



Mt. Hood National Forest

Clackamas River Ranger District

Summer 2025 on the Clackamas River RD

Spring is here! We're so excited to see new growth across the Clackamas River Ranger District. Many people are itching to enjoy the warm weather on the national forest.

Although many roads are clear of snow, some high-elevation roads are still melting out. Please use extreme caution when exploring the Forest. Bring the [10 Essentials & check weather and conditions](#) before heading out. Some roads may need a high-clearance vehicle and/or four-wheel drive year-round.

- Work to mitigate fire-killed hazard trees continues on Forest Roads (FR) 6350, 6355, 4671, & 4220, near the boundary with the Willamette National Forest. Work will begin once the weather has warmed up & soil has dried out.
- Drivers should also be alert for work happening on FR 45, 4510, 4520, accessed off of Hillockburn.
- Hazard tree removal and road repair is also underway on FR 54 & its spurs, which is the only remaining Riverside Fire road closure. Once this work is finished, all of the Riverside & Lionshead fire recovery roads contracts will be completed and back open!

[Check out photos of fire recovery across the District!](#)

Clackamas River RD Campgrounds: Opening Schedule

These campgrounds are tentatively scheduled to open **Friday, May 23** unless noted otherwise. Contact the [Clackamas River District front desk](#) for the most current information before you head out!

Reservable on Recreation.gov

- [Kingfisher Campground](#)
- [Raab Campground](#)
- [Timothy Lake Campgrounds](#) (all)
- [Lake Harriet](#)

First-Come, First-Served

- [Armstrong Campground](#) (May 3)
- [Hideaway Lake Campground](#)
- [Rainbow Campground](#)
- [Ripplebrook Campground](#)
- [Riverford Campground](#)
- [Riverside Campground](#)
- [Shellrock Creek Campground](#)

This schedule is tentative and could change based on weather and other factors.

Soak Up Nature

There are many campgrounds on Mt. Hood National Forest and about half are first-come, first-served. The rest are reservable on Recreation.gov. Plan a camping trip with your family this year and make evergreen memories.

Hit the Trail!

Every spring, staff discover trees that have fallen on trails due to winter storms. This is especially true in burned areas which experienced high tree mortality.

Already this year, our trail crew has cleared dozens of logs from Alder Flat Trail and Riverside Trail. Both trails feature good views of the river and show how the landscape is recovering after the Riverside Fire.

Get outside this spring and enjoy the updated trails- maybe stop at Ripplebrook Store to see what's new, or grab a post-hike treat from a shop in Estacada.



Volunteering on Mt. Hood

Several volunteer groups continue to help us maintain our trails. On the Clackamas River Ranger District, groups are doing amazing fire recovery work:

- [Trailkeepers of Oregon](#)
- [Pacific Crest Trail Association](#)
- [Back Country Horsemen of Oregon](#)
- [Oregon Equestrian Trails](#)
- [Hoodland Trails Collective](#)

Photo credit (above): [Trailkeepers of Oregon](#)

Campground Hosts

Alaska Recreational Management, or ARM, is a concessionaire for many recreation sites across Mt. Hood National Forest.

ARM staff collects fees, sells firewood and recreation passes, and patrols sites they manage. Staff will be wearing uniforms like the one pictured to the right. Give them a friendly wave out on the Forest this summer!

Photo credit: Alaska Recreational Management.





Bagby Updates

[Bagby Campground](#) and [Bagby Hot Springs](#) are open and first-come, first-served. [Ripplebrook Store](#) officially opened May 1 for the season! The store is open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Stay current on Bagby updates by visiting the Bagby Preservation [website](#) and [Facebook](#).



Olallie Lake Updates

Campgrounds open this season:

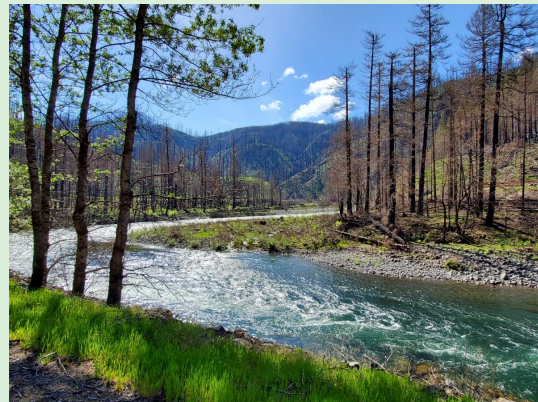
- Camp 10
- Paul Dennis
- Lower Lake
- Peninsula
- Olallie Meadow
- Triangle

Visit the [Olallie Lake Resort website](#) to find season dates and rates. All sites are first-come, first-served.



Upper Clackamas Whitewater Fest

The 39th annual Upper Clackamas Whitewater Festival returns to the ranger district May 16-18. Come out as a participant or spectator. More event info at: <https://clackfest.com/>



Clackamas Water Trail

The Clackamas Water Trail follows the Clackamas River from Sandstone Bridge to its confluence with the Willamette River. The Clackamas offers an array of river recreation activities, protected habitats, & drinking water for 300,000 people in the Portland metro area.

Learn more about the Clackamas Water Trail: www.clackamaswatertrail.org

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