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## Body of Three Pools swimmer discovered



LAUREN HERNANDEZ/STATESMAN JOURNAL

Members of the Clackamas County Sheriff's dive team search for a swimmer who drowned in Three Pools on May 23.

## Kayakers report swimmer's remains downstream of area

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The body of the 25-year-old man who went missing while swimming at Three Pools on May 22 has been found, according to officials.

Kayakers called the Marion County Sheriff's Office May 24 to report they might have found the body of the man down river from the pools, according to the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

Around 9 a.m. on May 25, water rescue

teams with the Salem Fire Department and Jefferson Fire Department recovered the man's body.

The swimmer's name will not be released until his family can be contacted.

Officials know the man was swimming with two friends in the Three Pools Recreation Area of the Little North Santiam River and did not resurface around 4 p.m. Monday.

Members of the Clackamas County Sheriff's dove into the upper pools of the recreation area to search for the man

Tuesday afternoon, but suspended the search due to high water and dangerous conditions.

"We will continue talking to friends to see exactly what happened," Baldrige said on May 23. "This is really leaning toward a tragic accident."

Baldrige said this is not the first time someone has drowned or been seriously injured while swimming in Three Pools.

The accident would mark the eighth fatality at a swimming hole on the Little North Santiam River since 1999, according to Statesman Journal records.

He said swimmers can protect themselves by wearing the appropriate life preserver, understanding their own swimming abilities and learning about

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ZACH URNESS/STATESMAN JOURNAL

The North Santiam River is running higher than normal this spring, making boating and swimming treacherous.

## Quest for cool dip ends in tragedies

ZACH URNESS  
STATESMAN JOURNAL

The combination of hot weather and frigid rivers running higher than normal played a role in multiple deaths in Oregon and the Northwest during the past week.

At least five people lost their lives — or are presumed dead — after accidents that can be blamed in part on swift and frigid water.

"There's a perfect storm with outdoor conditions right now that have us on high alert," said Ashley Massey, spokeswoman for the Oregon Marine Board.

One of the wettest and snowiest winters in recent history means Oregon's already high rivers and creeks are being flooded with frigid snowmelt. A person boating a river or jumping into a swimming hole is likely to find more treacherous conditions than normal.

"The water temperature is frigid — 50 degrees or below in many areas," Massey said. "The current is very strong. Arms and legs quickly cramp with exertion in cold water, especially when the outside temperatures are hot."

"This scenario is how many people drown."

Those conditions played a role in a handful of fatal acci-

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## Free Fishing Weekend is not just for the kids



HENRY MILLER

About a dozen years ago, I wrote a column about how most

Free Fishing Weekend events didn't make a lot of sense.

During Free Fishing Weekend, just around the corner on June 3 and 4, no license or tags are required to go fishing, clamming or crabbing in Oregon.

Which is a great opportunity for residents and

visitors to the Beaver State to wet a line, grab a shovel or dunk a crab trap or ring.

But my thesis in the aforementioned screed was that much of the hoopla was irrelevant because the fishing clinics, derbies and other happenings, most of them on the Saturday of the freebie weekend, are for kids ... who don't need to buy a fishing license until they are 12 years old, I wrote somewhat sarcastically.

I'm never going there again.

Because I heard from a couple of people who said

that Free Fishing Weekend was the only day that they and their families went fishing because all of the gear, bait and advice were provided at the events and trout were liberally stocked, so success was all but guaranteed.

And the adults got to fish for free with their kids and yada, yada ...

Point taken, message received. And in the interests of full disclosure, I've cashed in, big-time, on the opportunity.

A couple of years ago, a family reunion at a rental house in Waldport fell serendipitously on Free Fish-

ing Weekend, with a kick-butt minus tide to boot.

Chowder-palooza! I digress. But wait! There's more!

A couple of years ago, Oregon moved Free Fishing Weekend to the first weekend in June to coincide with State Parks Day.

That's when day-use fees are waived on the Saturday (and in some cases, such as the boat ramp at Mongold on Detroit Lake, both days) and "traditional" camping (read that tent) is free on

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Christopher Gonzalez is almost as excited as his mom, Crystal, after catching his first-ever fish, a trout, at the kids pond during the 2011 Free Fishing Weekend event at Detroit Lake.

## Planners create a vigorous course for runners facing Silver Falls Challenge

JUSTIN MUCH  
STAYTON MAIL

On the first Saturday in June, the trails at Silver Falls State Park become a course.

Hosted by the Silverton Runners Club, the Sil-

ver Falls Challenge begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 3, beginning near the park's North Falls parking lot, and it will include a 1,500-meter kids run, a 5k and a 6-mile run/walk.

The race is expected to cover a variety of sur-

faces, some adjacent to water, some paved and a lot of rugged trails.

Organizer Race Northwest describes the challenge: "This course follows the Trail of Ten Falls, taking runners under the South Falls.

This hilly race is a vigorous run on a combination of grass, gravel, pavement and dirt trails with ruts, rocks and occasionally wet and slippery surfaces."

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