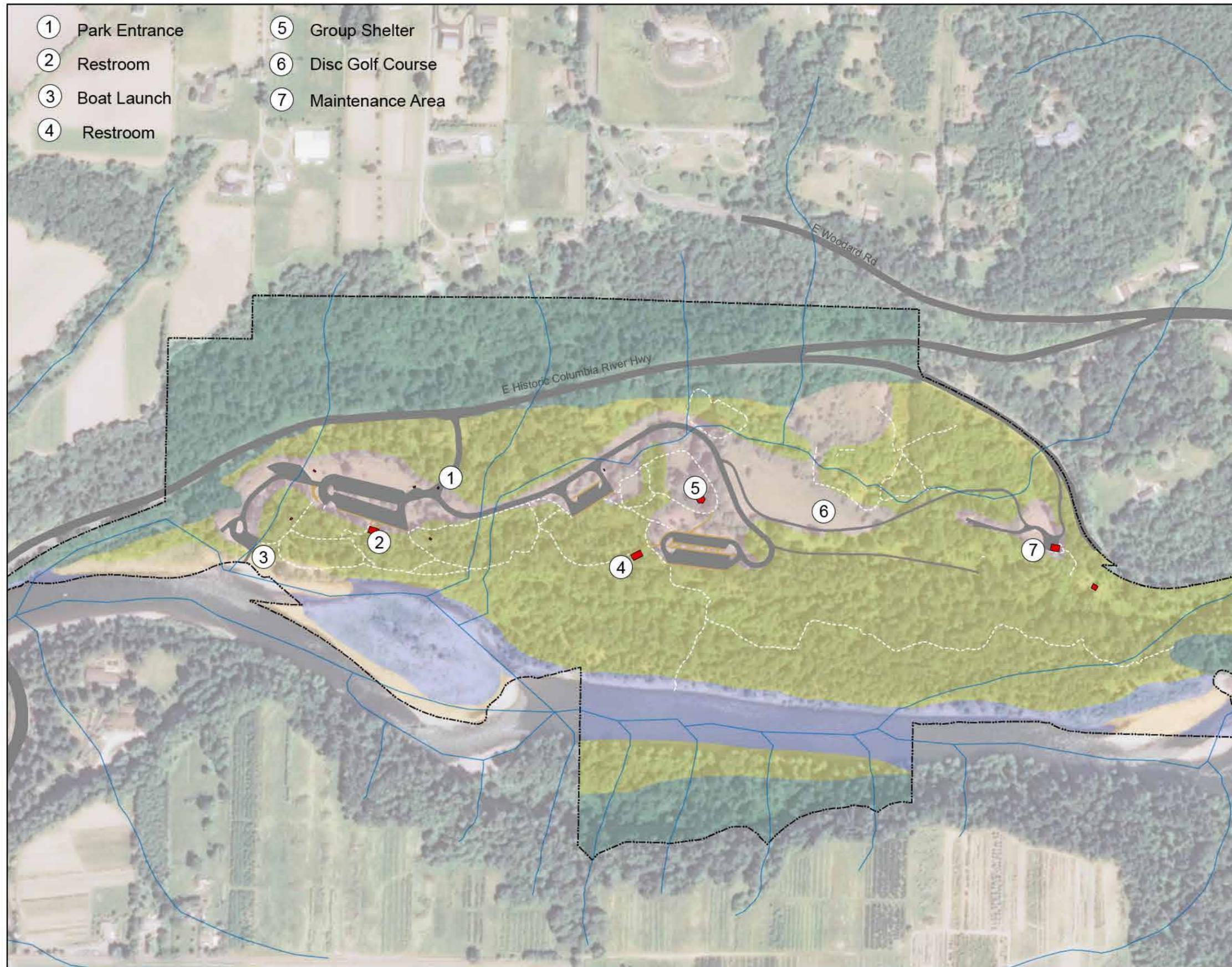
# Dabney State Park

## Existing Conditions

HUB 91

July 2014

- ① Park Entrance
- ② Restroom
- ③ Boat Launch
- ④ Restroom
- ⑤ Group Shelter
- ⑥ Disc Golf Course
- ⑦ Maintenance Area



### Legend

Park Boundary

### Facilities

- Buildings
- Road / Parking Lot
- Walkway/Sidewalk
- Trail
- Streams

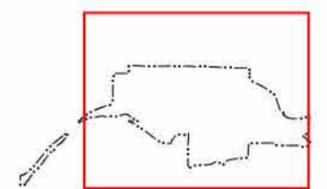
### OPRD Landscape Sub-setting

- Open Lawn with Paved Surfaces and Scattered Trees
- Beach
- River and Shorelands
- Riparian Forest
- Basalt Cliff Forest

### Location



### Map Extent



0 200 400 800 Feet



# W3 Portland Women's Forum

## State Scenic Viewpoint

**Park Character:** Day use trail and viewpoint, close to Portland/Metro region

**Primary Landmarks:** Scenic Viewpoint, Interpretive Elements, Historic Columbia River Highway

**Acreage:** 8.39 (51 Inaccessible)

**Volume:** 

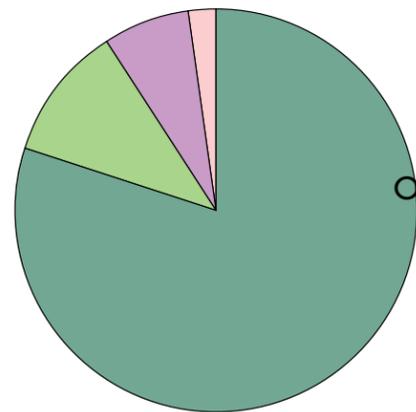
**Total Trails:** 0.70 miles

**2012 Day Use Attendance:** 307, 368

**Day Use Fee:** No

**Day Use Parking:** 35 spaces

**Current Interpretive Programs:** Photography Classes



**Landscape Settings:**  
 Basalt Cliff Forest 80%  
 Fir Forest Fringe 11%  
 Agricultural Open Meadow 7%  
 Open Lawn w/ Paved Surfaces 2%

### Park Activities by Landscape Setting

#### Open Lawn & Paving with Scattered Trees



- Biking on Road: Historic Columbia Highway Access
- Outdoor Photography
- Picnicking
- Scenic Viewpoints
- Sightseeing

#### Fir Forest Fringe



- Dog Walking
- Day Hiking/Walking
- Jogging on Trails
- Orienteering
- Wildlife Viewing

#### Basalt Cliff Forest



- Dog Walking
- Day Hiking/Walking
- Jogging on Trails
- Orienteering
- Sightseeing
- Wildlife Viewing



- ① Viewpoint
- ② Viewpoint

# Portland Women's Forum State Scenic Viewpoint

## Existing Conditions

HUB 66

July 2014

### Legend

-  Road / Parking Lot
-  Walkway/Sidewalk
-  Trail
-  Park Boundary

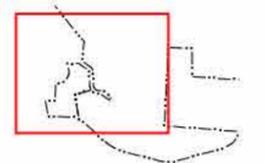
### OPRD Landscape Sub-setting

-  Open Lawn with Paved Surfaces and Scattered Trees
-  Fir Forest Fringe
-  Basalt Cliff Forest
-  Agricultural Open Meadow

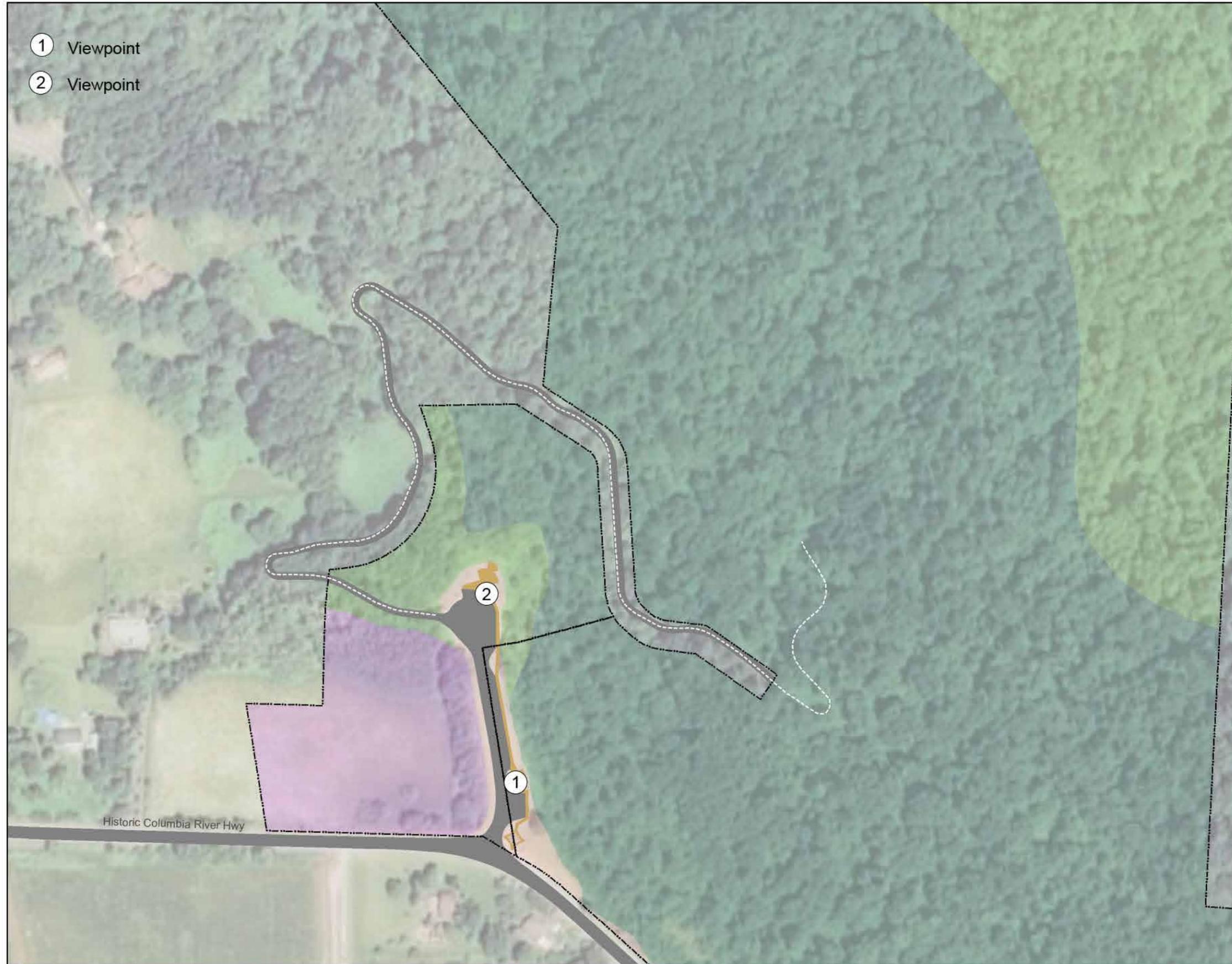
### Location



### Map Extent



0 100 200 400 Feet



# W5 Guy W. Talbot State Park

**Park Character:** Scenic Waterfall access close to Historic Columbia River Highway and Quiet Picnicking

**Primary Landmarks:** Latourell Falls, Historic Logging Town, Historic Columbia River Highway

**Acreage:** 392.18

**Total Trails:** 2 miles

**2012 Day Use Attendance:** 306,010

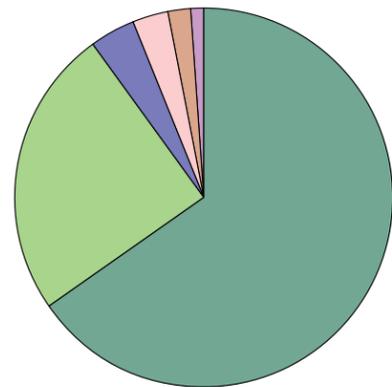
**Day Use Fee:** No

**Day Use Parking:** 31 spaces

**Volume:**



**Current Interpretive Programs:** Friends of Columbia Gorge



**Landscape Settings:**

Basalt Cliff Forest 65%

Fir Forest Fringe 25%

Waterfall Enclosure 4%

Open Lawn w/ Paved Surfaces 3%

Exposed Cliff Face 2%

Agricultural Open Meadow 1%

## Park Activities by Landscape Setting

### Open Lawn & Paving with Scattered Trees



- Dog Walking
- Learning: Interpretation Sign
- Picnicking
- Relaxing
- Scenic Viewpoint
- Day Hiking/Walking

### Fir Forest Fringe

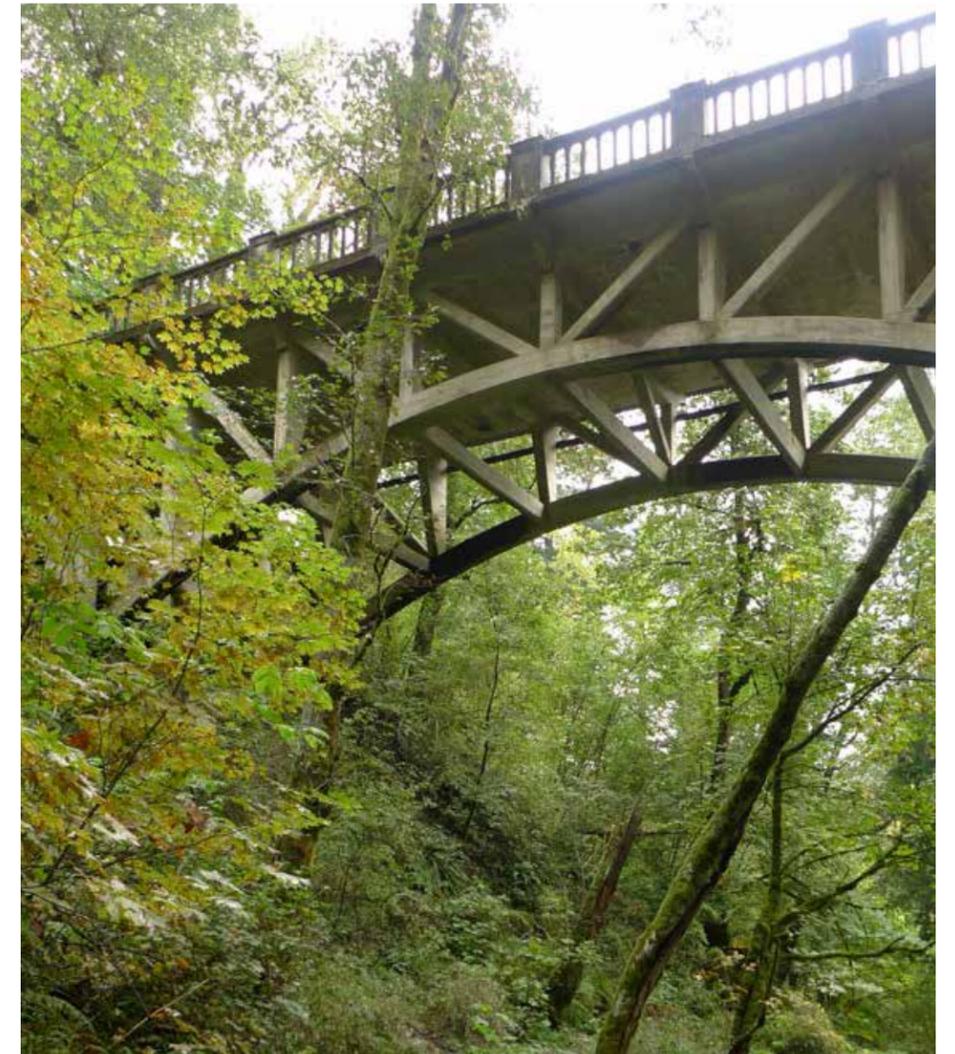


- Biking on Roads: Access to Columbia River Highway
- Dog Walking
- Day Hiking/Walking
- Jogging on Trails
- Orienteering
- Wildlife Viewing

### Basalt Cliff Forest



- Dog Walking
- Birdwatching/Nature Observation
- Day Hiking/Walking
- Orienteering



### Waterfall Enclosure



- Learning: Interpretation Sign
- Outdoor Photography
- Scenic Viewpoint
- Sightseeing

# Guy W. Talbot State Park

## Existing Conditions

HUB 168

July 2014

### Legend

- Buildings
- Road / Parking Lot
- Walkway/Sidewalk
- Trail
- Park Boundary
- Streams

### OPRD Landscape Sub-setting

- Open Lawn with Paved Surfaces and Scattered Trees
- Agricultural Open Meadow
- Fir Forest Fringe
- Basalt Cliff Forest
- Waterfall Enclosure
- Exposed Cliff Face

### Location



### Map Extent



- ① Group Shelter
- ② Restroom
- ③ East Talbot House
- ④ Storage Barn
- ⑤ West Talbot House
- ⑥ Vault Toilet
- ⑦ Lower LaTourell Falls

To Upper LaTourell Falls ↓

0 200 400 800 Feet



# W7 Rooster Rock State Park

**Park Character:** Day use recreation and access to the Columbia River close to Portland/Metro Area

**Primary Landmarks:** Columbia River, Rooster Rock, Interstate 84, Clothing Optional Beach

**Acreage:** 1088.45 (82 Inaccessible)

**Volume:**



**Total Trails:** 6.9 miles

**2012 Day Use Attendance:** 486,256

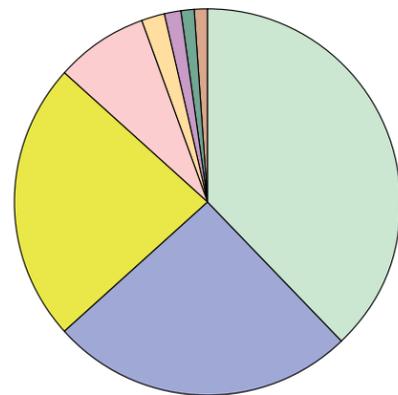
**Day Use Fee:** Yes

**Day Use Parking:** 1387 spaces

**Top suggestion for improving the park:** Improve trails and beach swimming opportunities

**Percentage indicating overcrowding:** 51-65% (High Normal)

**Current Interpretive Programs:** Stargazing, Waterfalls, Vista House



**Landscape Settings:**

- Wet Lowlands 38%
- River & Shorelands 26%
- Riparian Forest 23%
- Open Lawn w/ Paved Surfaces 9%
- Beach 2%
- Basalt Cliff Forest 1%
- Exposed Cliff Face 1%

**Primary Activities:**



## Park Activities by Landscape Setting

### River & Shorelands



- Fishing from a Boat
- Flatwater Canoe/Kayaking
- Motorboating
- Paddling, stand-up
- Swimming
- Wind Sports

### Beach



- Bird Watching
- Clothing Optional Beach
- Fly Fishing, Fishing from Bank
- Outdoor Photography
- Picnicking
- Relaxing
- Sight Seeing

### Wet Lowlands



- Bird Watching/ Nature Observation
- Day Hiking/Walking

### Riparian Forest



- Bird Watching/ Nature Observation
- Day Hiking/Walking
- Waterfowl Hunting

### Open Lawn & Paving with Scattered Trees

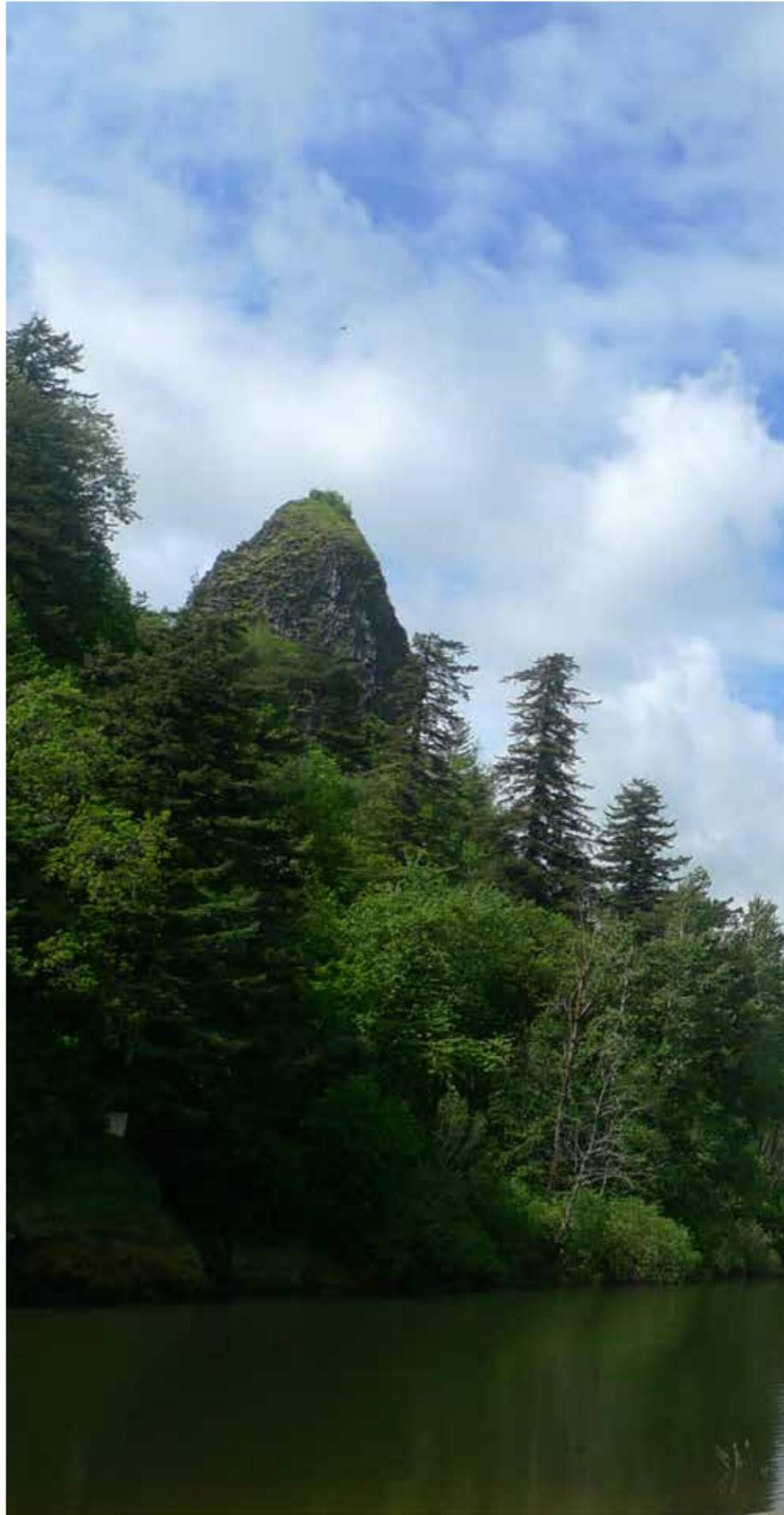


- Biking on Road
- Disc Golf
- Dog Walking
- Information Gathering
- Learning: Interpretation Sign Painting
- Picnicking
- Playground
- Relaxation

### Exposed Cliff Face



- Climbing
- Day Hiking/Walking



# Rooster Rock State Park - West -

## Existing Conditions

HUB 288

July 2014

- |                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| ① Park Entrance          | ⑧ Restroom         |
| ② Main Office / Restroom | ⑨ Disc Golf Course |
| ③ Picnic Area            | ⑩ Restroom         |
| ④ Picnic Area            | ⑪ Boat Ramp        |
| ⑤ Maintenance Area       | ⑫ Vista House      |
| ⑥ Disc Golf Course       | ⑬ Rooster Rock     |
| ⑦ Restroom               |                    |

### Legend

- Buildings
- Road / Parking Lot
- Walkway/Sidewalk
- Trail
- Park Boundary
- Streams

### OPRD Landscape Sub-setting

- Open Lawn with Paved Surfaces and Scattered Trees
- Riparian Forest
- Wet Lowlands
- Basalt Cliff Forest
- River and Shorelands
- Exposed Cliff Face

### Location

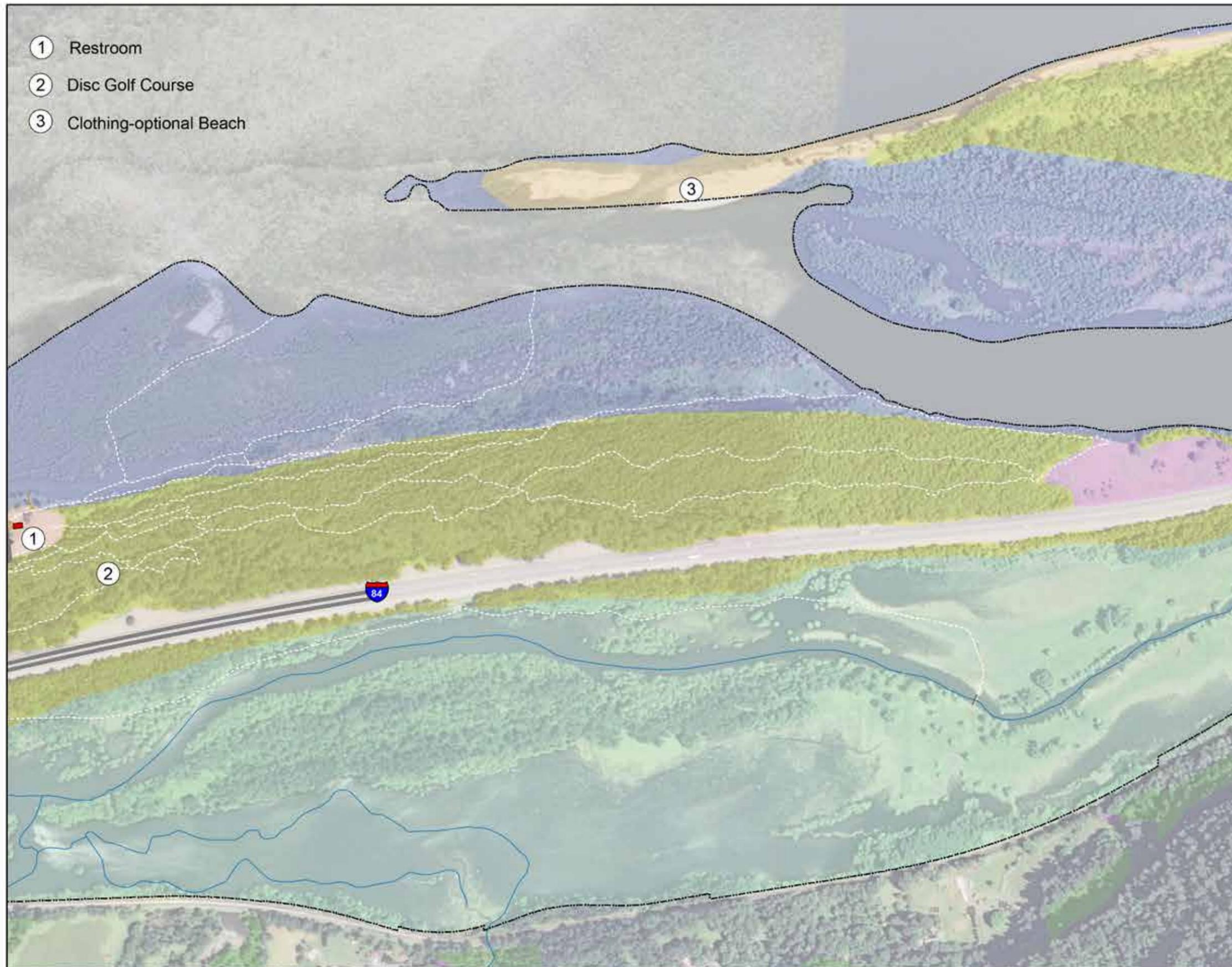


### Map Extent



0 300 600 1,200 Feet





- ① Restroom
- ② Disc Golf Course
- ③ Clothing-optional Beach

# Rooster Rock State Park - East -

## Existing Conditions

HUB 288

July 2014

### Legend

- Buildings
- Road / Parking Lot
- Walkway/Sidewalk
- Trail
- Park Boundary
- Streams

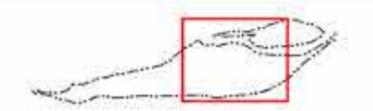
### OPRD Landscape Sub-setting

- Beach
- Open Lawn with Paved Surfaces and Scattered Trees
- Riparian Forest
- Wet Lowlands
- River and Shorelands
- Agricultural Open Meadow

### Location



### Map Extent



# W9 Bridal Veil Falls State Scenic Viewpoint

**Park Character:** Short hiking to day use recreation and scenic viewpoints

**Primary Landmarks:** Bridal Veil Falls, Scenic Viewpoints of Columbia River Gorge

**Acreage:** 17.67

**Total Trails:** 1 mile

**2012 Day Use Attendance:** 221,566

**Day Use Fee:** No

**Day Use Parking:** 22 spaces

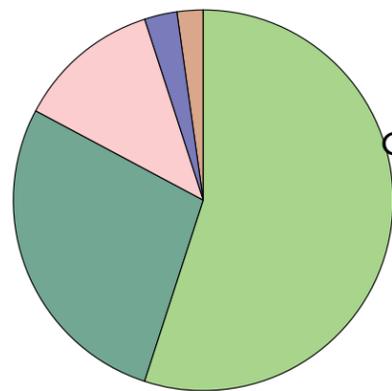
**Volume:**



**Top suggestion for improving the park:** Improve wildlife viewing, hiking, education, opportunities to escape crowds, and keep dogs on leash

**Percentage indicating overcrowding:** 66% (Overcapacity)

**Current Interpretive Programs:** None



**Landscape Settings:**

Fir Forest Fringe 55%

Basalt Cliff Forest 28%

Open Lawn w/ Paved Surfaces 12%

Waterfall Enclosure 3%

Exposed Cliff Face 1%



**Primary Activities:**

Hiking/Walking (96%)

Sightseeing (63%)

Bird/Wildlife Observation (13%)

Picnicking/Barbecuing (10%)

## Park Activities by Landscape Setting

### Open Lawn & Paving with Scattered Trees



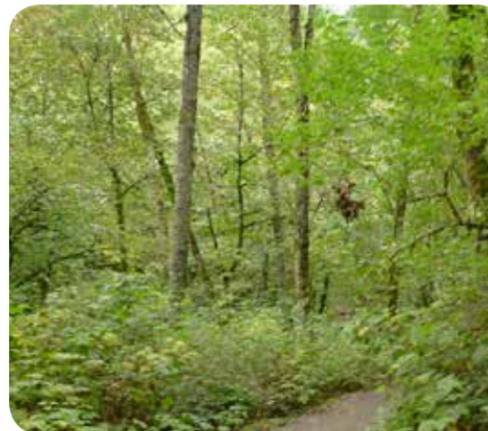
Dog Walking

Learning: Interpretive Signage

Picnicking

Scenic Viewpoints

### Basalt Cliff Forest



Biking on Roads: Access to

Columbia River Highway

Bird Watching/ Nature

Observation

Day Hiking/Walking

Orienteering

Visit Historic Sites

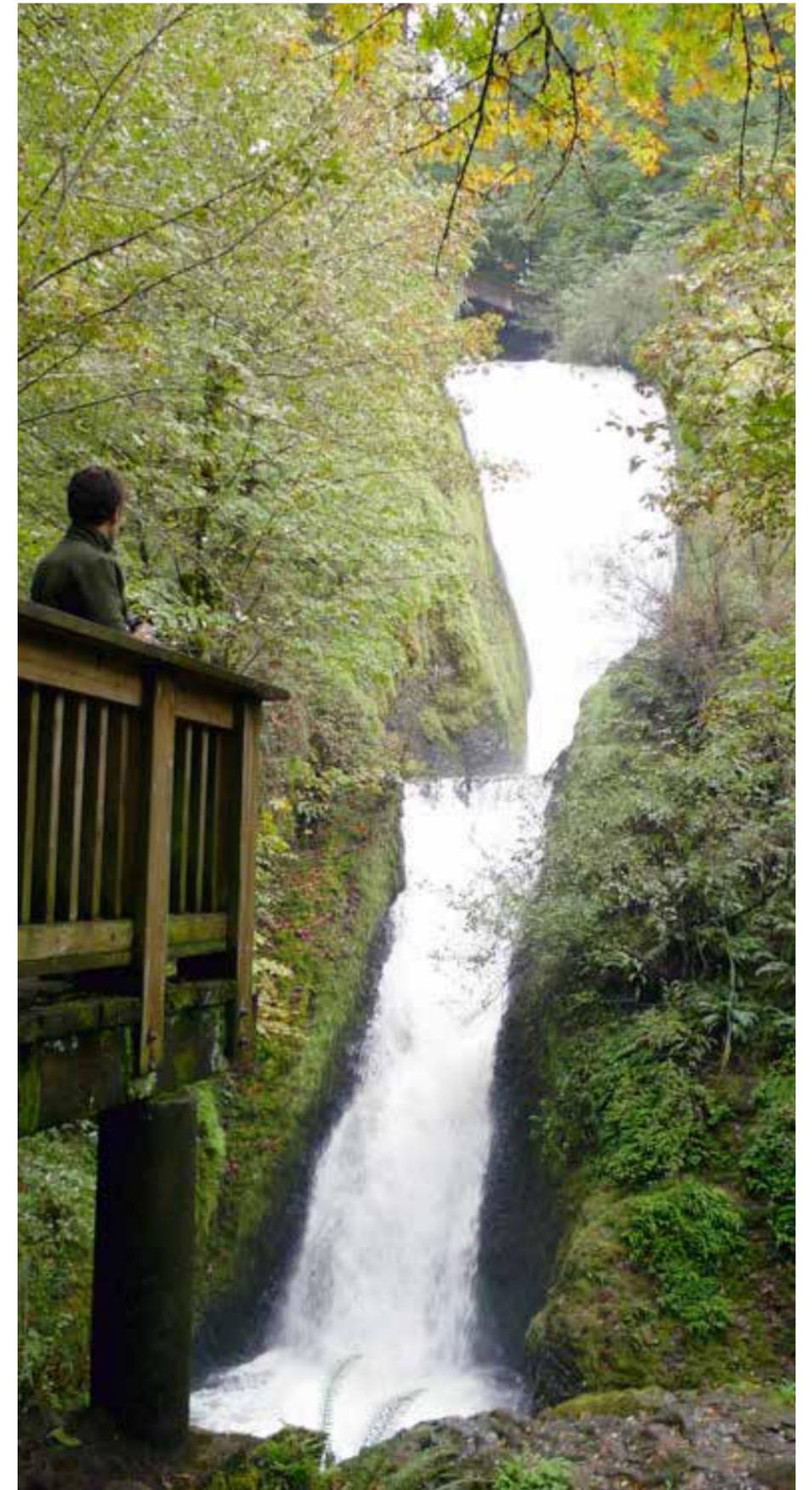
### Waterfall Enclosure



Outdoor Photography

Scenic Viewpoint

Sightseeing



# Bridal Veil Falls State Scenic Viewpoint

## Existing Conditions

HUB 24

July 2014

- ① Restroom
- ② Viewing Platform
- ③ Bridal Veil Falls
- ④ Viewpoint
- ⑤ Viewpoint
- ⑥ Viewpoint
- ⑦ Picnic Area

### Legend

- Buildings
- Road / Parking Lot
- Walkway/Sidewalk
- Trail
- Park Boundary
- Streams

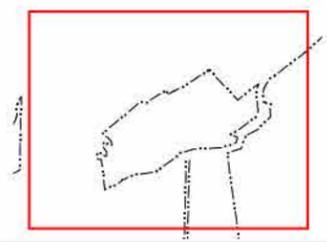
### OPRD Landscape Sub-setting

- Open Lawn with Paved Surfaces and Scattered Trees
- Fir Forest Fringe
- Basalt Cliff Forest
- Waterfall Enclosure
- Exposed Cliff Face

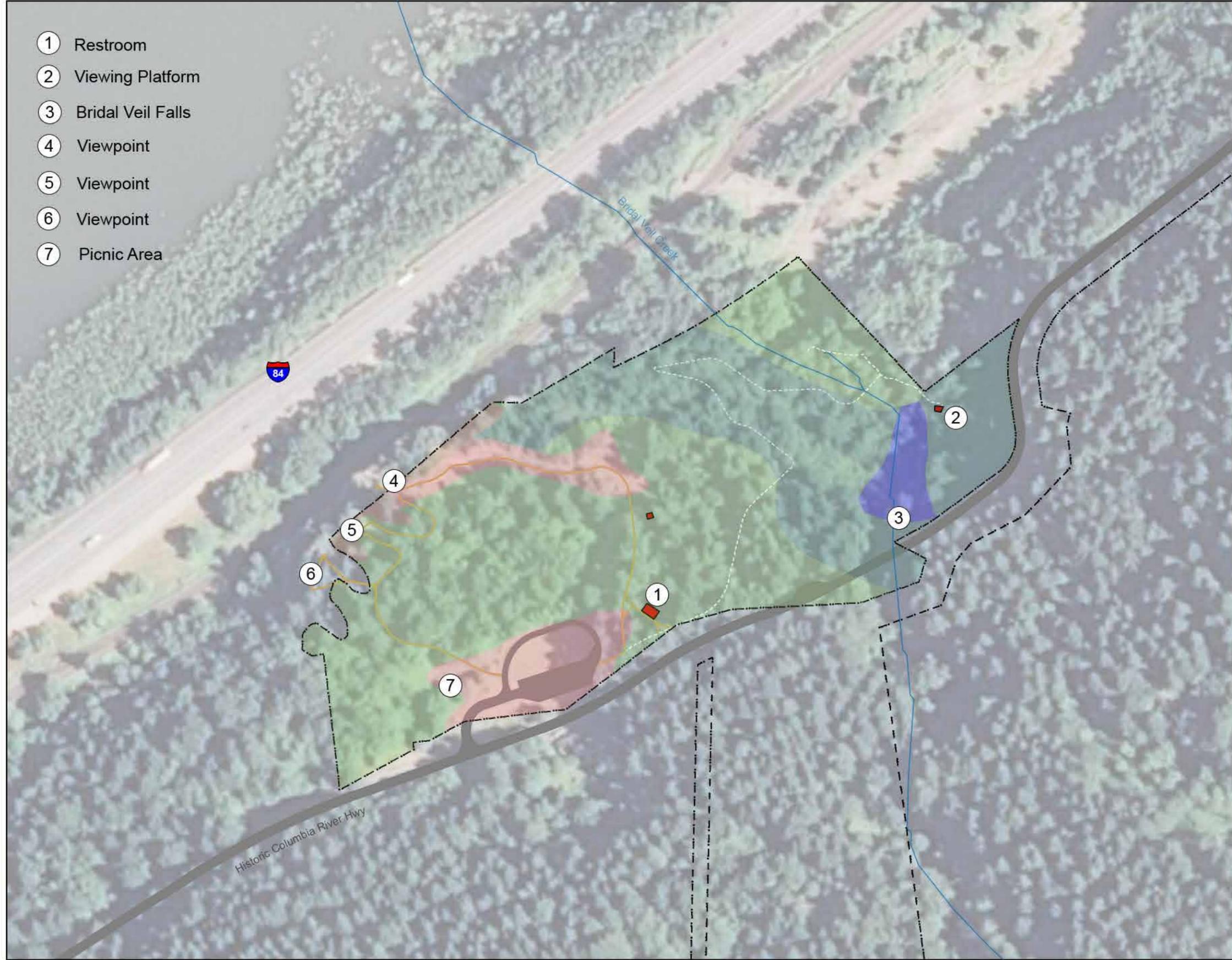
### Location



### Map Extent



0 100 200 400 Feet



# W12 Benson State Recreation Area

**Park Character:** Day use recreation and lake access for fishing and swimming close to Interstate 84

**Primary Landmarks:** Lake, Interstate 84

**Acreage:** 77.5 (236.39 Inaccessible)

**Total Trails:** 0 miles

**2012 Day Use Attendance:** 118,624

**Day Use Fee:** Yes

**Day Use Parking:** 197 spaces

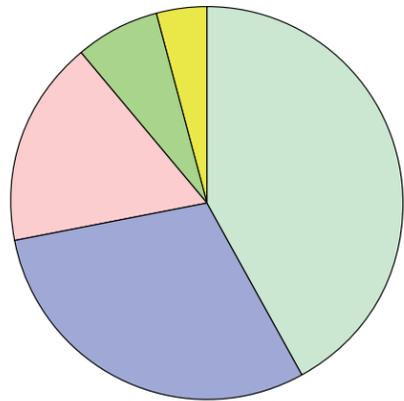
**Volume:**



**Top suggestion for improving the park:** Cash fee option, Improved lake access for fishing and swimming

**Percentage indicating overcrowding:** 51-65% (High Normal)

**Current Interpretive Programs:** None



**Landscape Settings:**

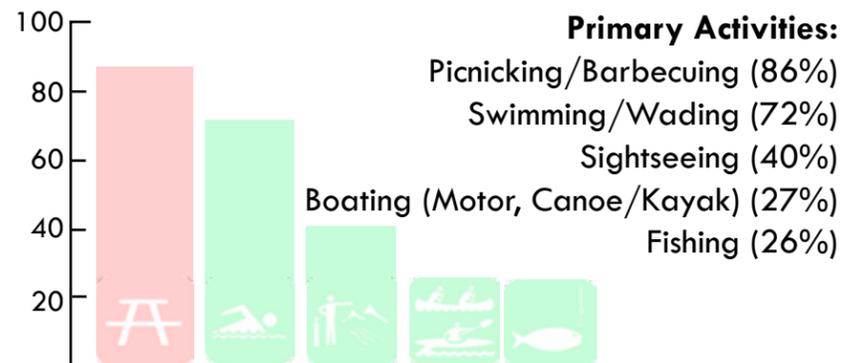
Wet Lowlands 43%

River & Shorelands 30%

Open Lawn w/ Paved Surfaces 17%

Fir Forest Fringe 7%

Riparian Forest 3%



**Primary Activities:**

Picnicking/Barbecuing (86%)

Swimming/Wading (72%)

Boating (Motor, Canoe/Kayak) (27%)

Fishing (26%)

Sightseeing (40%)

## Park Activities by Landscape Setting

### Wet Lowlands



Fishing from a Pier  
Flatwater Canoe/ Kayaking  
Swimming  
Sightseeing

### Riparian Forest

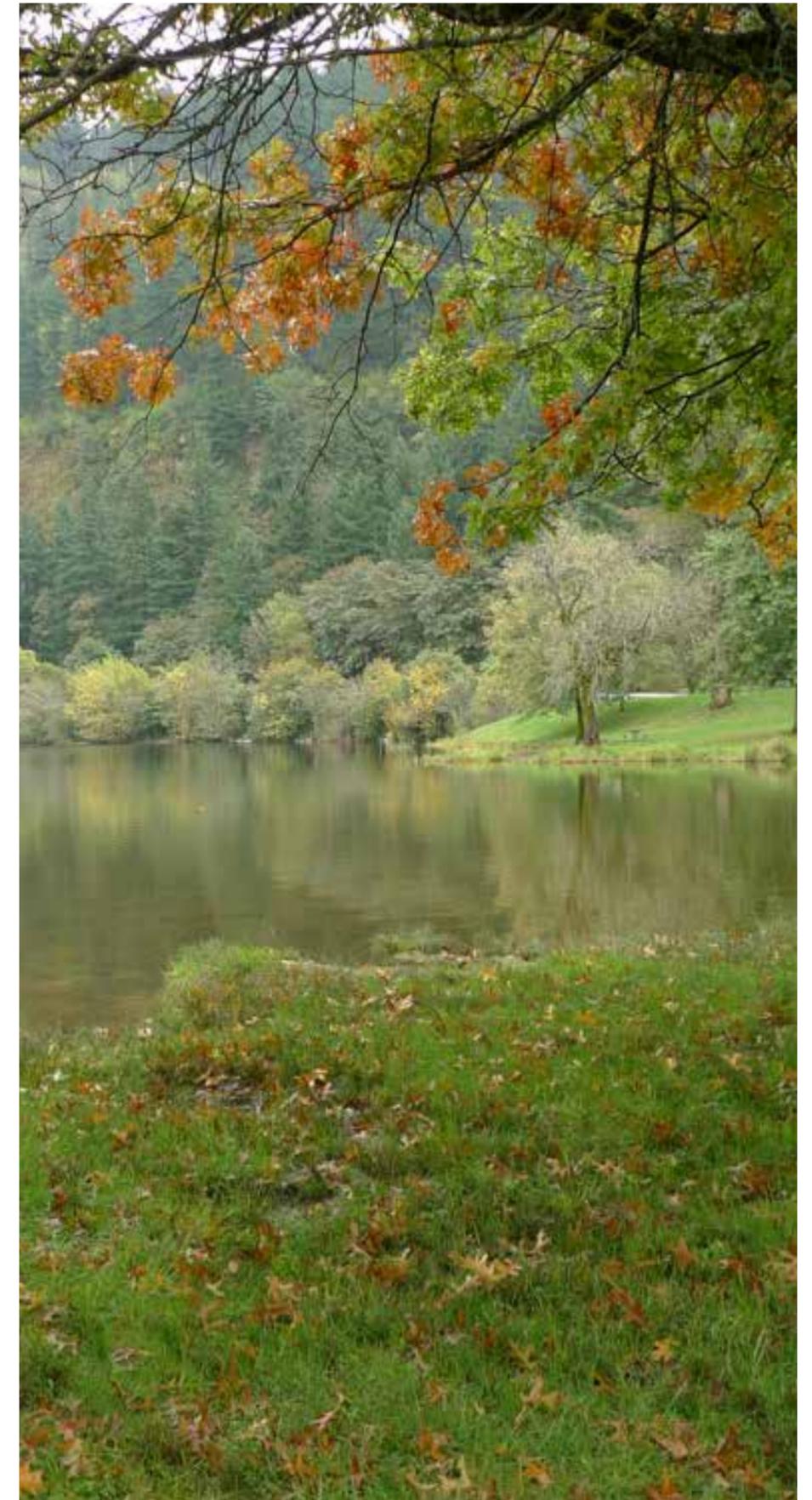


Bird Watching/ Nature Observation  
Orienteering  
Day Hiking/Walking

### Open Lawn & Paving with Scattered Trees



Disc Golf  
Dog Walking  
Horseshoes  
Picnicking, Group Picnicking  
Relaxing  
Volleyball  
Day Hiking/Walking



# Benson State Recreation Area

## Existing Conditions

HUB 32

July 2014

- |                          |                                     |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ① Restroom               | ⑤ Fishing Pier / Gravel Boat Launch |
| ② Group Shelter          | ⑥ ADA Fishing Pier                  |
| ③ Disc Golf Course       | ⑦ Multnomah Falls                   |
| ④ Volleball / Horseshoes | ⑧ Wahkeena Falls                    |

### Legend

-  Park Boundary
-  Buildings
-  Road / Parking Lot
-  Walkway/Sidewalk
-  Trail
-  Streams

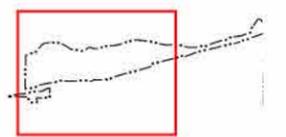
### OPRD Landscape Sub-setting

-  Open Lawn with Paved Surfaces and Scattered Trees
-  River and Shorelands
-  Wet Lowlands
-  Fir Forest Fringe

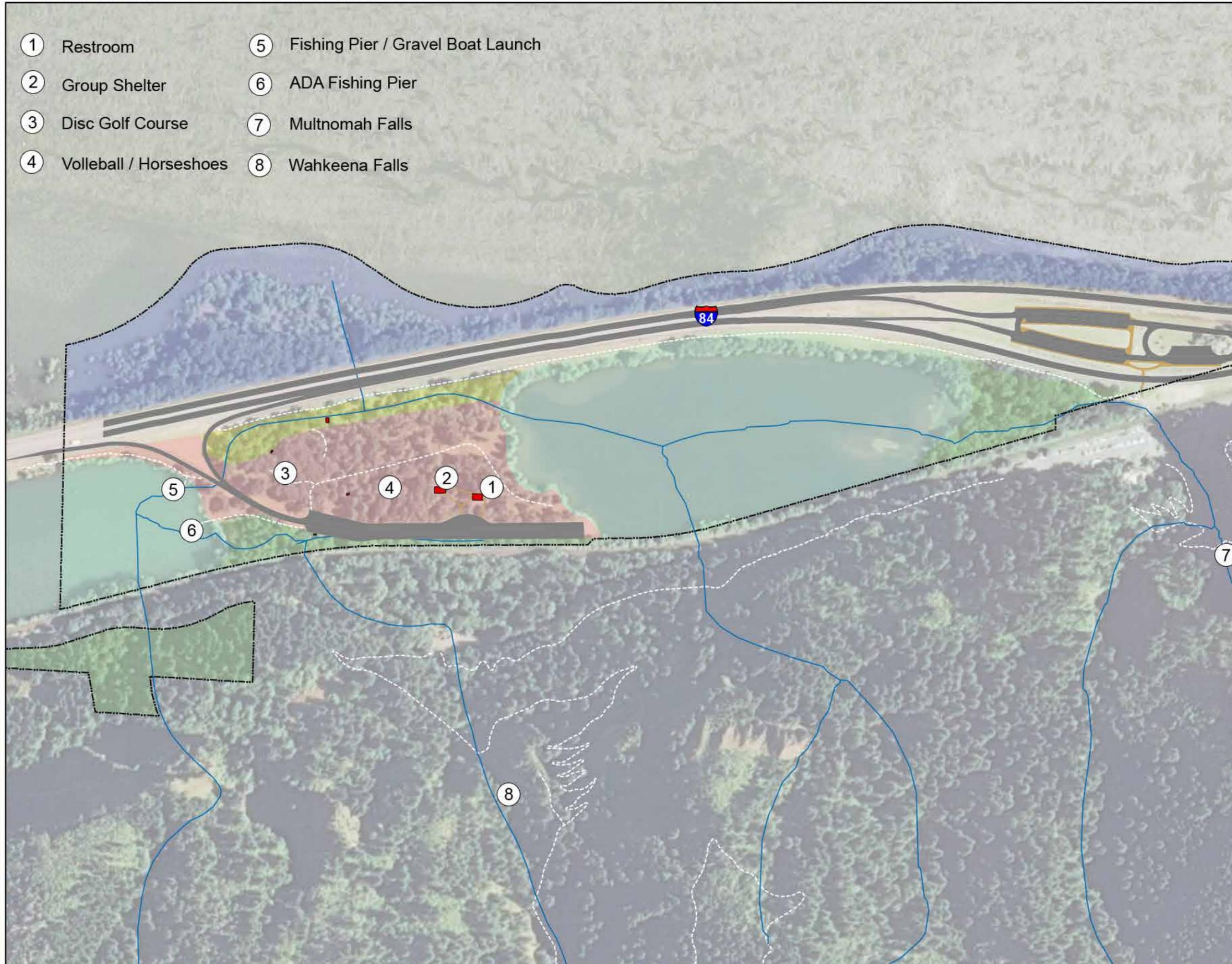
### Location



### Map Extent



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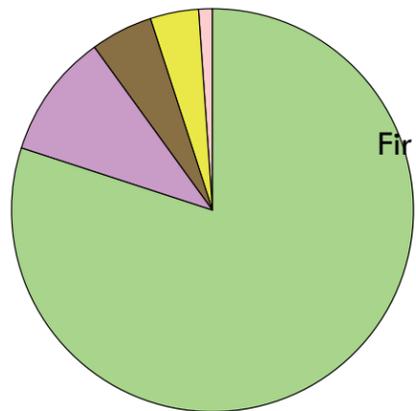
# W13 Ainsworth State Park

**Park Character:** Campsite with access to hiking trails  
**Primary Landmarks:** Campground, Trail Access, Historic Columbia River Highway

**Acreage:** 178.78  
**Total Trails:** 1.5 miles  
**2012 Overnight Attendance:** 22,744  
**Day Use Fee:** No  
**Overnight Fee:** Yes  
**Day Use Parking:** 13 spaces  
**Camping Spaces:** 40 full hook up, 6 walk-in

**Volume:**

**Top suggestion for improving the park:** Management of dogs on leash, Increased opportunities for wildlife viewing  
**Percentage indicating overcrowding:** 51-65% (High Normal)  
**Current Interpretive Programs:** Columbia River, Historic Columbia River Highway, Night Skies, Ice Age Floods



**Landscape Settings:**  
 Fir Forest Fringe 80%  
 Agricultural Open Meadow 10%  
 Fir Forest Fringe w/ Paved Surfaces 5%  
 Riparian Forest 4%  
 Open Lawn w/ Paved Surfaces 1%



## Park Activities by Landscape Setting

### Open Lawn & Paving with Scattered Trees



Dog Walking  
 Learning: Ranger Led Programs  
 Picnicking  
 Playground  
 Relaxing

### Fir Forest Fringe



Backpacking  
 Bicycling on Roads  
 Bird Watching/ Nature Observation  
 Camping (Walk-in)  
 Day Hiking/Walking  
 Jogging on Trails  
 Orienteering

### Fir Forest Fringe with Paving



Camping (Tent, RV)



# Ainsworth State Park

## Existing Conditions

HUB 6

July 2014

- ① Main Campground
- ② Restroom / Shower
- ③ Restroom / Shower
- ④ Walk-in Campground
- ⑤ Parking / Trailhead / Restroom
- ⑥ Program Area

### Legend

- Buildings
- Road / Parking Lot
- Walkway/Sidewalk
- Trail
- Park Boundary
- Streams

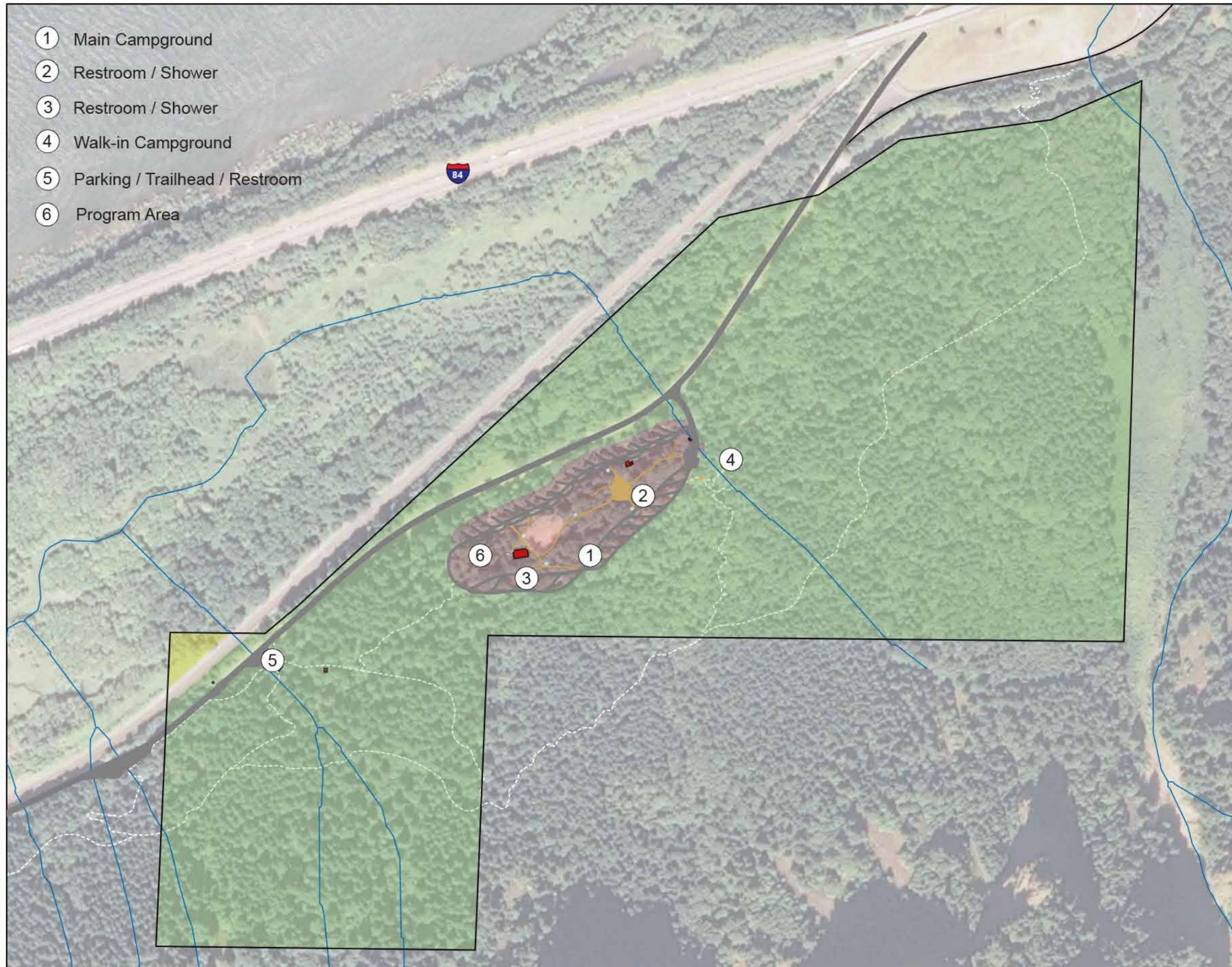
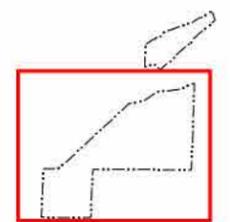
### Landscape Setting

- Open Lawn with Paved Surfaces and Scattered Trees
- Fir Forest Fringe with Paved Surfaces
- Fir Forest Fringe
- Riparian Forest

### Location



### Map Extent



# W16 Tooth Rock State Trailhead

**Park Character:** Open grass and landscaped parking alongside I-84, with forested Gorge walls behind.

**Primary Landmarks:** Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail

**Acreage:** 46.34

**Total Trails:** 0.7 miles

**Day Use Parking:** 41 spaces

**Volume:**



**Current Interpretive Programs:** None

## Park Activities by Landscape Setting

### Open Lawn & Paving with Scattered Trees



Picnicing

### Fir Forest Fringe



Backpacking: Access to Gorge Trail 400

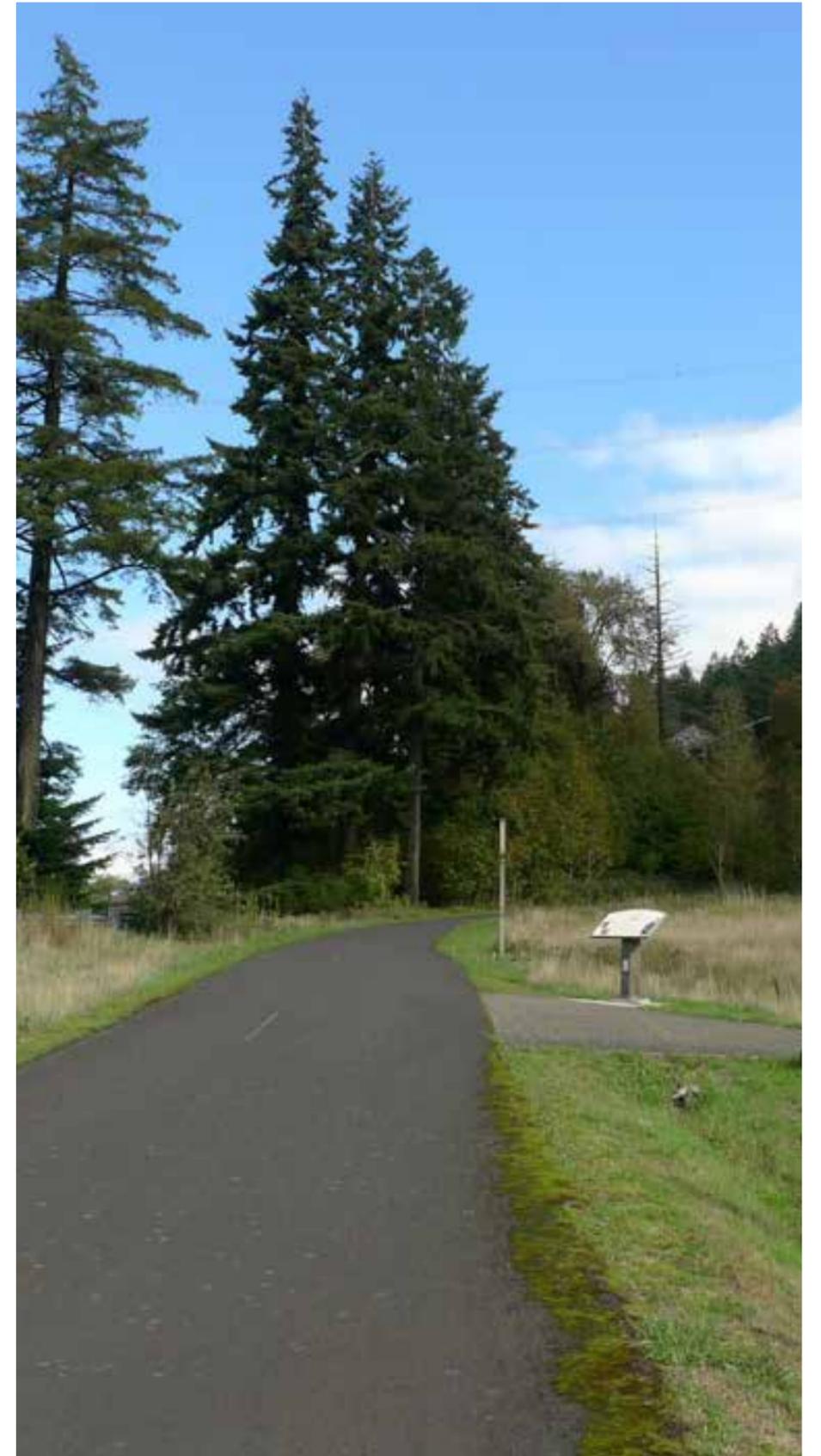
Biking on Roads: Access to Columbia River Highway

Bird Watching/ Nature Observation

Day Hiking/Walking

Jogging on Trails

Orienteering



# Tooth Rock State Trailhead

## Existing Conditions

HUB 42

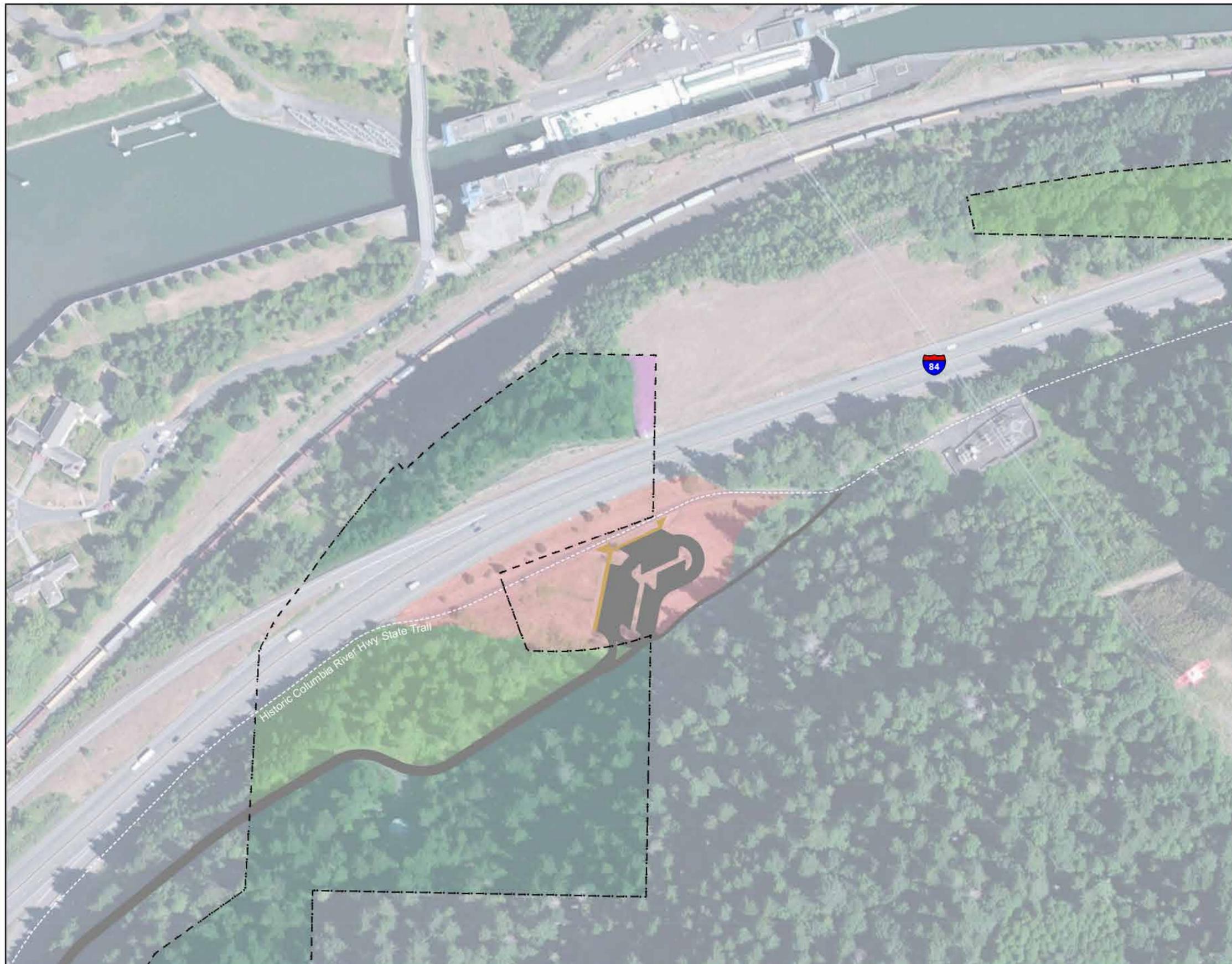
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### Legend

-  Park Boundary
-  Road / Parking Lot
-  Walkway/Sidewalk
-  Trail

### OPRD Landscape Sub-setting

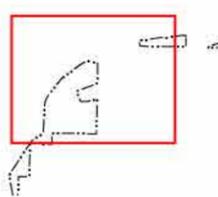
-  Open Lawn with Paved Surfaces and Scattered Trees
-  Fir Forest Fringe
-  Basalt Cliff Forest
-  Agricultural Open Meadow



### Location



### Map Extent



# E2 Wyeth State Recreation Area

**Park Character:** Mostly undeveloped property with river access, gravel parking lot, and unimproved boat ramp

**Primary Landmarks:** Wyeth Tribal Fishing Site, Wyeth Campground (USFS), Columbia River

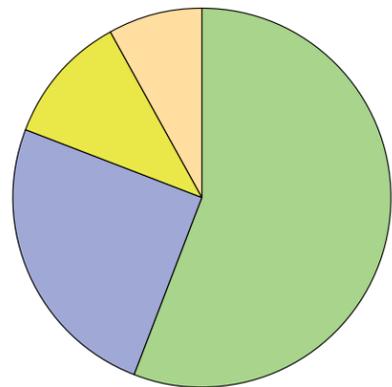
**Acreage:** 85.3 (75 Inaccessible including Lang Forest)

**Total Trails:** None

**Day Use Parking:** Very large gravel lot - no marked spaces

**Current Interpretive Programs:** None

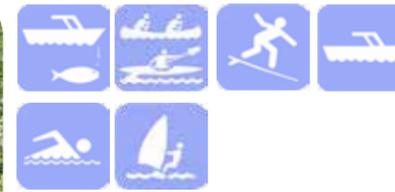
**Volume:**



**Landscape Settings:**  
 Fir Forest Fringe 56%  
 River & Shorelands 25%  
 Riparian Forest 11%  
 Disturbed 8%

## Park Activities by Landscape Setting

### River & Shorelands



Fishing From a Boat  
 Flatwater Canoe/Kayaking  
 Paddling, stand-up  
 Powerboating  
 Swimming  
 Wind Surfing

### Riparian Forest

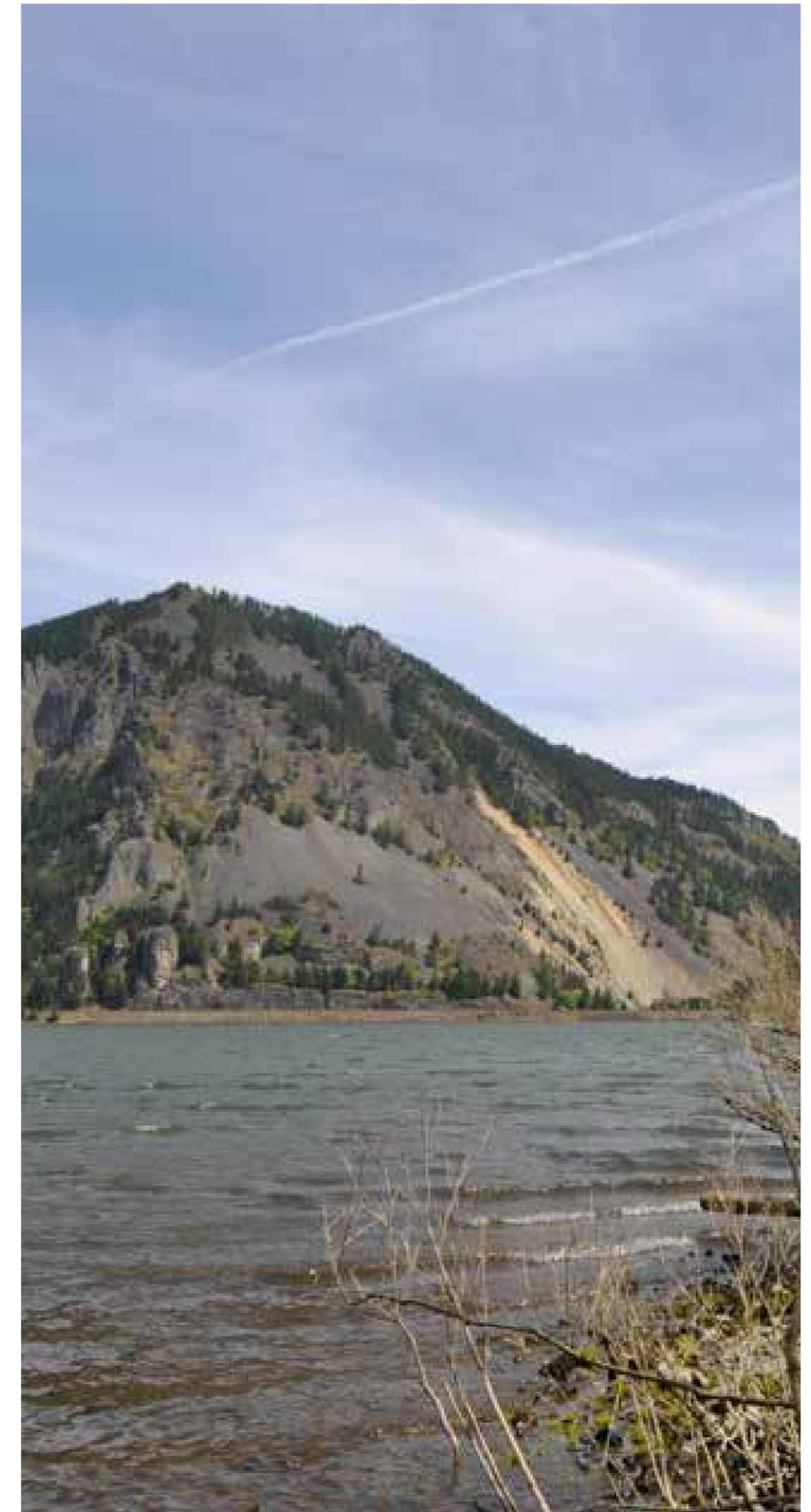


Bird Watching/ Nature  
 Observation  
 Fishing From a Bank/Fly Fishing  
 Day Hiking/Walking  
 Outdoor Photography  
 Picnicking  
 Relaxing  
 Sightseeing

### Fir Forest Fringe



Backpacking: Access to Pacific  
 Crest Trail  
 Bird Watching/ Nature  
 Observation  
 Day Hiking/Walking  
 Jogging on Trails  
 Orienteering



# Wyeth State Recreation Area

## Existing Conditions

HUB 369

July 2014

- ① Parking Area (Gravel)
- ② Unimproved Boat Launch

### Legend

-  Park Boundary
-  Road / Parking Lot
-  Trail
-  Streams

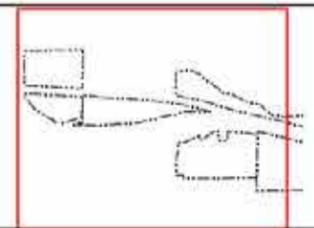
### OPRD Landscape Sub-setting

-  Disturbed Area  
(Gravel, Bare Dirt, Paved Surfaces,  
and Invasive Species)
-  Riparian Forest
-  Fir Forest Fringe
-  River and Shorelands

### Location



### Map Extent



0 250 500 1,000 Feet



# E4 Starvation Creek State Park

**Park Character:** Rest stop and day use access to hiking trails and scenic viewpoints

**Primary Landmarks:** Starvation Creek Falls, Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail, Interstate 84

**Acreage:** 67.5

**Total Trails:** 1 mile

**2012 Day Use Attendance:** 186,944

**Day Use Fee:** No

**Day Use Parking:** 29 spaces

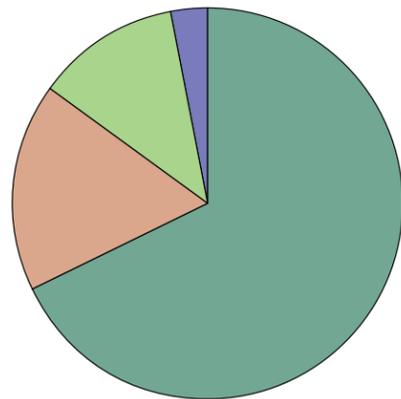
**Volume:**



**Top suggestion for improving the park:** Improvements to trail marking/signage

**Percentage indicating overcrowding:** 32% (Suppressed Crowding)

**Current Interpretive Programs:** Friends of Columbia Gorge



**Landscape Settings:**  
 Basalt Cliff Forest 68%  
 Exposed Cliff Face 17%  
 Fir Forest Fringe 12%  
 Waterfall Enclosure 3%



## Park Activities by Landscape Setting

### Fir Forest Fringe



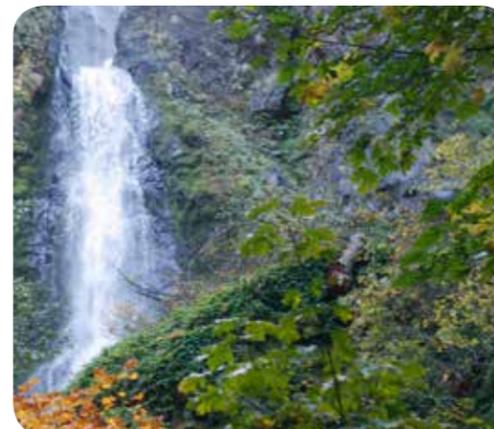
**Biking on Roads:** Access to Columbia River Highway  
 Bird Watching/ Nature Observation  
 Day Hiking/Walking  
 Jogging on Trails  
 Picnicking

### Basalt Cliff Forest

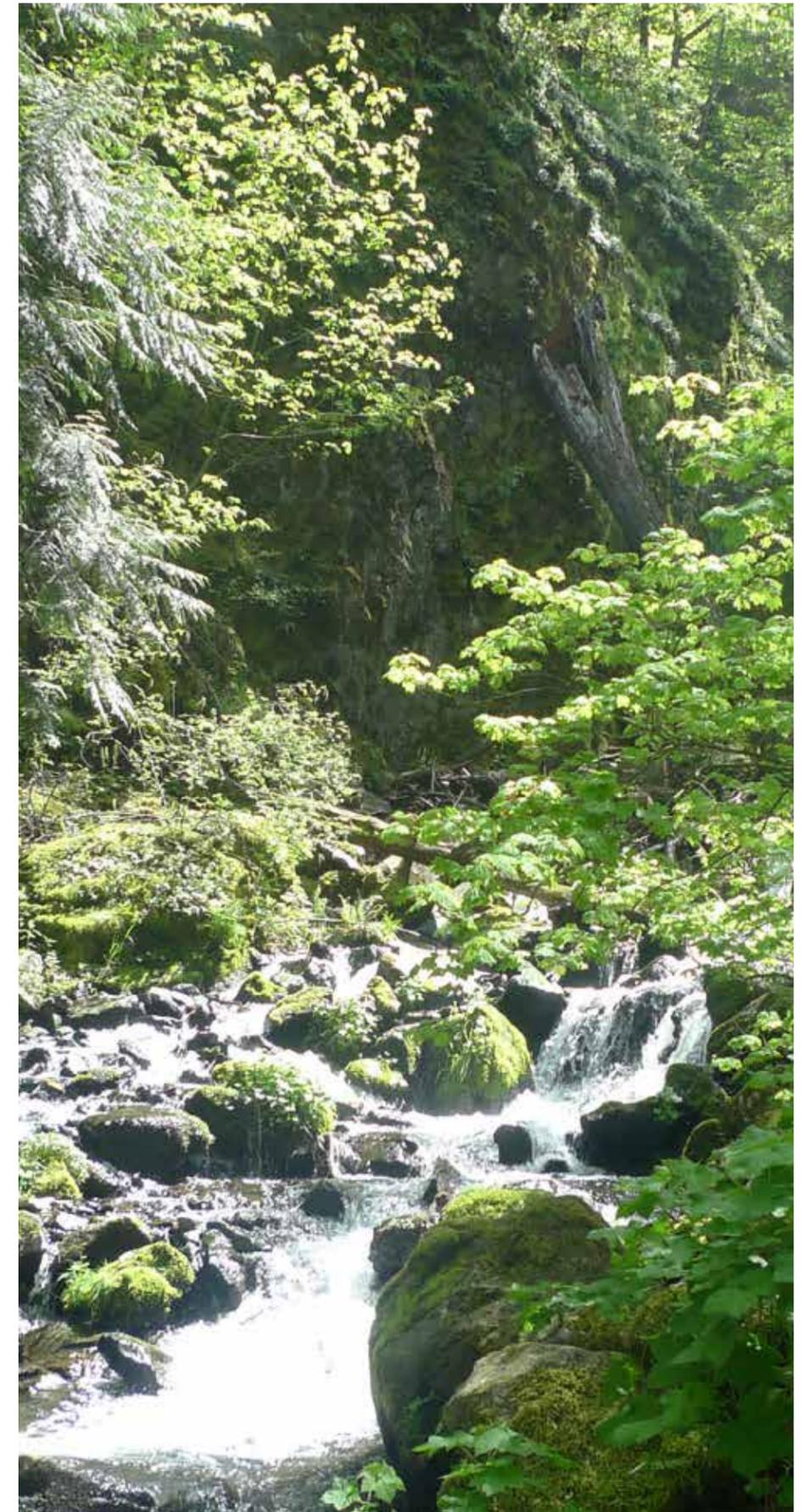


Bird Watching/ Nature Observation  
 Day Hiking/Walking  
 Dog Walking  
 Jogging on Trails  
 Orienteering  
 Outdoor Photography  
 Scenic Viewpoint

### Waterfall Enclosure



Outdoor Photography  
 Scenic Viewpoint  
 Sightseeing



# Existing Conditions

## Starvation Creek

HUB 325

July 2014

### Legend

- Buildings
- Road / Parking Lot
- Walkway/Sidewalk
- Trail
- Park Boundary
- Streams

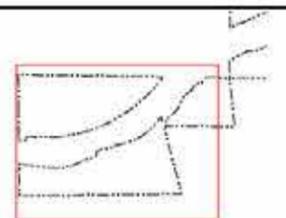
### OPRD Landscape Sub-setting

- Fir Forest Fringe
- Basalt Cliff Forest
- Riverlands
- Waterfall Enclosure
- Exposed Cliff Face

### Location



### Map Extent



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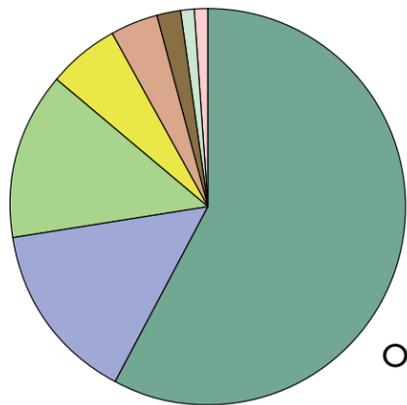
# E5 Viento State Park

**Park Character:** Campground with river and trail access  
**Primary Landmarks:** Columbia River, Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail, Interstate 84

**Acreage:** 293.39 (30.79 Inaccessible)  
**Total Trails:** 1.1 Miles  
**2012 Day Use Attendance:** 72,304  
**2012 Overnight Attendance:** 14,662  
**Day Use Fee:** Yes  
**Overnight Fee:** Yes  
**Day Use Parking:** 78 spaces  
**Camping Spaces:** 55 electrical, 15 tent

**Volume:**  


**Current Interpretive Programs:** Pioneers, Native Plants/Birds, Dutch Oven Cooking



**Landscape Settings:**  
 Basalt Cliff Forest 56%  
 River & Shorelands 15%  
 Fir Forest Fringe 14%  
 Riparian Forest 6%  
 Exposed Cliff Face 4%  
 Fir Forest Fringe with Paving 2%  
 Wet Lowlands 1%  
 Open Lawn w/ Paved Surfaces 1%

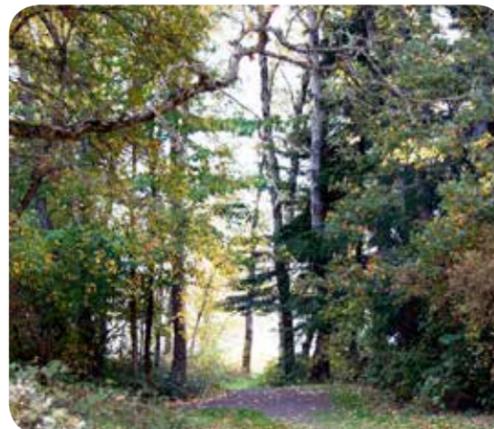
## Park Activities by Landscape Setting

### River & Shorelands



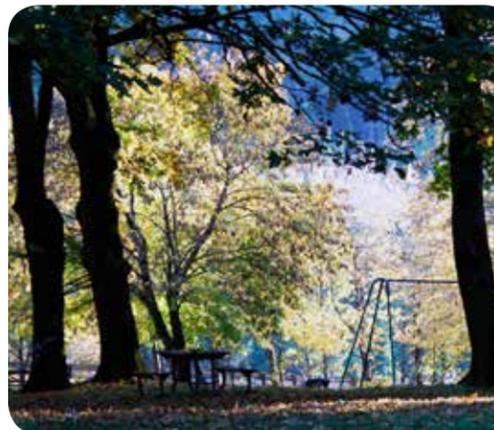
Flatwater Canoe/Kayaking  
 Fishing from a Bank, Fly Fishing  
 Paddling, stand-up  
 Picnicking  
 Swimming  
 Wind Sports

### Riparian Forest



Bird Watching/ Nature Observation  
 Day Hiking/Walking  
 Outdoor Photography  
 Relaxing

### Open Lawn & Paving with Scattered Trees



Biking on Roads: Access to Columbia River Highway  
 Dog Walking  
 Picnicking  
 Playground  
 Learning: Ranger Led Programs

### Fir Forest Fringe



Bird Watching/ Nature Observation  
 Day Hiking/Walking  
 Jogging on Trails  
 Orienteering

### Fir Forest Fringe with Paving



Camping (Tent, RV)

# Viento State Park

## Existing Conditions

HUB 348

July 2014

- ① Main Campground
- ② Restroom / Shower
- ③ Tent Loop Campground
- ④ Restroom
- ⑤ Maintenance Area
- ⑥ Restroom
- ⑦ Picnic Area / Playground
- ⑧ Railroad Crossing
- ⑨ Vault Toilet

### Legend

- Buildings
- Road / Parking Lot
- Walkway/Sidewalk
- Trail
- Park Boundary
- Streams

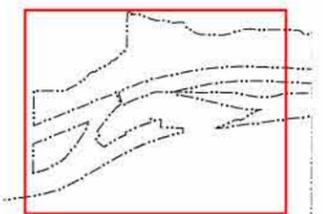
### Landscape Setting

- Open Lawn with Paved Surfaces and Scattered Trees
- Riparian Forest
- Wet Lowlands
- Fir Forest Fringe
- Basalt Cliff Forest
- River and Shorelands
- Exposed Cliff Face
- Fir Forest Fringe with Paved Surfaces

### Location



### Map Extent



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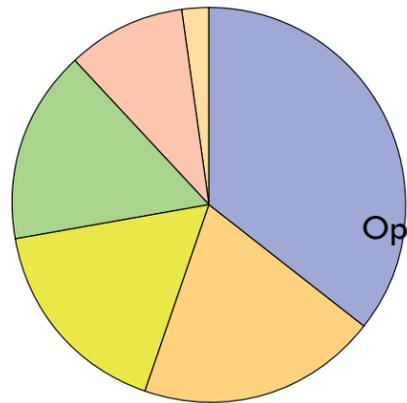
# E8 Koberg Beach State Recreation Area

**Park Character:** Rest stop and day use access to river  
**Primary Landmarks:** Columbia River, bluffs, Interstate 84

**Acreage:** 141.85  
**Total Trails:** 0.1 Miles  
**Dayuse Visitors 2012:** 257,046  
**Day Use Fee:** No  
**Day Use Parking:** 20

**Volume:**

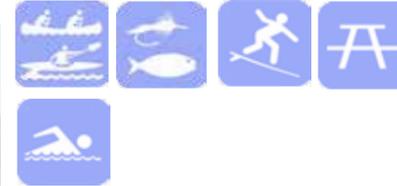
**Current Interpretive Programs:** None



**Landscape Settings:**  
 River & Shorelands 36%  
 Oak Savannah 20%  
 Riparian Forest 17%  
 Fir Forest Fringe 16%  
 Open Lawn w/ Paved Surfaces 10%  
 Beach 1%

## Park Activities by Landscape Setting

### River & Shorelands



Flatwater Canoe/Kayaking  
 Fishing from a Bank, Fly Fishing  
 Paddling, stand-up  
 Picnicking  
 Swimming

### Open Lawn & Paving with Scattered Trees



Dog Walking  
 Picnicking

### Beach



Bird Watching  
 Fly Fishing, Fishing from Bank  
 Outdoor Photography  
 Picnicking  
 Relaxing  
 Sight Seeing

### Oak Savannah



Bird Watching/ Nature  
 Observation  
 Day Hiking/Walking  
 Outdoor Photography  
 Orienteering

### Riparian Forest



Bird Watching/ Nature  
 Observation  
 Day Hiking/Walking  
 Outdoor Photography  
 Relaxing

# Koberg Beach State Recreation Area

## Existing Conditions

HUB 204

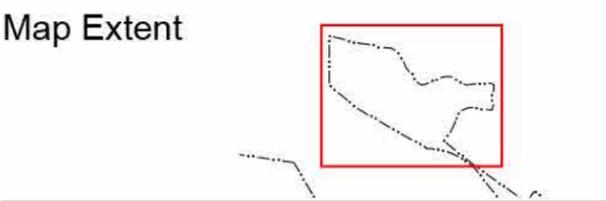
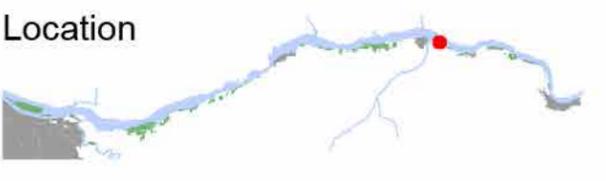
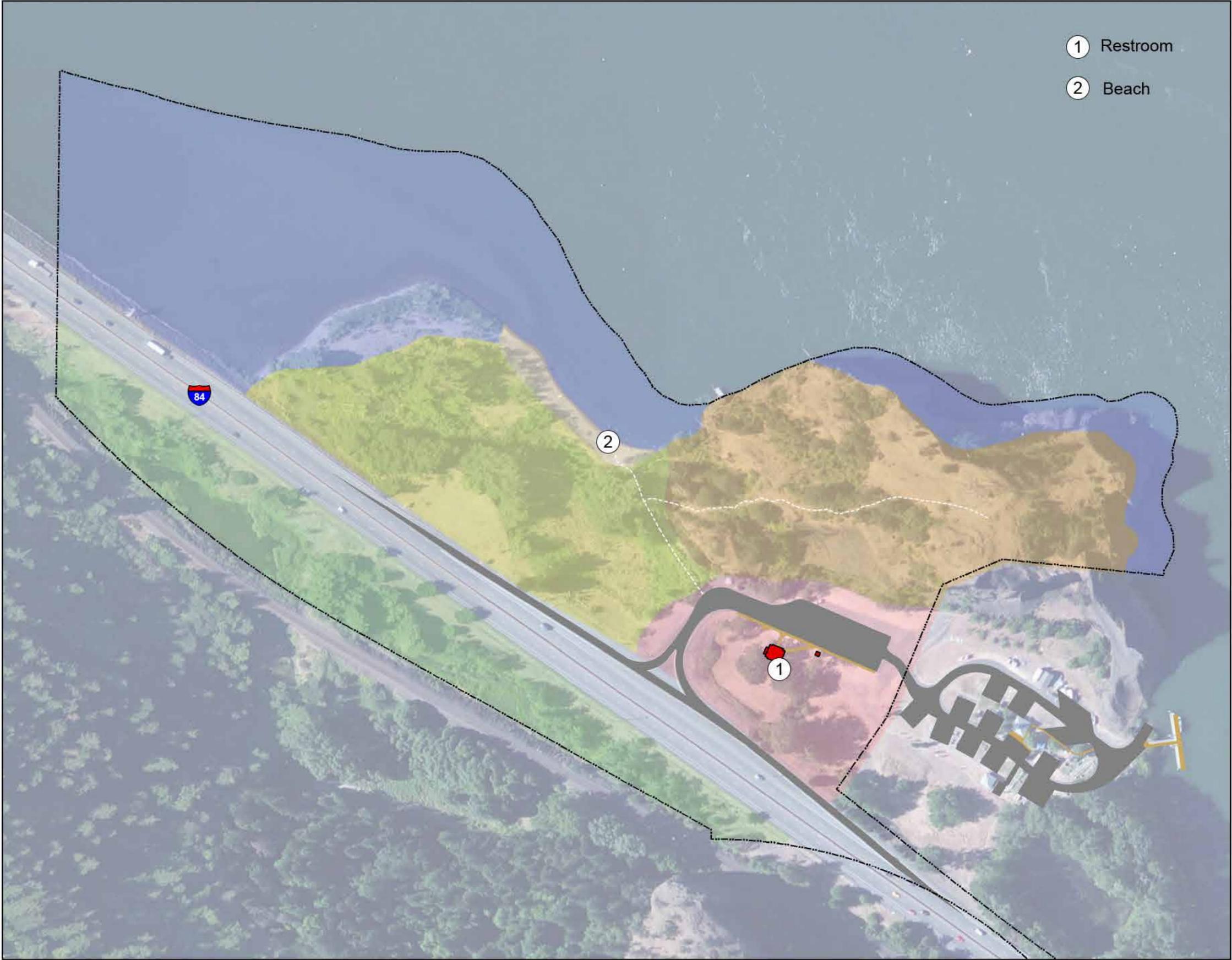
July 2014

### Legend

- Buildings
- Road / Parking Lot
- Walkway/Sidewalk
- Trail
- Park Boundary

### OPRD Landscape Sub-setting

- Lawn with Scattered Trees
- Riparian Forest
- Riverlands
- Beach
- Oak Savannah
- Fir Forest Fringe



# E10 Memaloose State Park

**Park Character:** Campground with large open areas  
**Primary Landmarks:** Columbia River, Memaloose Island, Interstate 84

**Acreage:** 414.65  
**Total Trails:** 1 mile  
**Overnight Visitors 2012:** 26,796  
**Day Use Fee:** No  
**Overnight Fee:** Yes  
**Day Use Parking:** 10 spaces  
**Camping Spaces:** 40 full hook up, 55 tent

**Volume:**

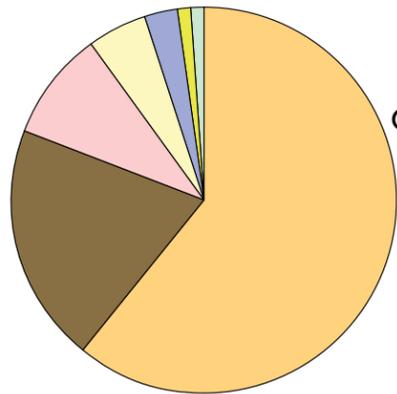
**Top suggestion for improving the park:** Access to beach, reduce noise from freeway/railroad, landscape improvements  
**Percentage indicating overcrowding:** 0-35% (Suppressed crowding)  
**Current Interpretive Programs:** Historic Highway, Ice Age Floods, Astronomy, Birds of Prey

**Landscape Settings:**

- Oak Savannah 61%
- Oak Conifer Woodlands 20%
- Open Lawn w/ Paved Surfaces 9%
- Grasslands 5%
- River and Shorelands 3%
- Riparian Forest 1%
- Wet Lowlands 1%

**Primary Activities:**

- Camping (94%)
- Hiking/Walking (47%)
- Sightseeing (38%)
- Picnicking/Barbecuing (32%)
- Dog Walking (27%)



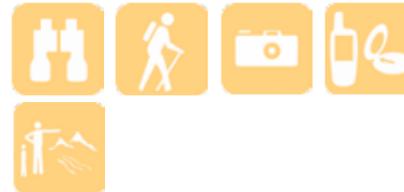
## Park Activities by Landscape Setting

### Open Lawn & Paving with Scattered Trees



- Camping (Tent, Car, RV)
- Picnicking
- Relaxing
- Volleyball/Horseshoes
- Dog Walking

### Oak Savannah

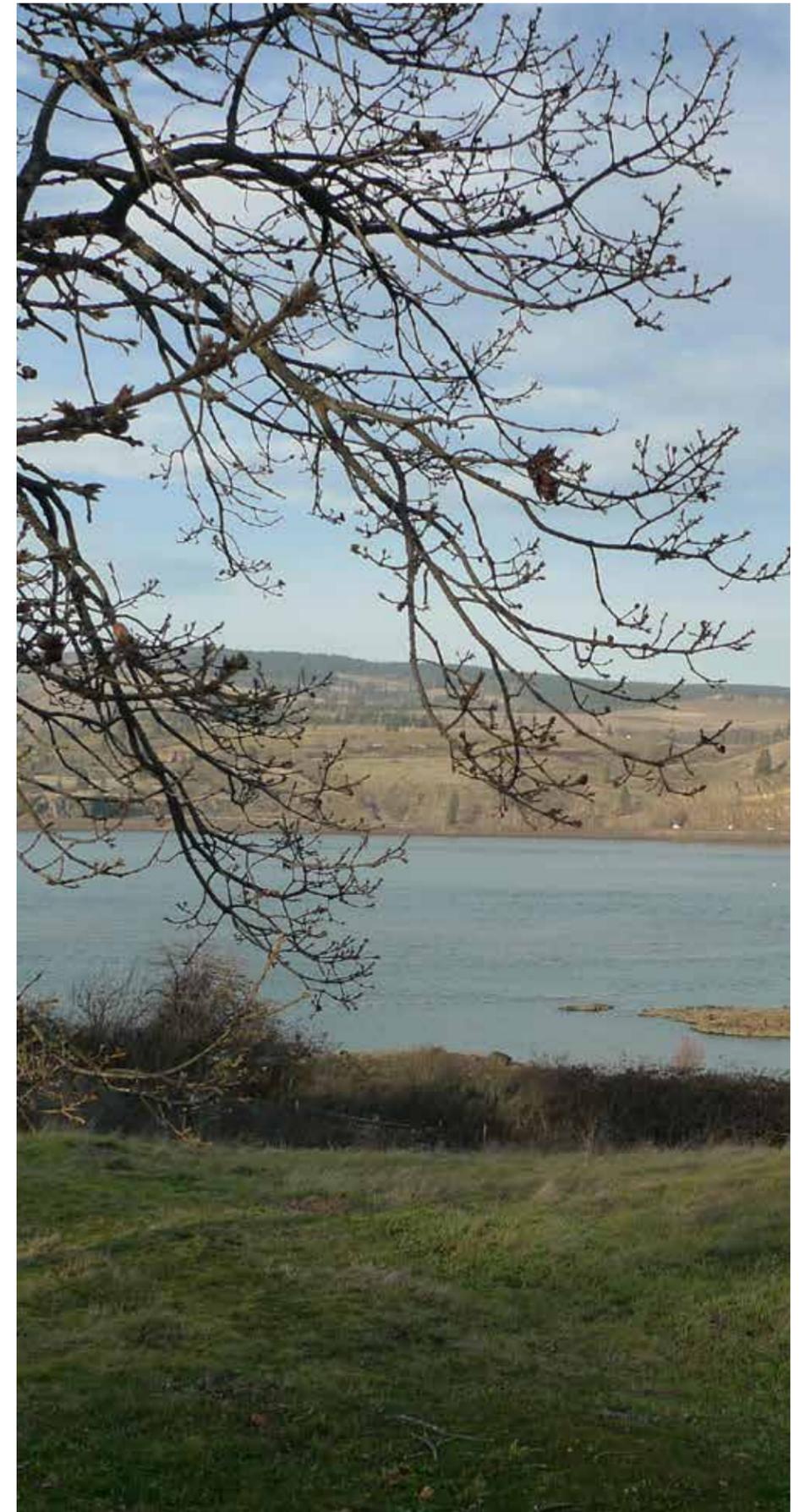


- Bird Watching/ Nature Observation
- Day Hiking/Walking
- Outdoor Photography
- Orienteering

### Oak Conifer Woodland



- Bird Watching/ Nature Observation
- Day Hiking/Walking
- Outdoor Photography
- Orienteering



# Memaloose State Park

## Existing Conditions

HUB 231

July 2014

- ① Campground
- ② Park Entrance
- ③ Restroom / Shower
- ④ Restroom
- ⑤ Maintenance Area
- ⑥ ODOT Rest Stop

### Legend

- Buildings
- Road / Parking Lot
- Walkway/Sidewalk
- Trail
- Park Boundary

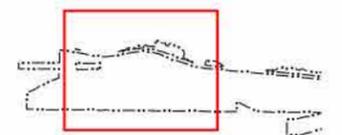
### OPRD Landscape Sub-setting

- Open Lawn with Paved Surfaces and Scattered Trees
- Riparian Forest
- River and Shorelands
- Wet Lowlands
- Grasslands
- Oak Savannah
- Oak Conifer Woodland

### Location



### Map Extent



0 200 400 800 Feet



# E12 & E13 Mayer State Park

**Park Character:** Day use access to the Columbia River, including boat ramp and popular windsurf launch area

**Primary Landmarks:** Columbia River, Interstate 84

**Acres:** 87.6 (353.75 Inaccessible)

**Total Trails:** 2 miles

**Dayuse Visitors 2012:** 154,462

**Day Use Fee:** No

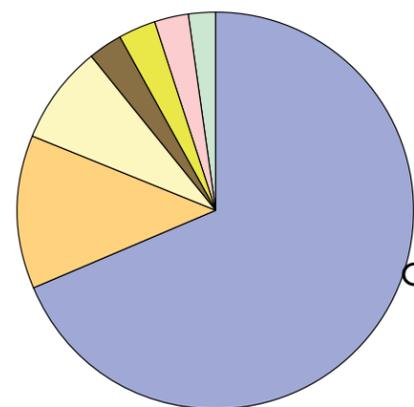
**Day Use Parking:** 265 spaces

**Volume:**  
 

**Top suggestion for improving the park:** Improved picnic areas and windsurfing facilities

**Percentage indicating overcrowding:** 51-65% (High normal)

**Current Interpretive Programs:** None



**Landscape Settings:**  
 River and Shorelands 70%  
 Oak Savannah 13%  
 Grasslands 8%  
 Oak Conifer Woodlands 3%  
 Riparian Forest 3%  
 Open Lawn w/ Paved Surfaces 3%  
 Wet Lowlands 2%

**Primary Activities:**

Windsurfing (45%)  
 Swimming/Wading (39%)  
 Picnicking/Barbecuing (39%)  
 Hiking/Walking (22%)  
 Dogwalking (22%)  
 Sightseeing (19%)



## Park Activities by Landscape Setting

### River & Shorelands



Fishing From a Boat  
 Flatwater Canoe/Kayaking  
 Fishing from a Bank, Fly Fishing  
 Paddling, stand-up  
 Picnicking  
 Motor Boating  
 Swimming  
 Wind Surfing

### Riparian Forest



Bird Watching/ Nature  
 Observation  
 Day Hiking/Walking  
 Outdoor Photography  
 Waterfowl Hunting

### Open Lawn & Paving with Scattered Trees



Dog Walking  
 Picnicking  
 Relaxing  
 Volleyball/Horseshoes

### Grasslands



Bird Watching/ Nature  
 Observation: Wildflowers  
 Day Hiking/Walking  
 Outdoor Photography  
 Sightseeing

### Oak Savannah



Bird Watching/ Nature  
 Observation: Wildflowers  
 Day Hiking/Walking  
 Outdoor Photography  
 Orienteering  
 Sightseeing

### Oak Woodland



Bird Watching/ Nature  
 Observation  
 Day Hiking/Walking  
 Outdoor Photography  
 Orienteering



# Mayer State Park - West -

## Existing Conditions

HUB 241

July 2014

- ① Vault Toilet
- ② Boat Ramp
- ③ Restroom

### Legend

- Buildings
- Road / Parking Lot
- Walkway/Sidewalk
- Trail
- Park Boundary

### OPRD Landscape Sub-setting

- Lawn with Scattered Trees
- Riparian Forest
- Riverlands
- Grasslands
- Oak Savannah
- Oak Conifer Woodland

### Location



### Map Extent



0 200 400 Feet



# Mayer State Park - East -

## Existing Conditions

HUB 241

July 2014

### Legend

- Buildings
- Road / Parking Lot
- Walkway/Sidewalk
- Trail
- Park Boundary

### OPRD Landscape Sub-setting

- Lawn with Scattered Trees
- Riparian Forest
- River and Shorelands
- Wet Lowlands
- Grasslands
- Oak Savannah

1 Registration Fee Booth

2 Vault Toilet



### Location



### Map Extent



0 150 300 600 Feet



## Additional West Park Visitor Data

Complete visitor experience assessments were not completed for the following parks due to their limited access, development potential and size. These parks may still have proposed improvements however surveys and visitor studies were not conducted during this process. Existing park statistics are provided below.

### W4 Crown Point State Scenic Corridor

**Acreage:** 82.4  
**Total Trails:** None  
**Dayuse Visitors 2012:** 585,064  
**Day Use Fee:** No  
**Day Use Parking :** Approx. 56 spaces (3 ADA)

### W6 George W. Joseph State Natural Area

**Acreage:** 151.8  
**Total Trails:** 0.35 miles  
**Dayuse Visitors 2012:** < 300,000  
**Day Use Fee:** No  
**Day Use Parking :** None

### W8 Shepperd's Dell State Natural Area

**Acreage:** 164.2  
**Total Trails:** Approx. 200 ft.  
**Dayuse Visitors 2012:** Unknown  
**Day Use Fee:** No  
**Day Use Parking :** Approx. 2-4 unmarked spaces  
(small pullout along Hwy 30)

### W10 Angel's Rest Trailhead

**Acreage:** 374.0  
**Total Trails:** 1.8 miles  
**Dayuse Visitors 2012:** Unknown  
**Day Use Fee:** No  
**Day Use Parking :** 18 spaces (1 ADA)

### W11 Dalton Point State Recreation Site

**Acreage:** 39.0  
**Total Trails:** 300 ft.  
**Dayuse Visitors 2012:** 171,620  
**Day Use Fee:** No  
**Day Use Parking :** Approx. 30 spaces (unmarked)

### W14 McLoughlin State Natural Area

**Acreage:** 219.5  
**Total Trails:** None  
**Dayuse Visitors 2012:** None (undeveloped)  
**Day Use Fee:** No  
**Day Use Parking :** None

### W15 John B. Yeon State Scenic Corridor

**Acreage:** 254.5  
**Total Trails:** Approx. 6.5 miles  
**Dayuse Visitors 2012:** No data  
**Day Use Fee:** No  
**Day Use Parking :** 14 spaces

**Additional East Oregon State Park Visitor Data**

**E1 Lang Forest  
State Scenic Corridor**

**Acreage:** 73.5  
**Total Trails:** None  
**Dayuse Visitors 2012:** None (undeveloped)  
**Day Use Fee:** No  
**Day Use Parking :** None

**E3 Lindsey Creek  
State Scenic Corridor**

**Acreage:** 134.1  
**Total Trails:** Approx. 0.3 miles  
**Dayuse Visitors 2012:** No data  
**Day Use Fee:** No  
**Day Use Parking :** None (no developed trailhead access)

**E6 Mitchell Point:  
Wygant, Vinzenz  
Lausmann, & Seneca  
Fouts State Natural Areas**

**Acreage:** 1,302.0  
**Total Trails:** Approx. 12.5 miles  
**Dayuse Visitors 2012:** No data  
**Day Use Fee:** No  
**Day Use Parking:** Approx. 33 spaces

**E7 Hatfield West  
Trailhead**

**Acreage:** 19.6  
**Total Trails:** 5 miles (between East and West Trailheads)  
**Dayuse Visitors 2012:** No data  
**Day Use Fee:** Yes  
**Day Use Parking :** 36 spaces (2 ADA)

**E9 Hatfield East  
Trailhead**

**Acreage:** 211.9  
**Total Trails:** 5 miles (between East and West Trailheads)  
**Dayuse Visitors 2012:** No data  
**Day Use Fee:** Yes  
**Day Use Parking :** 36 spaces (3 ADA)

**E11 Rowena Crest  
Viewpoint**

**Acreage:** 281.3  
**Total Trails:** 0.7 miles  
**Dayuse Visitors 2012:** No data  
**Day Use Fee:** No  
**Day Use Parking :** Approx. 30 spaces (unmarked)

