

A River Runs Through It

Clackamas River

Carver Boat Ramp

● DAMASCUS

● BORING

● Barton Park

Deep Creek

Eagle Creek

● Eagle Fern Park

● ESTACADA

Clear Creek

● Metzler Park

The Clackamas Watershed

Welcome to Carver Boat Ramp. This popular fishing launch sits on a stretch of the Clackamas River that has been a hotbed of activity for centuries. From time immemorial, the Chinookan tribes, referred to as the Clackamas People, have called this area home, catching year-round runs of salmon, steelhead, Pacific lamprey, among others. Pioneers like the Baker family, whose 1856 cabin still stands on the hill south of the park, settled this area for its quarry rock and timber. In 1889, English poet and writer Rudyard Kipling famously fished at what is known as Kipling Rock just upstream of the mouth of Clear Creek.

Image by The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde



Weed Watch

Invasive weeds spread aggressively, displacing native plants that wildlife count on for food and shelter. Japanese knotweed is invading streams and rivers throughout our region. Do not cut or mow — new plants grow from fragments of the root or stem. If you spot this weed, report to oregoninvasiveshotline.org.

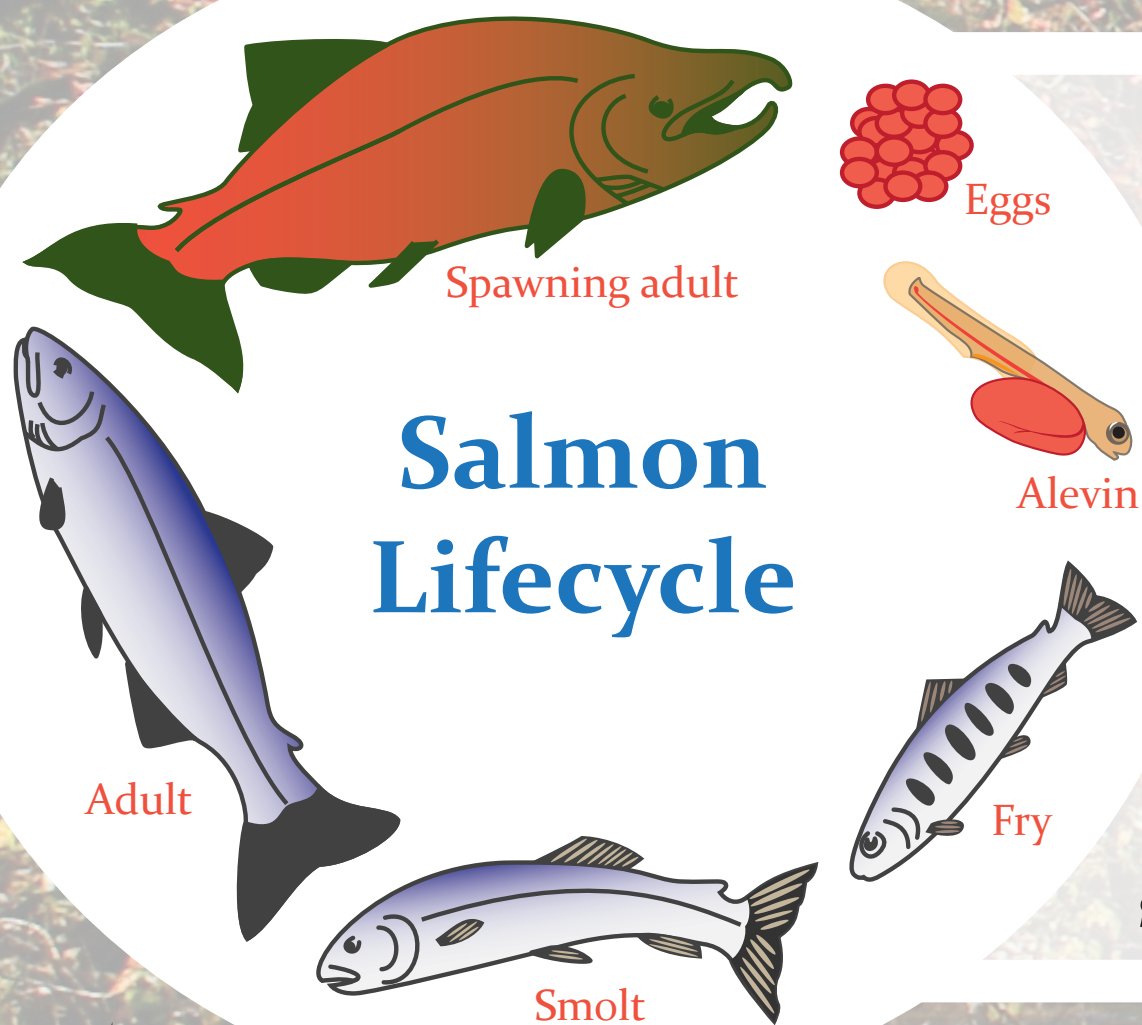
Neighborhood Native

From Douglas fir to Oregon grape, native plants are an important part of the Clackamas River ecosystem. Camas flowers were a main staple and trade item for Chinookan tribes. Bulbs were dug up and cooked in large earth ovens for a sweet and nutritious delicacy. Today, camas still thrives in wet prairies, a diminishing habitat in the Willamette Valley.



What Can You Do?

- Conserve water** — use only what you need
- Protect fish** — keep waterways chemical free
- Plant natives** — improve habitat for wildlife
- Stash the Trash** — take out what you take in



Salmon Stronghold

The Clackamas watershed is salmon country, home to Chinook, coho, and steelhead. Salmon are anadromous. They are born in fresh water, migrate to the ocean, and return to the stream where they hatched to spawn. After spawning they die, leaving behind their nutrient rich carcasses to not only nourish their young, but also support 137 other wildlife species that depend on them as a food source.

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