



- 25: Clackamette Park** (City of Oregon City)
This park provides parking and ready access via a boat ramp on the Clackamas River that is about 200 meters from the confluence with the Willamette.

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- 25.5: Sportcraft Marina**
GPS at ramp: 45° 21'858 N, 122° 36.124 W
This small boat ramp and park are extremely busy in the spring because of the many people putting their power boats on the water to fish for spring Chinook. For paddlers, though, it is well worth the stop: Sportcraft Marina has an excellent canoe shop with a variety of boats and related gear.

HAZARD!
Willamette Falls
40-foot drop!

27: Canemah
At RM 27 is the historic native town site of Canemah, where it is said that the Chinookan and Kalaypuyan people would pull up their canoes, as a natural loading and unloading point to portage Willamette Falls. This use continued after Euro-American settlement. Later the area was a prime manufacturing site for sternwheelers and side wheelers that traveled the Willamette River in the heyday of riverboat travel.

26.5: Willamette Falls
To travel past the falls, paddlers must use the locks. (Be sure to find out ahead of time when the locks are open, by calling the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Or portage from Bernert Landing down to Sportcraft Marina). Due to budget constraints, in the past several years the Corps has limited funding for the operation and maintenance of the historic locks. Clackamas County and local cities and organizations are developing a long-term strategy to keep the locks open, but currently the locks are open only part-time.

YOU CANNOT RUN THE FALLS! A PORTAGE IS NECESSARY AT BERNERT LANDING,

or you can use the locks when they are in operation. Where does the name Willamette come from? According to Lewis McArthur's Oregon Geographic Names, some accounts say that the early word Wallamt was a Native American word designating a place on the Willamette River near Oregon City. The earlier name for the Willamette River was Multnomah, which also designated the name of the native peoples along the lower river in the early days. In their journals, Lewis and Clark used the word Mulknoma to refer to the Willamette River; later the term was used to indicate a Native village on the east side of Sauvie Island. Another interpretation of Multnomah, or Mulknomans, is that the name applied only to the river below the falls, and that the name was a "corruption of nemathnomaq, meaning down river."

HAZARD!
Entry to locks ahead.
Stay left if using locks.