



Canyon Creek Recreation Site

Canyon Creek offers easy access to a beautiful sandy beach along the Little North Santiam River, along with 15 developed picnic sites, vault restrooms, and potable water. A \$5 per vehicle per day fee is required. Follow on-site instructions for fee payment.

Area Attractions

Spending a few days along the Little North Santiam River? Elkhorn Valley is an excellent base camp to surrounding attractions including:

Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area – Explore this beautiful old-growth forest set aside by Congress in 1996 to under the management of the Willamette National Forest. Day hiking, backpacking, and nature study are popular here and in the adjacent Wilderness Area. Contact the US Forest Service, Detroit Ranger District for additional information at (503) 854-3366.

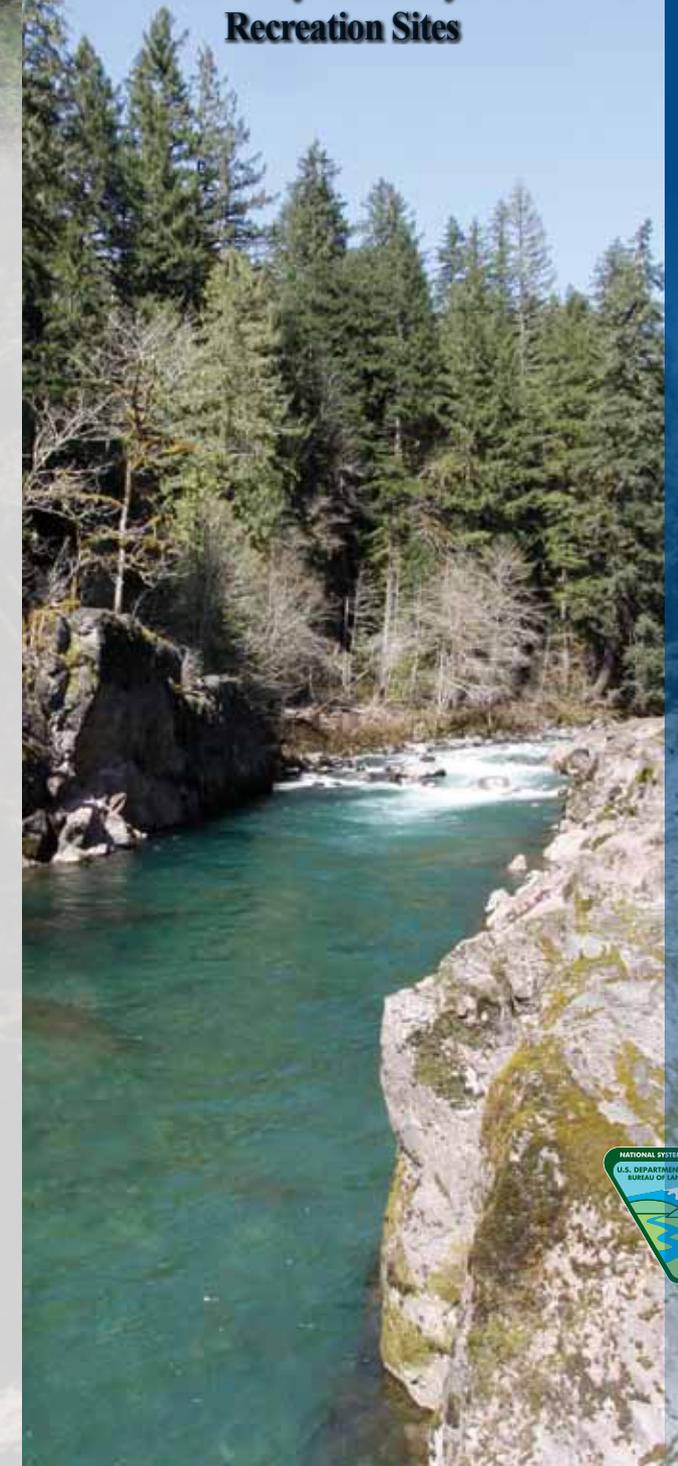
Marion County Parks – Marion County manages three parks accessing picturesque river segments. North Fork Park (3 miles from Highway 22) and Bear Creek (7 miles from Highway 22) offer good options for swimming. Salmon Falls (14 miles from Highway 22) features a viewpoint of the river flowing over a 30-foot rock outcrop.

Elkhorn Valley Golf Course – This 18-hole course is located just a few miles east of Elkhorn Valley Recreation Site.



Little North Santiam Recreation Area

Elkhorn Valley and Canyon Creek Recreation Sites



Elkhorn Valley Recreation Site

Elkhorn Valley offers family 23 campsites, as well as 4 picnic sites, vault restrooms, potable water, walking trails, and access to beaches carved from the bedrock of the river.

Campground Fees: A fee is charged for all day and camping use of Elkhorn Valley.

Overnight - \$14 per night, including 2 vehicles
\$ 5 per additional vehicle

Day Use - \$5 per vehicle

- **Reservation Policy:** All campsites are first-come, first-serve. No reservation system is in place at this facility. Check-in with camp host upon arrival.
- **Trailer Size:** Trailers over 24 feet long are not recommended.
- **Occupancy:** The stay limit is 14 days for every 30-day period. Saving campsites is not allowed. One person must occupy the site each night.
- **Firewood:** For your convenience, firewood is available for sale. Contact camp hosts for pricing and availability.
- **Accessibility:** Accessibility varies by site. Contact park staff for additional information.
- **Quiet Hours:** Established quiet hours are 10:00pm to 7:00am daily. Be aware that the gate to the recreation site is closed during this time.

Pass Discounts

America the Beautiful Interagency Annual Pass: No day use fees required

America the Beautiful Interagency Senior or Access Passes: No day use fees required and half off nightly camping fees at Elkhorn Valley

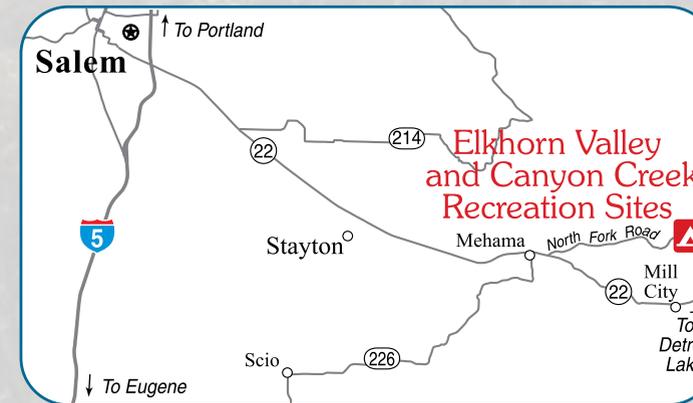
Golden Age Passport and Golden Access Passport: No day use fees required and half-off nightly camping fees at Elkhorn Valley



Directions to the Site

From Salem, drive east on State Highway 22 for 24 miles. Just past the turn-off to OR 226, turn left on North Fork County Road. Canyon Creek is 7.3 miles and Elkhorn Valley is 8.5 miles up North Fork County Road.

Please drive carefully. During summer months traffic is high, and during the winter roads may be slippery during wet and icy weather.



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Welcome

to the Little North Santiam Recreation Area...

...featuring the Bureau of Land Management's Elkhorn Valley and Canyon Creek Recreation Sites. The Little North Santiam offers a classic Oregon recreation experience within an hour's drive of the Salem metropolitan area. Here you can swim, fish, hike, picnic, and camp, or pause while on a scenic drive enroute to Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area.



Know Before You Go

- **Season:** Both sites typically open on Memorial Day and close on Labor Day each year.
- **Communication:** Cell phone coverage is not available in this area.
- **Services:** The nearest services are located along or near Highway 22 in Lyons, Mehama and Mill City. There are no services along North Fork County Road.
- **Fires:** Fires are only allowed in the designated metal fire pits. Gathering of firewood is prohibited.
- **Pets:** Pets are allowed, but must be leashed (maximum 6 feet). Dispose of pet waste in trash receptacles.
- **Parking:** Parking is limited during high use periods. Vehicles must remain on surfaced parking areas.

Geology and Natural History

The rugged 72,000 acre Little North Santiam River watershed offers impressive examples of classic Cascade Range geology and biology. The high ridges surrounding the valley are capped by andesite and basalt, the result of widespread volcanic flows between 10 and 17 million years ago. The character of the river reflects this fiery past, with numerous cascading waterfalls, river rapids, deep pools, and volcanic cliffs.

The remote, eastern portion of this relatively pristine watershed preserves massive Douglas fir, hemlock, and other conifer species, remnant examples of the old-growth forests that once covered the Cascades.

