

**A message from Paul Slyman,**  
DIRECTOR OF METRO PARKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Oxbow Regional Park is celebrating 50 years as an important community resource sharing its natural beauty and variety of unique recreational opportunities in a place for people to connect with nature.

Oxbow is one example of Metro's commitment to restore the region's natural areas, improve water quality and fish habitat, maintain parks, and provide people with more opportunities to experience nature. Metro's new partnership with the State of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to provide online camping reservations improves our capacity to reach out to the entire region. Now campers can head out to the scenic Sandy River Gorge, knowing a campsite will be waiting for them.

Taking care of community investments demonstrates Metro's values and priorities – to preserve and enhance the quality of life and the environment for ourselves and future generations. It is my goal to meet or exceed our customers' expectations.



### Park improvements underway

Metro is continuing their efforts to restore Oxbow from the flooding and erosion that affected the park during winter 2011 - 2012. With help from a State of Oregon County Opportunity Grant, Metro will construct new campsites to replace those lost to flooding.

To preserve its scenic beauty along the Sandy River, scientists and engineers are continuing their efforts to prevent further bank erosion in the campground area.

Finally, Metro began the Happy Creek Reconnection Project - restoring key habitat for threatened salmon and steelhead in a side channel of the Sandy River. Groups of logs and native trees will be strategically placed by fishery biologists and restoration specialists on surrounding riparian areas to guide water into the side channel and encourage habitat formation. Juvenile fish will thrive in the restored habitat on Happy Creek.

# OXBOW REGIONAL PARK

3010 SE Oxbow Parkway  
Gresham, OR 97080

A 1,000-acre natural area nestled in the scenic Sandy River Gorge, Oxbow Regional Park offers visitors rare access to many of the region's natural wonders while providing a variety of unique recreational opportunities. The river draws rafters and kayakers and offers anglers some of the best winter steelhead and salmon fishing in Oregon.

Twelve miles of trails invite visitors to explore an ancient forest with centuries-old trees and ridges and ravines carved by volcanic and glacial flows. The area's natural habitat makes an ideal home for wildlife such as mink, beaver, fox, raccoon, deer, osprey, songbirds, elk, black bear, cougar and Chinook salmon. To protect wildlife, pets are not permitted in Metro parks or natural areas.

### Nature education

Metro naturalists offer guided ancient forest hikes, campfire programs, animal tracking workshops, mushroom and wildflower walks, and salmon viewing in the fall. To plan your own group field trip with a park naturalist or to sign up for information about Metro nature activities, call 503-797-1650 option 2.

### Volunteer

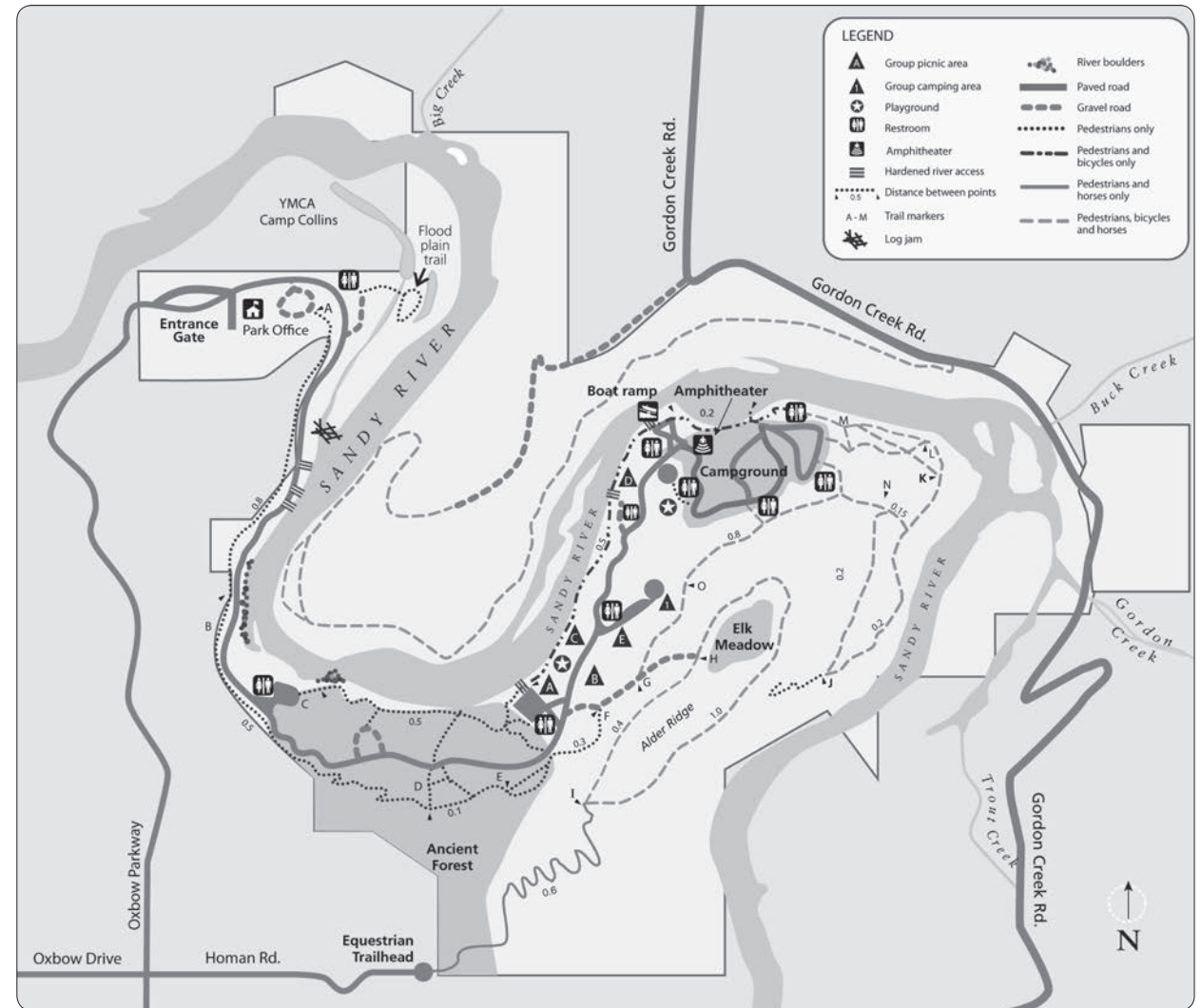
If you are interested in volunteering at any of Metro's parks, natural areas or pioneer cemeteries, call 503-797-1653 or email [parkvol@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:parkvol@oregonmetro.gov).

Metro also offers volunteer opportunities at the Oregon Zoo, Native Plant Center, Portland Expo, Oregon Convention Center and the Center for Performing Arts.

For more information, visit

[www.oregonmetro.gov/volunteer](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/volunteer).

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**Hours** Open from 6:30 a.m. to official sunset (closing time posted).

**Vehicle fee** Get in free with your annual pass or pay \$5 per car or \$7 per bus. An annual pass is available for \$40; \$30 for seniors.

**Access** Many of the park facilities are wheelchair accessible, including the restroom/shower buildings, picnic areas and some campsites. Hiking trails are not wheelchair accessible.

### Contact information

Oxbow Regional Park office 503-663-4708

Picnic shelter reservations 503-665-4995

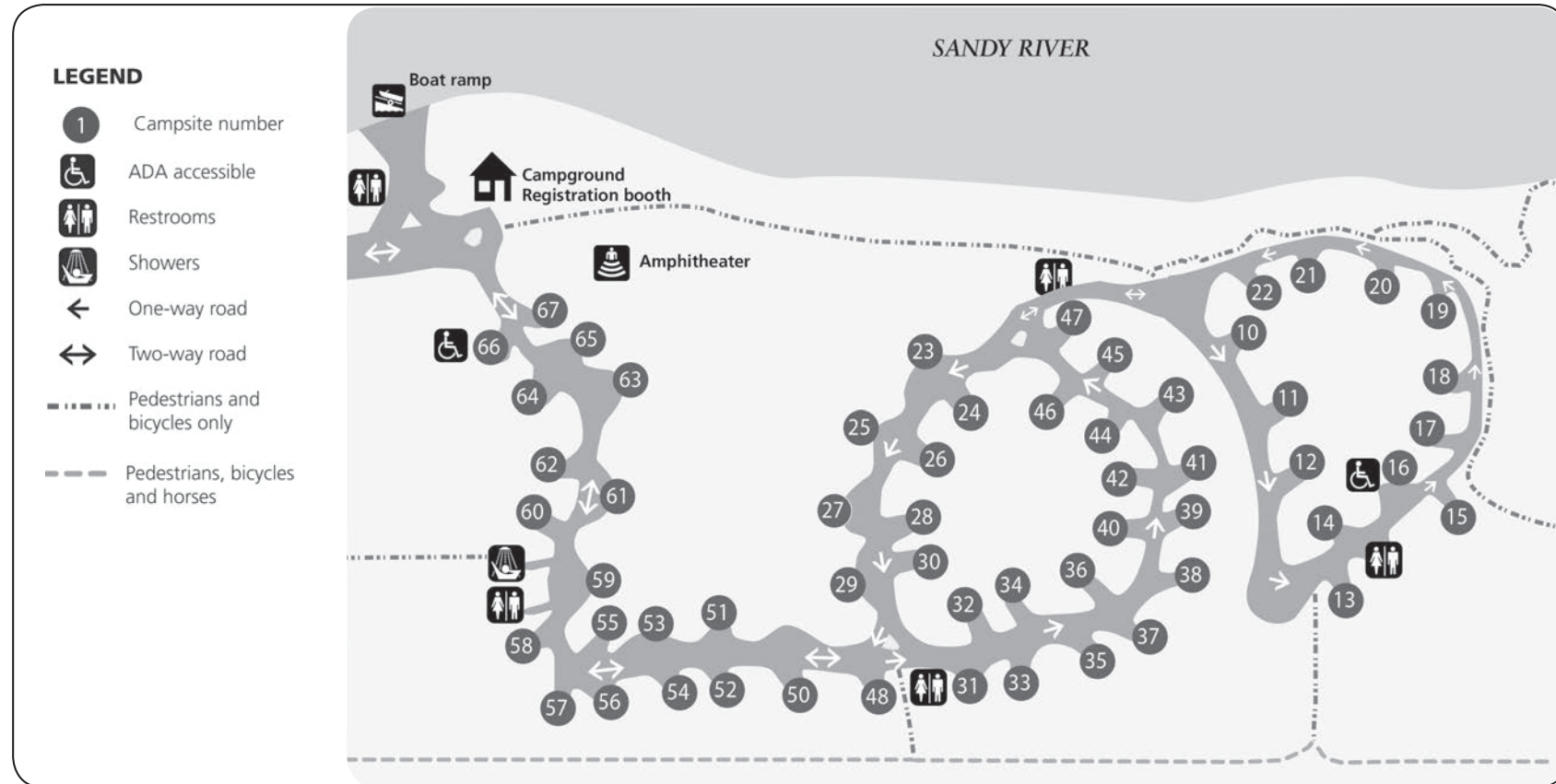
Nature education 503-972-8543

Camping reservations online at [www.oregonmetro.gov/oxbow](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/oxbow)

Reservations NW 1-800-452-5687

Hearing impaired 1-800-735-2900

# CAMPING AT OXBOW REGIONAL PARK



## Ready, set, reserve

Oxbow Regional Park is now offering online camping reservations through Metro's new partnership with the State of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Joining this online reservation system allows campers from the entire Metro region to enjoy the beauty of scenic Oxbow Regional Park with one mouse click. You may reserve your favorite campsite up to nine months in advance using the new online reservation system at [www.oregonmetro.gov/oxbow](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/oxbow) or call Reservations NW at 1-800-452-5687.

**optin**  
ONLINE PANEL

Passionate about water, wildlife and recreation? Weigh in on issues affecting the nature of the region by joining Opt In, Metro's new online opinion panel. Getting started is simple: [www.oregonmetro.gov/connect](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/connect)

**Campsite fee** \$22 per night

**Vehicle fee** \$5 per vehicle required first day only

**Maximum six persons** and two vehicles per campsite

**Maximum 14-night stay** in 17-day period

**Checkout time** Noon

**Campsite parking** for paid campers only; others may be cited and/or towed

**Firewood** \$5 per bundle

**No firewood gathering** or cutting allowed

**Gates open 6:30 a.m.** and close at official sunset

## Camping at Oxbow

Oxbow's wooded campsites are open year-round and may be reserved up to nine months in advance; call Reservations NW at 1-800-452-5687 or online at [www.oregonmetro.gov/oxbow](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/oxbow). Maximum occupancy is six people and two cars per site only. The camping fee is \$22 per night, plus a \$5 per vehicle fee on the day of entry. No accommodations will be made for additional vehicles overnight.

## Picnics at Oxbow

Reservable picnic areas include shelter, tables, a barbecue, horseshoe pit, drinking water, pit or flush toilets and a parking area. Electricity is not available. In addition to a reservation fee, there is a vehicle fee of \$5 per vehicle and \$7 per bus on all days. For more information or to reserve a group picnic area, call 503-665-4995 or visit [www.oregonmetro.gov/parks](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/parks).

## Campground use policy

- Camping is allowed in designated areas only.
- Campsites may be reserved up to nine months in advance; call Reservations NW at 1-800-452-5687 or go online [www.oregonmetro.gov/oxbow](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/oxbow).
- Minors (younger than 18) must be accompanied by an adult. Identification is required.
- Pets are not allowed; they threaten wildlife and can damage habitat.
- Pull-through sites are restricted to use by RVs or trailers.
- Alcohol, all other intoxicants and fireworks are prohibited.
- Please keep vehicles in designated parking areas.
- Fires are allowed in provided fire pits or barbecues only.

- Food can make animals sick and ruin their survival instincts. Do not feed the wildlife.
- Do not stick axes, knives, nails, etc. into trees or tables.
- Quiet time is 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- No re-entry after gates are locked at official sunset.
- Checkout time is noon.
- For your protection, park gates are locked each evening at official sunset. Gates are opened each morning at 6:30 a.m.
- In case of emergency, use pay phone located on porch of park office (at park entry). 911 calls can be made free of charge.

*Violators of these or any other park rules are subject to citation and/or eviction.*