

Tualatin River Water Trail

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A river doesn't just carry water, it carries life.

– A.D. Posey

The Tualatin River stretches nearly 80 miles from its headwaters in the Oregon Coast Range to its confluence with the Willamette River. The Tualatin River Water Trail currently consists of the lower 38.5 miles of the river. The Tualatin River Water Trail became a federally designated water trail in 2020 through the efforts of the Tualatin Riverkeepers and other concerned groups and citizens. The Willamette River Water Trail is the only other designated water trail in Oregon.

The Tualatin River Water Trail is a good place for new paddlers, with a barely detectable current in most stretches during the summer. Being on the river provides an immediate connection to nature given the limited development along the river and numerous natural and historic points of interest.

When on the water trail, follow these simple rules:

- Stay safe (see **Paddle Safe** below).
- Stay off private property. Most stretches of the river run through private property.
- Don't litter. Pack out everything that is brought in.
- Be respectful of the river, its animals and plants, and other people on the river.
- Notice: You assume all associated risks and responsibilities when on or around the water trail.

For more information on the water trail including access info, points of interest, and to report a water trail issue visit: www.tualatinwatertrail.org.

Página web disponible en español.



Beaver



Wapato



Great Blue Heron



Signal Crawfish

Paddle Safe

To stay safe while on the river, follow these safety rules:

- Before going on the river, visit the Tualatin River Water Trail website to familiarize yourself with the river access details, current hazards, points of interest, and estimated paddling times.
- Don't drink and paddle. Alcohol or drugs impair the ability to respond to dangerous situations.
- Take adequate food and water.
- Be aware of the weather and time of day.
- Plan river outings based on two miles per hour with active paddling.
- If you have an emergency or see someone in an emergency situation, immediately call 911 to get help.

Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket device and carry a whistle and water access permit.

Don't paddle alone, or let someone know your paddle plans.

Avoid hazards such as downed trees, dams, shallow & rocky water, etc.

Wear appropriate clothing, including footwear and hats.

Stay alert while on the water. Submerged logs and other debris can quickly overturn a paddlecraft.

ALWAYS
BRING THESE
PADDLE SAFE
ESSENTIALS:



LIFE JACKET



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Tualatin Riverkeepers was established in 1993, with a mission to protect, restore, and expand access to the Tualatin River Watershed. Among its many accomplishments, Tualatin Riverkeepers led the effort to establish the lower Tualatin River as a federally designated water trail in 2020.

Tualatin Riverkeepers staff and volunteers activities include:

- Advocating for the protection and restoration of the Tualatin River watershed.
- Restoring key watershed sites to their natural state by removing invasive plants and planting native species.
- Increasing community engagement with the Tualatin River by offering paddle craft rentals, guided paddle trips, and educational events.
- Working with local jurisdictions along the river to expand community access to the Tualatin River.
- Maintaining the Tualatin River Water Trail website.

To learn more about the Tualatin Riverkeepers, upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, and how to support our work, visit tualatinriverkeepers.org.



EXPLORE TUALATIN VALLEY

The Tualatin Valley forms the heart of Oregon's Washington County and offers:

- Over forty estate wineries and tasting rooms.
- A wide array of local farmer markets and U-pick farms.
- Hiking, birding, cycling, fishing, etc. in the region's many parks, lakes, and preserves.
- Paddling on the nationally designated Tualatin River Water Trail.
- Tax-free shopping.

To learn where to **Play, Stay, Eat & Drink**, and about **Upcoming Events** in the Tualatin Valley, visit tualatinvalley.org.



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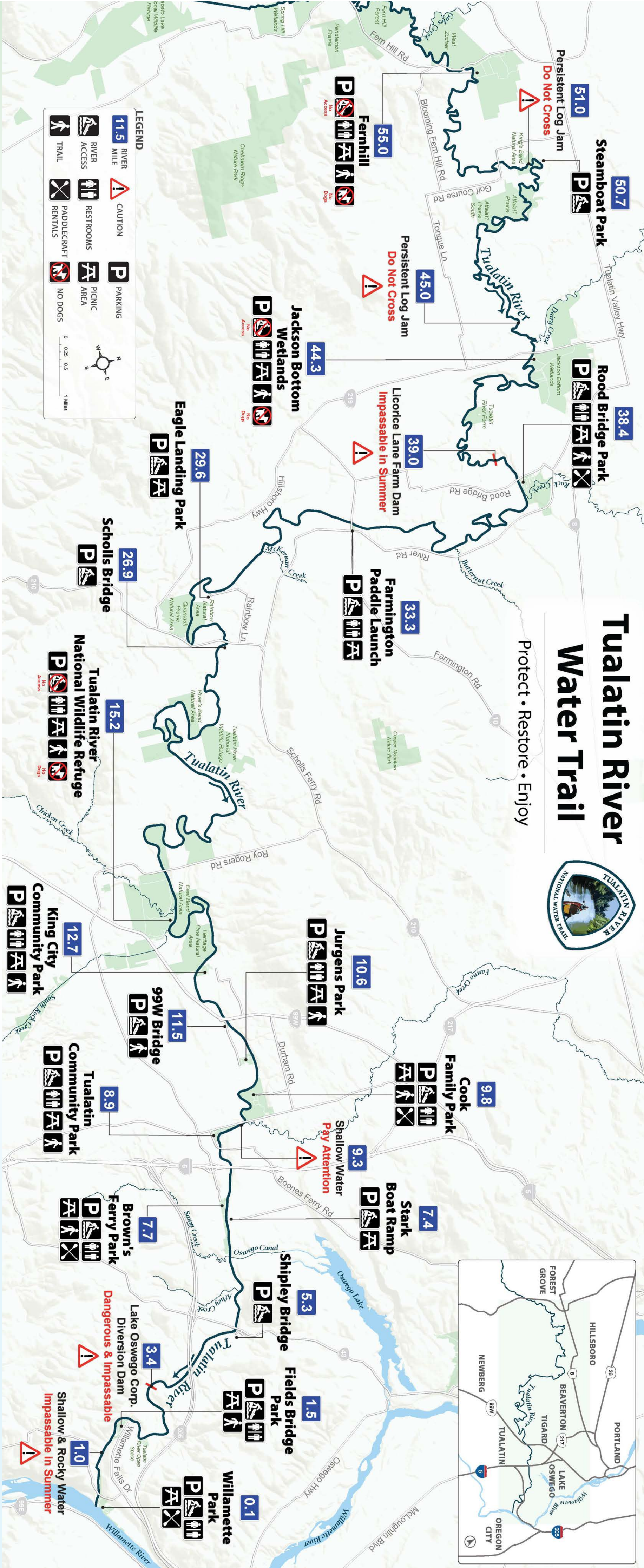
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Padding Times

based on active paddling at 2 mph

- Rood Bridge to Farmington Paddle Launch**
2.5 hours
- Farmington Paddle Launch to Eagle Park Landing**
2 hours
- Eagle Park Landing to Scholls Bridge**
1.5 hour
- Scholls Bridge to King City Community Park**
7.5 hours
- King City Community Park to 99W Bridge**
40 minutes
- 99W Bridge to Jurgens Park**
30 minutes
- Jurgens Park to Cook Park**
30 minutes
- Cook Family Park to Tualatin Community Park**
30 minutes
- Tualatin Community Park to Brown's Ferry Park**
40 minutes
- Brown's Ferry Park to Stark Boat Ramp**
10 minutes
- Stark Boat Ramp to Shipley Bridge**
1 hour

Padding the Tualatin River Water Trail

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Willamette Park

River Mile 0.1
22-acre park with developed river access, paddlesport rentals (summer), picnic areas, playground, and water play area. It is located at the confluence of the Tualatin and Willamette Rivers.

Shallow & Rocky Water

River Mile 1.0
Padding in this area is not possible at low summer river levels due to several sections of shallow, rocky water. These sections can form Class II rapids at higher river levels.

Fields Bridge

River Mile 1.5
19-acre city park with primitive river access, picnic area, playground, fishing platform, large community garden, and Willamette Meteorite and Story Book walks.

Lake Oswego Corp. Diversion Dam

River Mile 3.4
The dam was built in 1882 to raise the level of the Tualatin River diverting more water into the Lake Oswego Canal. **The dam is difficult to see from the upriver side and has no warning signs. The dam is dangerous and impassable.**

Stark Boat Ramp

River Mile 7.4
Boat ramp with limited amenities in a residential neighborhood. It is open between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. from November to April, and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. from May to October. **Avoid parking directly across from a driveway. Only use the boat ramp during the open hours. Please be quiet and courteous when at the ramp.**

Shipley Bridge

River Mile 5.3
Launch site with a primitive river access, limited parking, and no amenities. **Pull completely off Shadow Wood Drive when loading and unloading.**

King City Community Park

River Mile 7.7
28-acre park with floating dock, paddlesport rental (summer), picnic area, and Tualatin River Greenway Trail.

Tualatin Community Park

River Mile 8.9
27-acre park with boat ramp, award-winning skate park, dog park, picnic area, playground, Tualatin River Greenway Trail, Juanita Poth Center, and walking access to local restaurants.

Shallow Water

River Mile 9.3
Short section of river that is shallow and fast at low summer river levels, making it difficult to paddle through. **Pay attention when in this area.**

Cook Family Park

River Mile 9.8
79-acre park with boat ramp, floating dock, paddlesport rental (summer), picnic areas, playground, Tualatin River Greenway Trail, and butterfly garden.

Jurgens Park

River Mile 10.6
12-acre park with floating dock, picnic area, playground, water play area, local trail, and community garden.

99W Bridge

River Mile 11.5
Launch site with developed river access, no amenities, and currently disconnected section of the Tualatin River Greenway Trail. The Tualatin Riverkeepers headquarters is located near this launch.

King City Community Park

River Mile 12.7
17-acre park with a primitive river access with a fixed dock that floods seasonally, picnic area, playground, and walking trail.

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

River Mile 15.2
The 1856-acre Refuge has a visitor center, wetland view, picnic area, walking trails, and river overlook. **There is no paddlesport put in or take out in the Refuge. Dogs are not allowed in the Refuge.**

Scholls Bridge

River Mile 26.9
Launch site with primitive river access, limited parking, and no amenities. Parking on Rainbow Lane by Grover Elementary School is the best option. **Be careful of traffic when loading and unloading.**

Eagle Landing Park

River Mile 29.6
One-half acre park with primitive river access and limited amenities. Upcoming improvements include a floating dock and gangway. The park was established through an Eagle Scout project, hence the name "Eagle Landing".

Steamboat Park

River Mile 50.5
One-acre city park with primitive river access and no amenities. It is located near the former Emrick's Landing, which was the upper limit of steamboat navigation on the Tualatin River, hence the park name "Steamboat Park".

Persistent Log Jam

River Mile 51.0
Log jams can cause paddlesport to capsizes and hold the paddler under water. **Log jams are dangerous. Do not cross.**

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The Tualatin River is our local treasure. Please help protect and restore it by becoming a member and volunteering with Tualatin Riverkeepers.

Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve

River Mile 44.3
The 635-acre Wetlands has a nature center, 4.5 miles of trails, and river overlook. It is a popular birding area, with numerous raptors, songbirds, and migratory waterfowl. **There is no paddlesport put in or take out in the Wetlands. Dogs are not allowed in the Wetlands.**

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River Mile 45.0
Log jams can cause paddlesport to capsizes and hold the paddler under water. **Log jams are dangerous. Do not cross.**

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River Mile 1.0
Impassable in Summer

