

Luckiamute River

The Luckiamute River's confluence with the Willamette River is located just downstream from the Santiam River's confluence with the Willamette, and on the West side. The Luckiamute is typically a slower moving river, though it can unleash an incredible torrent during winter and spring floods given that the river has a natural hydrograph, i.e., no dams to impede its flow. The watershed is approximately 314 square miles. Like other Willamette tributaries, the Luckiamute is affected by loss of riparian and floodplain habitat, decreasing the ability of native species to flourish and causing the river to become too warm in the summer months. While this small river is greatly impacted by local land use, some local landowners are responding to the call to improve habitat. As with the mainstem Willamette, and most of the other Willamette tributaries, improvement of the Luckiamute's habitat will succeed only with the cooperation and participation of those who own land along the river and the myriad smaller tributaries that feed into it.

