

Kayakers enjoy the Lewis and Clark River.

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skills and safety knowledge.

Those seeking expert-led trips or lessons can visit Columbia River Kayaking in Skamokawa, Washington. This group of guides offer courses and group tours infused with lessons about regional history and ecology. These guided trips are tailored to all kayaking levels, from beginner courses and routes to multi-day voyages along the lower Columbia.

On the Lewis and Clark River, kayakers can enjoy the scenery at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park on their own by launching at the Netul Landing or enjoy guided tours in the summer led by park rangers.

For waterside rentals, arrange a delivery from Astoria's Kaady Kayaks, offering colorful vessels at your location of choice. Farther south, Wheeler Marina at Nehalem Bay offers single and tandem kayak rentals, as well as stand up paddle boards, in an idyllic coastal setting perfect for an afternoon trip. Look out for seabirds, seals and even herds of local elk as you set out along the river.

Also available is SUP Manzanita, which offers guided paddleboard tours at Nehalem Bay.

When planning to spend time on the water, always be sure to check tide tables, as routes will be affected by the tides and currents. Observe area safety guidelines and stay aware of terrain and weather conditions. Always wear a personal flotation device, know safety signals and keep boats a safe distance apart from one another. Have a plan for emergencies, such as if your kayak flips. The best time to begin a kayak or canoe trip is often at slack tide, when waters are calmest.

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