



Paddling The Tualatin River

While the Tualatin River stretches almost 80 miles from the coast range to the Willamette River, only the lower 40 miles of the river is accessible to paddlers. With a barely detectable current in the summer, the Tualatin River Water Trail is the perfect place for beginning paddlers and families with children. Along the way, wildlife viewing opportunities are abundant as you paddle through farmland, suburbs and the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge.



River Access

WARNING: Crossing slippery logjams is dangerous, and we recommend that paddlers launch boats at designated access points and keep to the water trail on the lower 40 miles, as an abundance of logjams makes the upper river more accessible for fish and beavers than paddlers.

Before you take the long journey, we suggest that you check out the navigation reports on tualatinriverkeepers.org to make sure there are no impassable logjams on your intended route.

During summer months, rent a canoe or kayak at Cook Park or Brown's Ferry Park. Call or check the websites for operating hours and rental rates.

Cook Park Canoe & Kayak Rentals
Operated by Tualatin Riverkeepers
17005 SW 92nd Ave., Tigard, OR 97224
tualatinriverkeepers.org
503.218.2580

Brown's Ferry Park Canoe & Kayak Rentals
Operated by Alder Creek Kayak & Canoe
5855 SW Nyberg Ln., Tualatin, OR 97062
aldercreek.com
503.691.2405

Points on the River

Willamette Park - West Linn (RM 0.0 LB)
1100 12th St., West Linn, OR 97068
Enter park on 12th St. and turn right on Volpp St. This site provides paddling access to the Willamette River and the first few hundred yards on the Tualatin River. Shallow rocky rapids immediately upstream from here will prevent paddlers from going upstream on the Tualatin.

Fields Bridge (RM 1.6 LB)
821 Willamette Falls Dr., West Linn, OR 97068
Fields Bridge Park is a beautiful 19-acre park located on the Tualatin River.

Most of the year, downstream paddling is not possible because of rocks and shallow water; however, it is possible to paddle upstream for about 1.5 miles from this site to where rocks and rapids will stop your progress. The unpaved ramp is located under the bridge. The closest parking is at the park's community gardens, however, it's a long walk to the ramp. In the winter during high flows, whitewater paddlers may run from Fields Bridge to the Willamette River. Please exercise caution.

NO PORTAGE - Lake Oswego Corp. Diversion Dam (RM 3.45)
This low dam, which raises the river level a few feet, is **DANGEROUS & IMPASSABLE. STAY AWAY!**

Stafford Rd. - Shipley Bridge (RM 5.4 LB)
West Linn, OR 97068
Take exit 3 (Stafford Rd./Lake Oswego) from I-205 and head north on SW Stafford Rd. Continue on SW Stafford Rd. through the roundabout and toward Wanker's Corner. Cross the bridge and turn right onto Shadow Wood Dr. Access the river from Shadow Wood Dr., northeast of the bridge. The launch is unpaved and parking is limited.

Brown's Ferry Park (RM 7.5 RB)
5855 SW Nyberg Ln., Tualatin, OR 97062
From I-5 take exit 289 (Nyberg St. Tualatin-Sherwood Rd.). Go east on SW Nyberg St. When the road turns right to SW 65th, make a left turn onto SW Nyberg Ln. Keep going east for a few blocks. Brown's Ferry Park has a network of nature trails, parking, picnic facilities, restrooms and a very nice dock for canoes and kayaks (there is no boat ramp for motorized craft). Canoe rental is available daily in the summer. For rental information call Alder Creek Kayak & Canoe at 503.691.2405.

Tualatin Community Park (RM 8.9 RB)
8515 SW Tualatin Rd., Tualatin, OR 97062
From I-5 take exit 289 (Nyberg St. Tualatin/Sherwood Rd.) and head west onto SW Nyberg St. and stay in the left lane (road turns into SW Tualatin Sherwood Rd.). Turn right onto SW Boones Ferry Rd. (turns into SW Tualatin Rd.). Continue straight on SW Tualatin Rd. for one block. Turn right onto the park road in front of the

railroad crossing. Continue toward the railroad trestle, turn right in front of the trestle, and follow it to the boat ramp. Tualatin Community Park is a large multi-purpose park with a boat ramp, parking, restrooms and picnic facilities. Services nearby: Birra Pub (0.3 mi.), Thai Bistro (0.3 mi.), Fiorano Ristorante (0.2 mi.), Mashita Teriyaki (0.1 mi.), Hayden's Lakefront Grill (0.4 mi.)

Cook Park (RM 9.8 LB)
17005 SW 92nd Ave., Tigard, OR 97224
Turn south on SW 92nd Ave., off SW Durham Rd. behind Tigard High School. Follow the road into the park, pass the soccer fields and playground areas. The road twists through the trees with many speed bumps before you come to the boat ramp and dock. Cook Park is a large multi-purpose park with restrooms, picnic facilities, reserved shelters and grills, boat ramp and parking. Rent canoes and kayaks from Tualatin Riverkeepers Fridays-Sundays, holidays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. For rental information visit tualatinriverkeepers.org or call 503.218.2580.

Jurgens Park (RM 10.6 RB)
17255 SW Jurgens Ave., Tualatin OR 97062
Take SW Jurgens Ave. north from SW Tualatin Rd. The parking lot is a lengthy walk to the launch site where a ramp leads to a dock designed for canoes and kayaks. Trails, restrooms, ball fields, picnic and playground areas are available.

99W Bridge & Hazelbrook Rd. (RM 11.5 RB)
Tualatin OR 97062
From 99W turn south onto SW 124th Ave. Turn left onto SW Tualatin Rd. Turn left onto SW 115th Ave. Turn left onto SW Hazelbrook Rd. After turning left on SW Hazelbrook Rd., go 200 yards on the gravel path to the launch site. Four parking spots are at the put-in, with additional on street parking. No restrooms or other facilities are available. Services nearby: Roamer's Rest RV Park (377 ft.), Nacho Mama's (0.3 mi.)

Scholls Bridge (RM 26.9 LB)
Scholls, OR
Situated on Highway 210 (SW Scholls Ferry Rd.) north of SW Scholls-Sherwood Rd., informal access site is



located on northeast end of bridge. Please stay on the highway right-of-way. There is limited parking along the road and be cautious of speeding cars. The path to the river is steep and slippery. Services nearby: Petrich General Store (0.5 mi.), Smith Berry Barn (1.2 mi.), South Store Café (1.2 mi.)

Eagle Landing (RM 29.6 LB)
26001 SW Rainbow Ln., Hillsboro, OR 97123
Eagle Landing is a small half-acre parcel on the banks of the Tualatin River located off of SW Rainbow Ln. near Groner Elementary School. The amenities in the park include a 12-vehicle gravel parking lot and a connecting gravel pathway. There are no restrooms or running water at this location. There is a steel staircase to provide non-motorized boat access to and from the river; however, there is no dock. Carrying a large canoe or kayak down the stairway may be challenging.

Farmington Paddle Launch (RM 33.3 LB)
River Road at Farmington Rd., Hillsboro OR 97123
River access for canoes and kayaks at this site, just upstream from the Phil Harris Bridge. Paddlers can dine at Cruise In Country Diner (0.1 mile), which serves up a great burger. For more information visit cruiseincountry.com.

Rood Bridge Park (End of Water Trail) (RM 38.4 LB)
4000 SE Rood Bridge Rd., Hillsboro, OR 97123
From SE Tualatin Valley Hwy. (T.V. Hwy. 8) take SE River Rd. southeast to SE Rood Bridge Rd. Follow SE Rood Bridge Rd. south for a few blocks. The park is on the east side of SE Rood Bridge Rd. just before crossing the river. When you enter the park entrance, turn right. Pass the Annex building and River House building. Continue downhill to the parking area and boat ramp. There is a 25' gap between the end of the paved ramp and the river, leaving a steep bank to the water's edge. Use caution, this can be slippery. Restrooms, trails, picnic and parking are available.

The Rest of the River - Upstream from RM 40
We do not recommend access to the Tualatin River at bridges upstream from river mile 40. The river is blocked by many log jams, which are dangerous. Banks of the river are steep and often covered with blackberries and poison oak, making portage difficult. To portage around log jams, always ask permission before crossing private property.

RM = River Mile, RB = Right Bank, LB = Left Bank

The map is generally accurate, but does not display all navigational hazards, including impassable channels or in-water obstructions. River conditions change frequently. This map is not to scale.