We have a secret to share!

Secret Salmon Spots

Take your family to our favorite places for spotting salmon throughout the year!

Fall Locations

Eagle Creek

(45.64092° N, 121.92660° W)

August 15th - December 15th

Peak spawn

September - end of October

Humbug Creek

(45.88678° N, 123.61546° W)

August 15th - December 15th

Peak spawn

middle of October

Cedar Creek

(45.57937° N, 123.5626° W)

September - November

Peak spawn

middle of October

Spring Locations

Port Marine Park (Hood River)

(45.71100° N, 121.50669° W)

March 20th - May 15th

Peak spawn

late April and early May

Little White Salmon

(45.71561° N, 121.64515° W)

April 20th - May 7th

Peak spawn

late April and early May

Sandy River

(45.57937° N, 123.5626° W)

April 15th - May 20th

Peak spawn

late April and early May



Learn about Salmon Watch today!



Fall Locations

Eagle Creek

(45.64092° N, 121.92660° W) August 15th - December 15th

- This spot is easily accessible via a paved road and nearby bridge.
- There is a wonderful trail head here to hike once you say hello to the salmon.
- On your way back to Portland go visit the Bonneville Visitor Center to see the salmon traversing the dam ladders.

Humbug Creek

(45.88678° N, 123.61546° W) August 15th - December 15th

- This salmon spot features a gravel parking lot. Park near the covered shelter.
- Walk about 30 yards down the low grade gravel path.
- Wait until after the first 5-6 inches of fall rain

Cedar Creek

(45.57937° N, 123.5626° W)

September - November

- Visitors can reach this spot by gravel road, ending at a paved bridge with gentle terrain.
- Take Jones Creek Road which turns into Cedar Creek about 1 mile.
- Park at the coordinates & follow the dirt road down to Cedar Creek and Wilson River (approximately 125 yards).
- Cross the bridge, then hike down to the river!
- After seeing the salmon spend some time at the Tillamook Forestry Center!

Spring Locations*

Port Marine Park

(Hood River)

(45.71100° N, 121.50669° W)

March 20th - May 15th

- This spot features a paved parking lot and a gently sloped ramp leading onto a wooden-slat pedestrian bridge.
- Walk towards the foot bridge that crosses the river.
- Once on the bridge look down to see hundreds of spring Chinook!

Little White Salmon

(45.71561° N, 121.64515° W)
April 20th - May 7th

- Park on the paved road just next to the
- You can see salmon best right from where you park the car!
- There is a short gravel trail down to the river that can be taken.

Sandy River

(45.516880, -122.35609) April 15th - May 20th

- This site features a paved parking lot that ends in a sandy stream sight.
- Park in the right side parking lot after the entrance.
- Folow the trail down to the river.
- Look for V-shaped patterns in the water.
 This is the wake of the dorsal fin as salmon swim upriver.

*In the spring, Salmon are only visible during warming glacial snowmelt. Once the Cascades melt there will be no more spring spawning.

