

Oxbow Regional Park



Black-tailed deer



Douglas squirrel

DON'T FEED THE WILDLIFE
Deer, squirrels and rabbits are herbivores, which means they eat only plants. The park is full of their favorite foods such as grass, leaves and ferns. Many birds eat plants, insects and other animals. If these animals eat human food, they can get very sick and even die. They can also get too used to people, which can lead to dangerous situations. It's best to sit quietly and enjoy watching the animals eat, hop, walk and rest in the forest.



CAMPING RESERVATIONS
To reserve a campsite, call Reserve America at 1-800-452-5687 or visit oregonmetro.gov/oxbow

CAMPING AT OXBOW
Oxbow's wooded campsites are open year-round and may be reserved up to nine months in advance. Maximum occupancy is six people and two vehicles per site. The camping fee is \$22 per night, plus a \$5 per vehicle parking fee on the first day of entry. No accommodations will be made for additional vehicles overnight.



Pacific wren

METRO PETS POLICY
Pets are not allowed at most Metro parks and natural areas, including Oxbow. Dogs and other pets can damage sensitive habitat and threaten the wildlife that voters help protect. Birds and other animals think of dogs – even the friendliest ones – as predators. Animals have keen senses of sight, smell and hearing; the presence of a pet, even on a leash, can scare them. In places where dogs are not allowed, people see more wildlife. Service animals welcome at all destinations.



PICNIC RESERVATIONS
For more information or to reserve a picnic shelter, call 503-663-4708 or visit oregonmetro.gov/oxbow

PICNICS AT OXBOW
You can reserve picnic shelters at Oxbow. Each picnic shelter includes tables, a barbecue, horseshoe pit, drinking water, pit or flush toilets nearby and a parking area. Electricity is not available. Reservation fees vary; parking pass not included. All other picnic areas are on a first-come, first-served basis.

HOURS
Open year-round from 6:30 a.m. to sunset. Gate closure time posted at park entrance.

PARKING FEE
\$5/car or \$7/bus, free parking with Metro annual parks pass. An annual pass is available for \$40; \$30 for seniors; \$10 for people with disabilities.

ACCESS
Many of the park facilities are wheelchair accessible, including picnic areas, some campsites, some restrooms and the shower building at the campground. Hiking trails are not wheelchair accessible.

CONTACT INFORMATION

3010 SE Oxbow Parkway
Gresham, OR 97080

Oxbow Regional Park office
503-663-4708

Picnic shelter reservations
503-663-4708

Campground reservations
Reserve America:
1-800-452-5687

Nature education
503-972-8543

Hearing impaired
1-800-735-2900

To learn more about Metro and its services, visit oregonmetro.gov

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
Cell phone coverage is limited in the park. Call 911 using the free public phone outside Welcome Center at park entry.

Winter **Spring**



Bald eagle



Fairy slipper orchid



Osprey



Northern pygmy owl



Salmonberry

Summer



Maidenhair fern



Western toad

Fall



Chinook salmon



Bolete mushroom



Coho salmon



Varied thrush



American dipper

Year-round



Sword fern



Douglas fir



Mountain lion



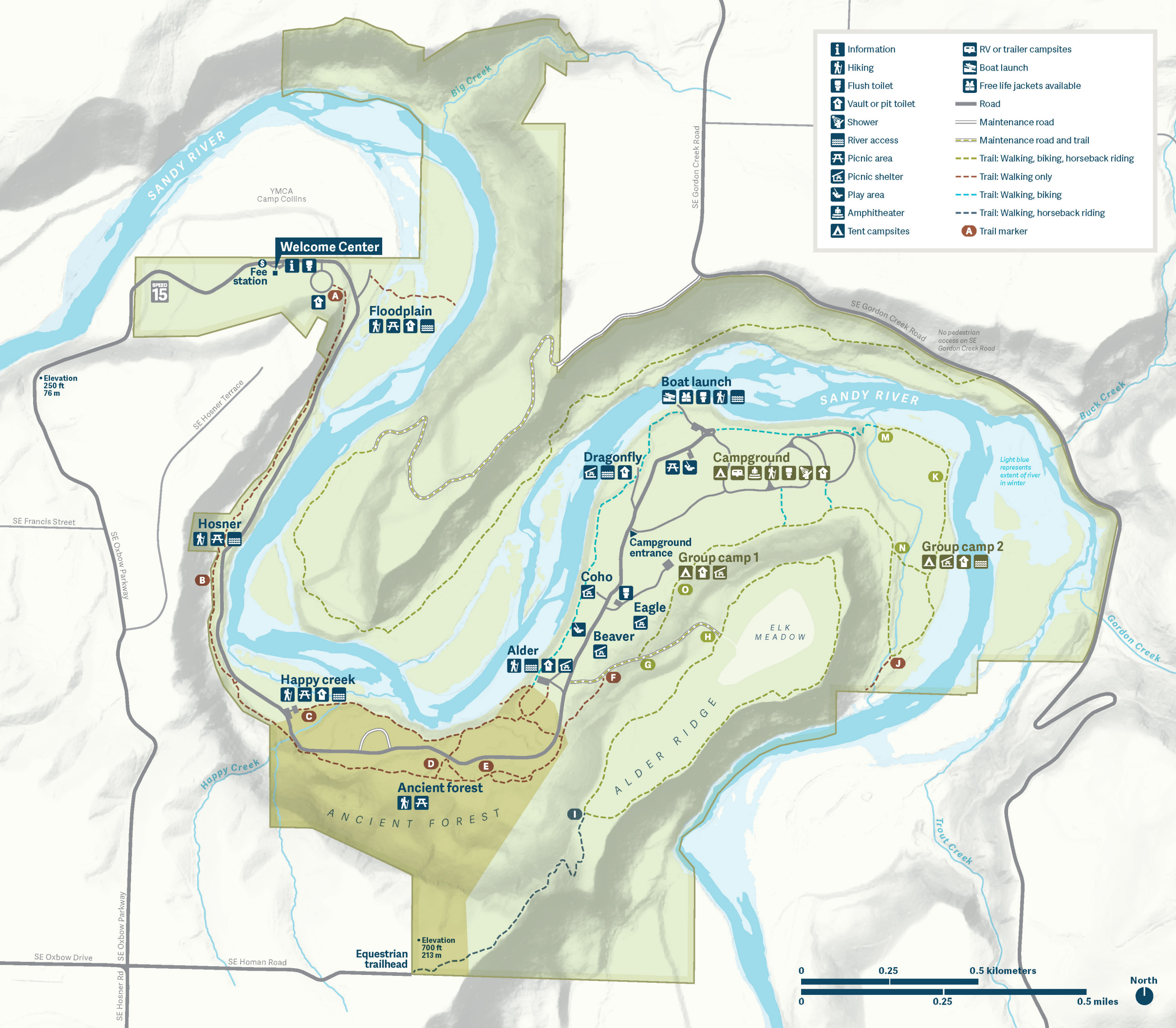
Pileated woodpecker



Beaver



River otter



Two great forces shaped Oxbow: the Sandy River and Mount Hood. More than 200 years ago, eruptions on Mount Hood sent lahars — massive flows of melted snow, sand and gravel — into the valleys below, burying the forest beneath 40 to 50 feet of sand. Hard bedrock causes the Sandy River to flow in a U-shaped bend here, similar to the oxbow shape of collars used on oxen.

Oxbow's human history dates back to the Indigenous people who have lived, fished and gathered here since time immemorial. The park operates on land that is ceded from several groups of Indigenous peoples.

White settlers created homesteads nearby in the late 1800s.

In 1988, the Sandy River was designated a National Wild and Scenic River thanks to neighbors and activists.

Oxbow is home to diverse wildlife such as Roosevelt elk, bald eagles, osprey, and runs of salmon and steelhead trout. Visitors can fish, float and swim in the Sandy River, or hike among majestic 700-year-old trees in the old-growth forest.



PARK RULES

- Do not feed wildlife or harvest plants, mushrooms, seeds or flowers.
- Pets are not allowed; they can damage habitat and threaten wildlife.
- Campfires allowed in designated fire pits or barbecues only. Firewood gathering and cutting is prohibited. Campfires must be attended at all times.
- Alcohol, drugs, hunting and fireworks are prohibited.
- Do not stick axes, knives, nails or other items into trees or tables.
- Park gate closes at sunset and opens at 6:30 a.m. (closure time posted). Entry after gate closure is prohibited.

Violators of these or any other park rules are subject to citation and/or eviction. (Metro Code, Title 10)