

# Students can go farther with LTD's expanded routes

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Extended service outside Eugene and free fare on Lane Transit District (LTD) now make it easier for students to spend Saturdays in the park.

With buses running in all four directions of Eugene/Springfield as far north as Junction City, south as Dexter, east as McKenzie bridge and west as Veneta, students have their choice of which state parks, rivers, reservoirs, campgrounds and hot springs to visit.

North: The No. 63 Coburg bus leaves the orange section downtown six times a day, Monday through Friday, and goes by

Armitage State Park on the McKenzie River. Armitage has picnic tables, softball fields and overnight facilities. The ride takes 15 minutes, but to get to the park riders must walk across Interstate 5. The inbound bus stops outside the park exit.

South: The No. 26 Lane Community College/Lowell bus leaves the brown section downtown three times a day, Monday through Friday, and runs along Pearl and Amazon streets on its way out of town. The route circles around Jasper, alternating its direction, and stops outside Jasper Park, which is located on the water and has picnic tables and softball fields.

This bus also stops by Elijah Bristow State Park, Fall Creek,

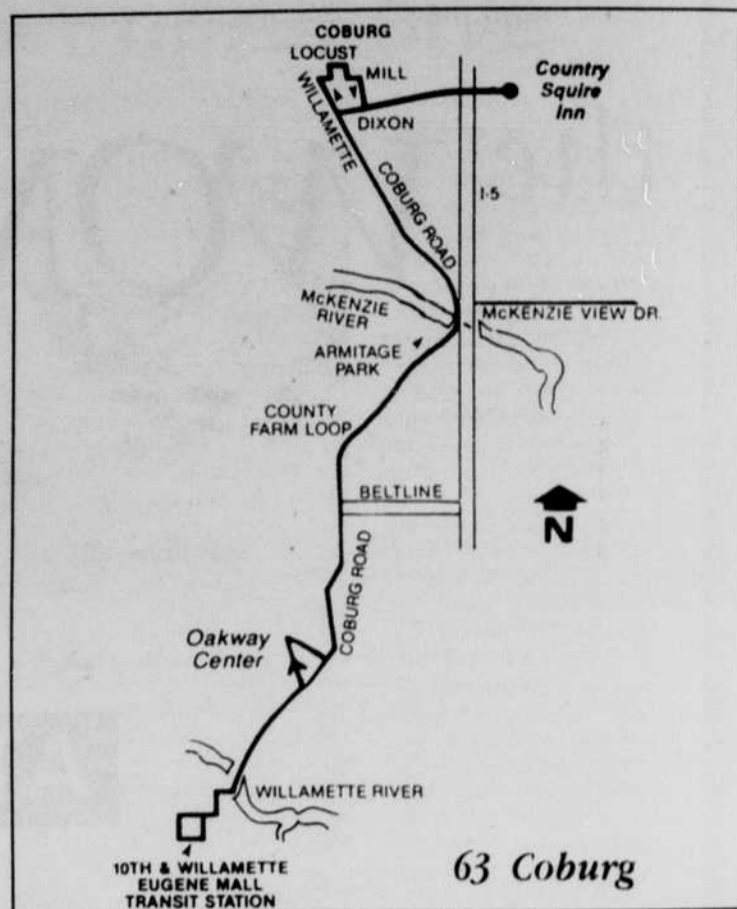
and Dexter Reservoir. There are several campgrounds near Fall Creek — among them, Dolly Vardin campground, which will be open free of charge through December but does not have running water, and Broken Bowl, which has remained open beyond its regular season and charges \$3 to \$7. For more information about the area's national forest campgrounds, call the Lowell Ranger Station at 937-2129.

East: the No. 16 McKenzie Bridge bus leaves the blue section downtown four times a day on weekdays and twice on Saturdays. The bus runs along Highway 126 on the McKenzie river to Ben and Kay Dorris State Park, and to Hendricks Bridge State Park, which is located on the river.

This bus also runs past the Leaburg dam and fish hatchery, cared for by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

This route also passes within seven miles of Cougar Hot Springs and ends at the McKenzie Bridge Ranger Station, five miles from Belknap Springs, a private resort with a pool heated by hot springs. To get to Cougar Hot Springs, riders should ask the driver to stop at the Cougar Reservoir junction, then hike in. To make reservations at Belknap Springs Lodge call 822-3512.

Several campgrounds are available to route No. 16 riders. McKenzie Bridge campground, located next to the route's last stop, costs \$4 a night. Currently there is no water or garbage service. Paradise Campground, one mile from the ranger station, costs \$6 to \$8 a night and will stay open with full services until



Courtesy graph.

The No. 63 Coburg bus runs Monday through Friday to Armitage Park, an overnight campground with softball fields and picnic tables.

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West: The No. 34 Veneta bus leaves the red section downtown four times a day on weekdays and twice on Saturdays, alternating its route around Fern Ridge Reservoir. The two most frequented spots on the reservoir are Richardson Park and Orchard Point, both of which the bus runs. Orchard Point is popular for wind-

surfing and sailing while Richardson Park is considered good for picnics.

These rural buses are equipped with bike racks and will stop anywhere along their routes — there are few official bus stops. To get back on the bus, riders need only to wave the driver down. New schedules and maps are available at the EMU Main Desk.

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