

FISHING & RIVER RECREATION



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Lane County includes more recreational bodies of water than any other county in Oregon! We are one of only two counties that extend from sea level on the Oregon Coast, to ski level in the Cascade Range. Fishing is a popular pastime, and for good reason. There are no less than 9 rivers within an hour drive of the Eugene and Springfield area. They offer many forms of river recreation as well as year-round fishing

for trout, salmon or steelhead. The reputation of rivers like the McKenzie, Middle and Coast Forks of the Willamette and Siuslaw precede them.

Lane County's rivers oblige those drawn to the heart-pounding descent down whitewater rapids; as well as those who prefer the serenity and romance of fly fishing along a beautiful unspoiled stretch of river. Visitors frequently testify that their driftboat excursion down the McKenzie complete with a lunchtime stopover for an entree of rainbow trout and topped off with an exhilarating pass through Martins Rapids, provides memories worthy of lasting a lifetime. Lane County's rivers and streams are a popular destination for fun and frolic - or just good fishing.



Richardson Park Marina

Loralyn Osborne

OVERNIGHT CAMPING

Getting away from it all doesn't necessarily mean that one has to travel to a far off destination. Lakeside campgrounds at Richardson and Baker Bay Parks are within an easy 30 minute drive of Eugene and Springfield. Campers who enjoy looking at the Pacific Ocean frequent Harbor Vista Park. Perched above the North Jetty of the Siuslaw River, guests look down to sandy beaches, which blend at dusk into a panoramic sunset.



Camping at Baker Bay Park
Loralyn Osborne

NATURAL RESOURCES

You'll find a variety of natural area and open spaces in the park system. We take pride in protecting the environment and preserving natural habitats. Wildlife habitat improvements, streamside vegetation management, and protection and preservation of native plant species are important parts of our comprehensive plan.



Park Rangers - Gary Gooch

PARK RANGERS

To provide safety and security for our visitors, Park Rangers provide day and evening patrols of campgrounds and all park areas on a regular basis. Park Rangers are available for information and assistance. Ask them about our Junior Ranger program!

CAMP LANE

Nestled along the Coastal Mountains in the old growth timber and bordered by the Siuslaw River is Camp Lane. Large groups and organizations find it the



Historic Camp Lane

Christine A. Johnson

ultimate camping experience. The difficulty in finding reasonably priced group accommodations like this today, and the Camp's relatively close proximity to Eugene (only 45 minutes away) have served to make it a real Lane County treasure.

The variety of structures at the 15-acre park lends to the camp's charm. There is the historic log lodge where you prepare your meals in a commercial-size kitchen. Sleeping quarters include A-frames, adirondacks (three-sided structures), treehouses, and even a yurt.

For recreation, there are facilities for volleyball, basketball, tetherball, and baseball. There's also fishing and swimming in the Siuslaw, and hiking trails through old growth forests. While these might be included among your most endearing memories of Camp Lane, it could just as likely be your group's nightly bonfire, with songs and storytelling, as you join friends around the camp's amphitheater.

HIKING, BIKING & HORSEBACK RIDING

Thousands of visitors use Lane County Parks each year while enjoying varied outdoor pursuits such as hiking, biking and equestrian riding. Old rail beds are being recycled into mountain bike and equestrian trails at places like the Row River Trail, skirting the north side of the Dorena Lake.

Visitors can also enjoy the abundance of nature at Howard Buford Recreation Area (HBRA) with its 17 miles of hiking and equestrian trails, and 7 miles of trails in the Mount Pisgah Arboretum. HBRA's Summit Trail offers a glimpse of the park's assortment of habitat and wildlife. A living laboratory such as the arboretum in the HBRA endows visitors with a renewed appreciation of nature and its delicate ecological balance.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are a vital workforce in Lane County Parks. Adopt-a-Trail and Adopt-a-Park programs are popular with many organizations, while special and/or individual project opportunities abound for others. Contact us for more information about volunteering in Parks.



Mt. Pisgah Summit at Howard Buford Recreation Area

-C. A. Johnson