



## Boat ramps

### FIELD GUIDE

M Jame Gleason Memorial Boat Ramp

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In the final stretch of its journey from the Rocky Mountains in British Columbia to the Pacific Ocean, the mighty Columbia River flows through the Columbia Gorge, creating numerous recreational opportunities for boaters, anglers and outdoor enthusiasts. Metro operates two boat ramps along the Columbia River and one on Multnomah Channel, providing boater access and land-based recreational opportunities such as picnicking, beach access, archery and more.

Since time immemorial, the Chinookan, Multnomah and Wapato tribes sustained thriving river cultures along the Columbia and Willamette rivers. An estimated 30,000 to 40,000 Chinook lived in the lower Columbia in a complex

of villages and trade routes. The rivers remain vital sources of culture and livelihood for many Indigenous people.

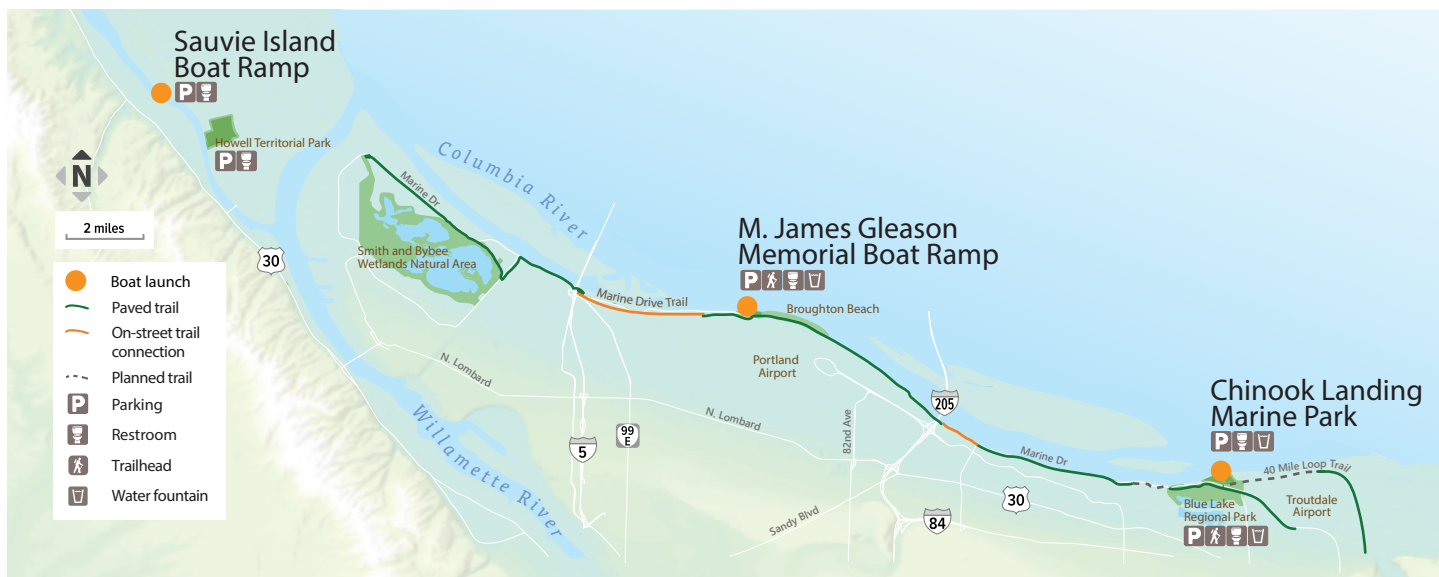
### **Chinook Landing Marine Park**

Chinook Landing Marine Park makes an excellent starting point for exploring the Columbia River or the Marine Drive Trail. One of Oregon's largest public boat ramps, Chinook Landing features six lanes for launching boats, many picnic spots and an archery range.

Chinook Landing's 47 acres also provide habitat for wildlife. Seasonal wetlands are home to frogs and other native amphibians. Enjoy a picnic along the river, watch osprey soar overhead searching for their next meal, or watch blue herons and snowy egrets hunt in ponds near the entrance and archery range.



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### Know when you go

Sauvie Island Boat Ramp is open sunrise to sunset. Gleason and Chinook Landing have varying seasonal hours. All have restrooms available, pets allowed on-leash. Gleason and Chinook Landing: parking fee \$5/vehicle, \$7/bus, free with annual pass; picnic and viewing areas available. Chinook Landing archery range has six targets from 10 to 60 yards, at 10-yard increments.

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### M. James Gleason Memorial Boat Ramp

Nine miles west from Chinook Landing along Marine Drive is M. James Gleason Memorial Boat Ramp. With four launch lanes, Gleason is slightly smaller than Chinook Landing but no less popular.

Next to the boat ramp is Broughton Beach, one of only a few sandy beaches in the Portland metro area. Broughton Beach is a popular spot for sunbathing, kite flying, picnicking or simply playing in the river. The Marine Drive Trail passes by both Gleason and Broughton Beach.

### Sauvie Island Boat Ramp

Located on Sauvie Island along the Multnomah Channel of the Willamette River, Sauvie Island Boat Ramp is one of Metro's hidden gems. While much smaller than Chinook Landing and Gleason, Sauvie Island Boat Ramp offers boaters access to the Multnomah Channel, which eventually connects to the Columbia.

This boat ramp is frequented by kayakers and boaters looking for a quieter experience, and it offers a resting spot for those exploring the island by bicycle or car. Nearby is Metro's Howell Territorial Park, home to one of Sauvie Island's oldest farmhouses.

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