

Know Before You Go

Both Edson Creek and Sixes River Recreation Sites have picnic tables, fire rings, drinking water, universal access toilets, and site hosts. The Sixes River Recreation Site offers a universal access campsite.

For use of these fee sites, please contact the Coos Bay Bureau of Land Management District Office at (541) 756-0100 for current rates and availability.

Recreation

Located at the junction of Edson Creek and Sixes River, Edson Creek Recreation Site provides 27 campsites and four reservable group sites in an open meadow setting. The group site provides a picnic and camp area for groups of 25 to 200 people. A boat launch is located across the road from Edson Creek Recreation Site.

Sixes River Recreation Site provides 19 campsites in a forested hideaway along Sixes River. Sixes River is an excellent spot to pan or sluice for gold. Both sites offer enjoyable opportunities for camping, picnicking, fishing, swimming, and wildlife viewing.

Animals

The rivers, streams, and forests that surround Edson and Sixes Recreation Sites are home to many different fish and wildlife. Sixes River has a large run of native Chinook salmon and steelhead. Bear, cougar, and bobcats are sometimes seen crossing the road in the early morning and late evening. River otters live along the river and hunt for fish and crayfish. Bald eagles can be seen waiting in the trees hoping to feast on salmon.

Plants

Tall alder trees mixed with myrtle, big-leaf maple, and Oregon ash flank the open meadows at Edson Creek. Big-leaf maple, oak, and Douglas-fir provide shade for sites at Sixes River Recreation Site. In the spring, look for fawn lilies with their superb colors. While the plants are beautiful — *watch out!*

Poison oak is common at these sites. Look for its distinctive, often glossy leaves with three leaflets. In the fall it is easy to avoid since the poison oak leaves turn a brilliant red.

History

Edson Creek and Sixes River Recreation Sites have a rich mining history. When gold was discovered the area in the 1850s, word spread quickly among California miners and many came to try their luck on the Sixes River. Today, Sixes River is still a place where you can pan or sluice for gold year-round.

Long before settlers discovered the area, Native Americans lived along the Sixes River banks, fishing for salmon in the river and hunting game in the surrounding woods.

Directions to the Site

Coming from Northbound on U.S. Highway 101: To reach Edson Creek, travel five miles north of Port Orford, Oregon, and turn right onto Sixes River Road. Travel approximately four miles, and turn left before you cross the Edson Creek Bridge. To reach Sixes River, turn right onto Sixes River Road and travel approximately 11 miles.

Coming from Southbound on U.S. Highway 101: To reach Edson Creek, travel 25 miles south of Bandon, Oregon, and turn left onto Sixes River Road.

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