

# OXBOW REGIONAL PARK

3010 SE Oxbow Parkway  
Gresham

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.

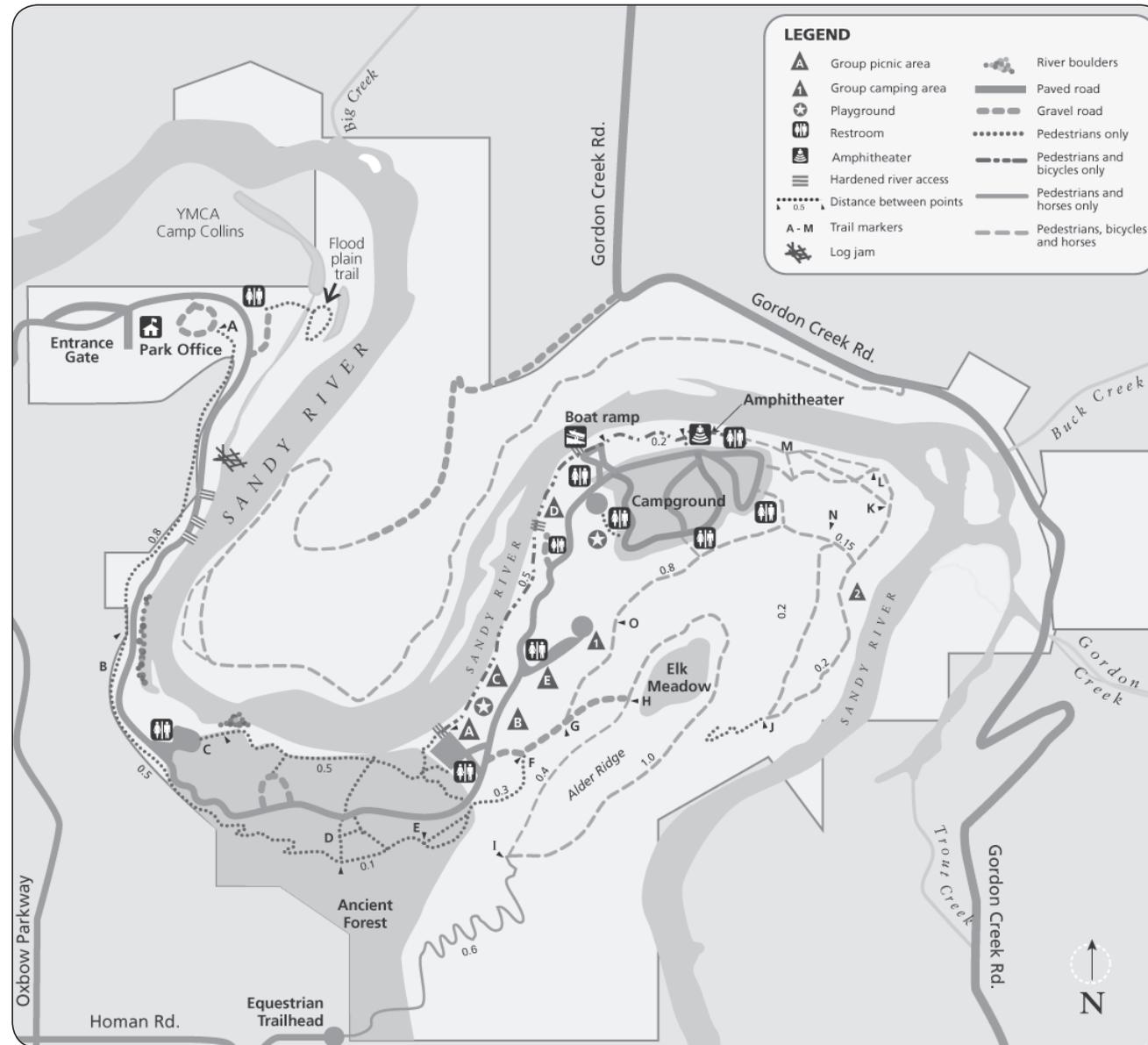
## Nature education

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).



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

**Parking 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 503-797-1650 option 2  
[www.oregonmetro.gov/parks](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/parks)



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

Thank you for your patience while park staff make necessary changes to the campground and surrounding areas due to bank erosion. We are doing everything we can to limit visitor disruption and complete our work as soon as possible.

We respond mindfully when challenges come our way and address obstacles with ingenuity and teamwork. Metro is dedicated to investing in our parks to ensure a safe, healthy environment for your children and your grandchildren.

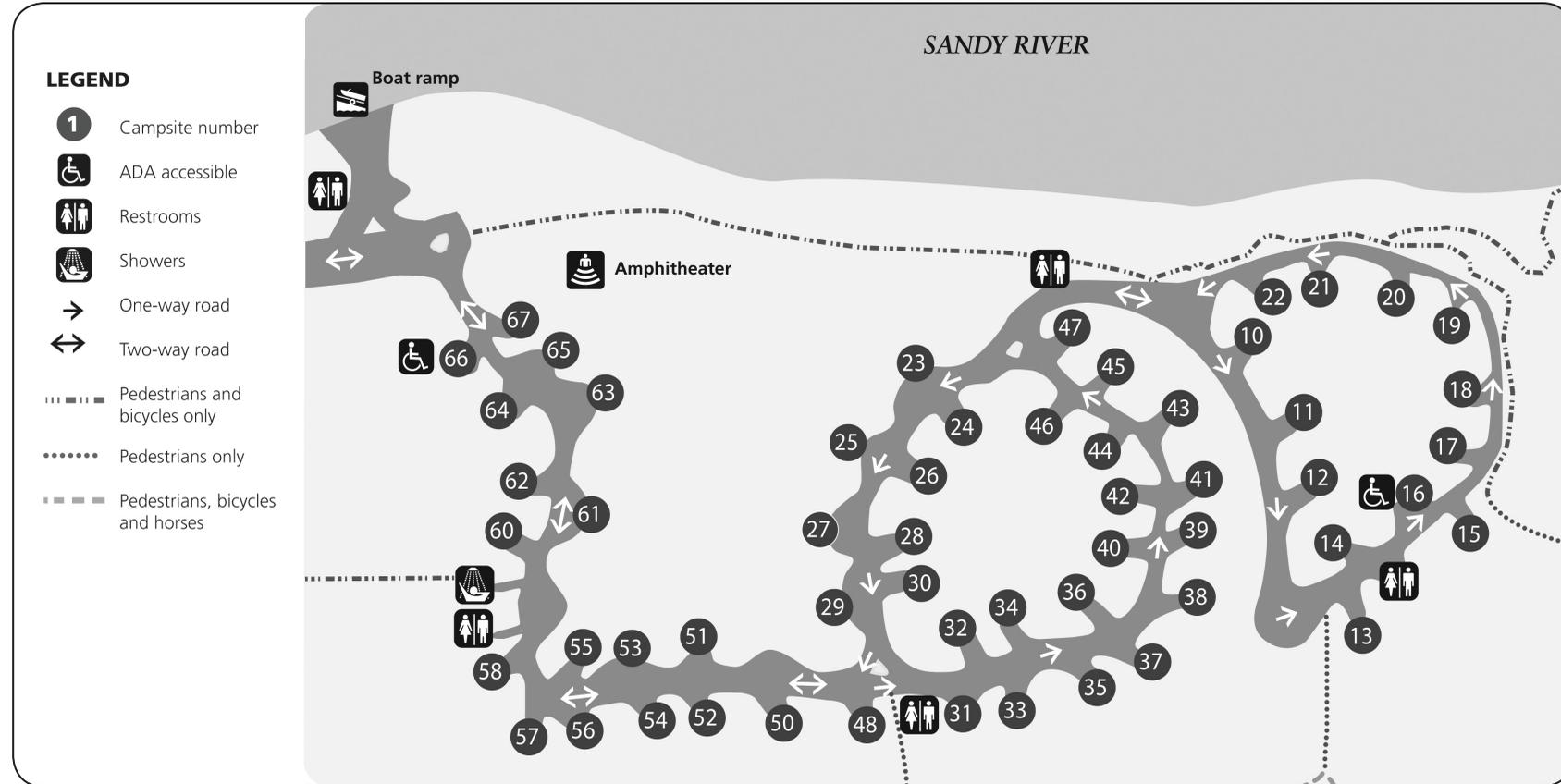
Please help us continue to provide the highest quality park experience at Oxbow Regional Park. We welcome your direct feedback on what you love about the park and what could improve your experience. Take the opportunity to fill out a comment card, as your opinions are very important to us. Cards can be picked up at the park entry booth or office, or from park staff. Our goal is to meet or exceed our customers' expectations.

Metro has used the best possible science and planning to manage Oxbow Regional Park. But at the end of the day, nature is powerful – and, sometimes unpredictable. We're seeing that play out very dramatically with the flooding and erosion that affected the park during winter 2011 - 2012.

Safety is Metro's top priority. But we're also committed to letting people enjoy Oxbow, which is a spectacular place to connect with nature. Meanwhile, we'll be engaging our team of scientists, land managers, park planners and environmental educators to consider how we can best protect Oxbow, while giving visitors a terrific park experience.

For your safety, Metro has placed caution signs to steer visitors clear of severe bank erosion and hazardous terrain. Use caution and stay on marked trails within the park.

# CAMPING AT OXBOW REGIONAL PARK



Are you planning on coming back and seeing us again? In 2013, we're changing the reservation system at the park. Oxbow Regional Park will become a part of the State of Oregon online camping reservation system. We expect to be up and running with online reservations for the 2013 camping season. Check for updates at [www.oregonmetro.gov/oxbow](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/oxbow).

## optin ONLINE PANEL

Metro plays an important role in the environmental, cultural, and economic vitality of the region. We build strong relationships, alliances and partnerships in the community to better serve our citizens and visitors.

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** \$20 per night

**Parking fee** \$5 required on first day

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

**Maximum five-night stay**, 10 days in 30-day period

**Check-out time 11 a.m.**

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

Additional vehicles require special arrangements with staff

**Firewood** \$5 per bundle

Firewood available at park entry fee booth

**No firewood gathering** or cutting allowed

## Camping at Oxbow

Oxbow's wooded campsites are open year-round and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Maximum occupancy is six people and two cars per site. Firewood is available for purchase at \$5 per bundle. The camping fee is \$20 per night, plus a \$5 per vehicle fee to park on the day of entry.

## 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 parking 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 only in designated areas and numbered sites only.
- Campsites may not be reserved, but can be held by occupying a site with a tent or RV.
- Minors (younger than 18) must be accompanied by an adult. Identification is required.
- Pets are not allowed; they can damage habitat and threaten wildlife.
- 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. Please don't feed the wildlife.
- Do not stick axes, knives, nails, etc. into trees or tables.
- Quiet time is 10 p.m.
- No driving after 10 p.m.
- Check-out time is 11 a.m.
- 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.*