Know Before You Go

The Chickahominy Recreation Site has many amenities including drinking water, portable restrooms, garbage cans, sites with picnic tables and grills, a fish cleaning station, a boat ramp, and day use shade shelters. The fish cleaning station is only open when a campground host is present, generally May through August. Although there are no day use fees, there are overnight camping fees.

The campground is designed for visitors using motor homes (up to 40') and camp trailers and also includes many sites for tent camping. The nearest RV dump station is at the Sage Hen Rest Area, 15 miles to the east. Fuel, groceries, and postal services can be found in Riley, Oregon, five miles to the east. Shade is limited and strong winds are a common occurrence -- be prepared to tie everything down.

Plants and Animals

The landscape around the Chickahominy Recreation Site varies as the vegetation changes from grassy hillsides to grey-green sagebrush to dark juniper. The sagebrush and grass usually appear as a continuous cover. Junipers dot the dry slopes, becoming more numerous in draws at higher elevations where moisture is available. Wildlife species common to the area include mule deer, pronghorn antelope, black-tailed jackrabbits, coyotes, and ground squirrels. Numerous raptors and songbirds can easily be seen. The area is also popular to a variety of waterfowl such as ducks, geese, and shorebirds.

Recreation

Fishing, boating, and picnicking are the most popular activities at the Chickahominy Recreation Site. The reservoir is known for its large rainbow trout. Camping is allowed year-round, with the main season occurring April to November. Most boating occurs during the spring and fall, and ice fishing is popular in the winter.

Directions to the Site

From Burns, Oregon, take Highway 20 west for approximately 32 miles to milepost 100, and turn right onto the Chickahominy Reservoir entrance road.

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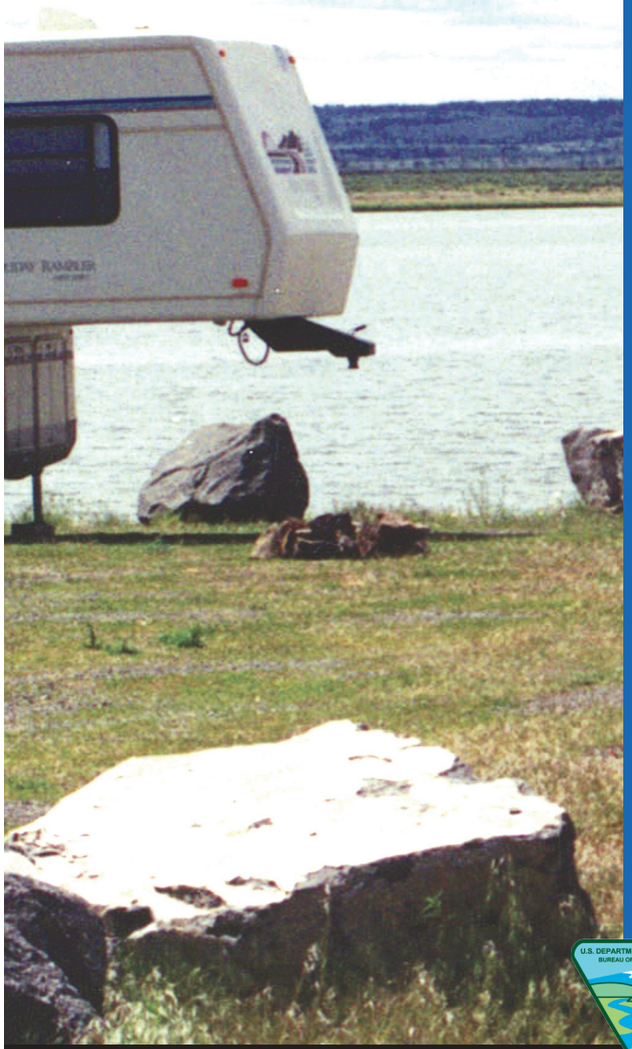

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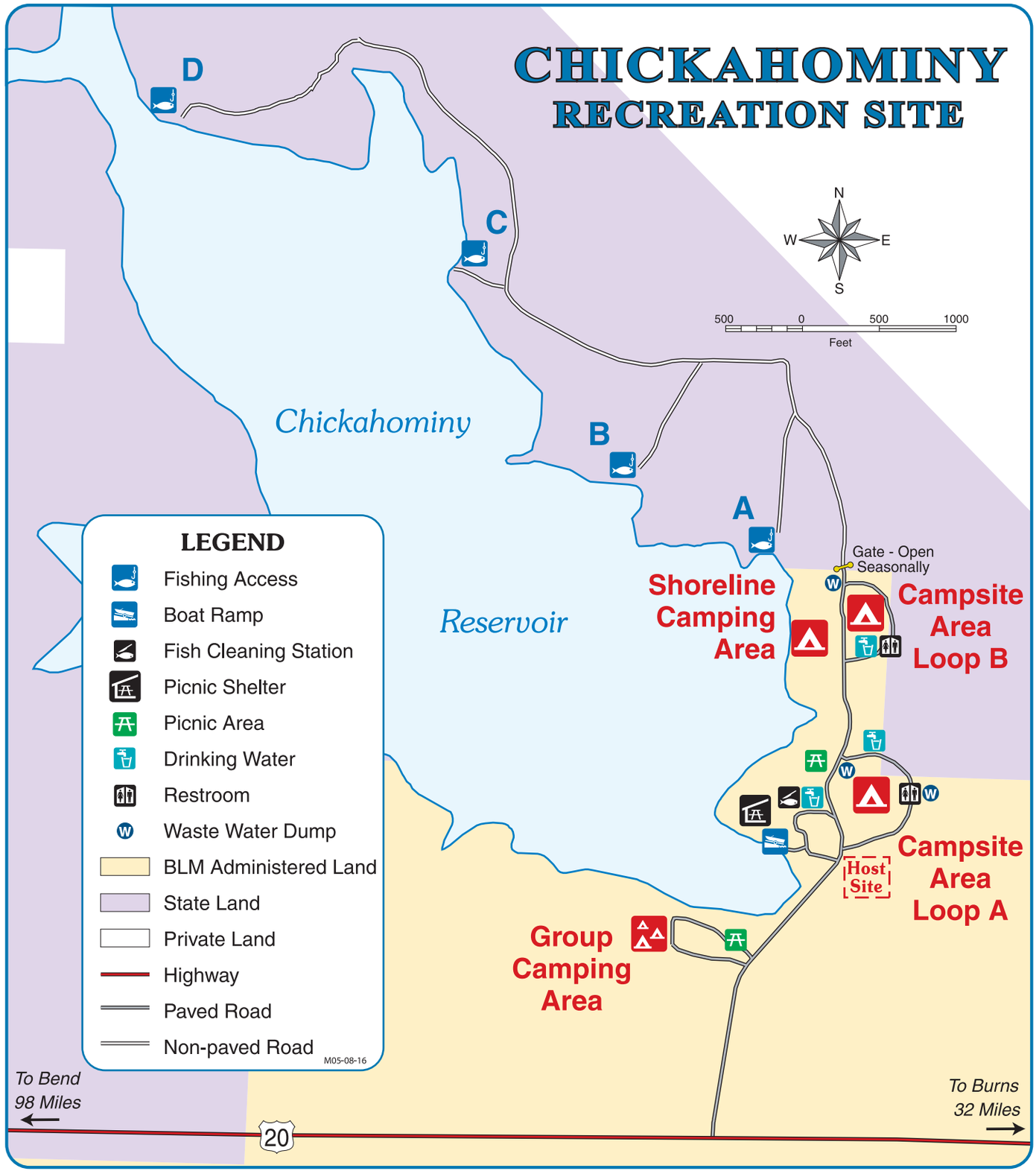
Welcome to Chickahominy Recreation Site

One of eastern Oregon's most popular fishing spots. The expansive valley where Chickahominy Reservoir lies is surrounded by foothills, distant buttes, and ridges with names like Potato Hills and Dry Mountain – a landscape that provides far-reaching views of the open high desert country. This man-made reservoir was constructed in the early 1950s to manage water for irrigation and watering livestock. Modern machinery was used in later years to repair and enlarge the dam, and numerous improvements have been made including paving the access roads, constructing a concrete boat ramp, and creating a family camping area.

The reservoir was first stocked with rainbow trout in the summer of 1967, and is still stocked once or twice a year with fingerlings and legal-size fish. The water level fluctuates with the amount of spring run-of and can be low at times, occasionally affecting the availability of fisheries. In most years, Chickahominy provides outstanding fishing opportunities.