

Fisherman Access No Longer Major Problem

Program Provides 20 Sites for Boat Landings in Area

Angler access to the Rogue river — long a stumbling block along the famous fishing stream — no longer poses a major problem as a result of the combined efforts of the game commission, the highway commission, sportsmen's groups and Jackson and Josephine counties.

Recently, many anglers were stymied because so much of the Rogue's banks became preferred home sites which, after development, were posted forbidding access to the river. About the only points of entrance were at public bridges, and across some lands where owners were tolerant. In the main, these landowners were also anglers sympathetic to those who were barred access to the river, but others did not wish to share their pet fishing water with other fishermen.

Today, anglers find no shortage of access points. The game commission's angler-access program has provided 20 points from Galice to Prospect where boats can be launched or taken out or where shore anglers can reach fishable waters.

Burden of Expense

The burden of expense has been born by the game commission since the primary purpose of the developments has been for angler access. About \$45,000 has been expended for this purpose on Rogue river. In all instances cooperating agencies have agreed to maintain the facilities installed, and others have supplied land at existing parks and have developed other recreational features on game commission lands.

Above Prospect, the Rogue river flows through Rogue River National forest where unlimited bank angling is already guaranteed. About five miles below Prospect at Peyton bridge, or Laurelhurst bridge, the State Parks division of the highway commission has acquired and developed a park which has a natural boat launching site. The stretch of river below is for expert boatmen only and novices are advised to stay clear.

To most anglers, head of the boat launching sites is that located at McLeod State park, seven miles below the Peyton site. Here the game commission has provided anglers with an excellent concrete ramp for boat launching purposes. Parking and sanitary facilities are provided by the State Parks department.

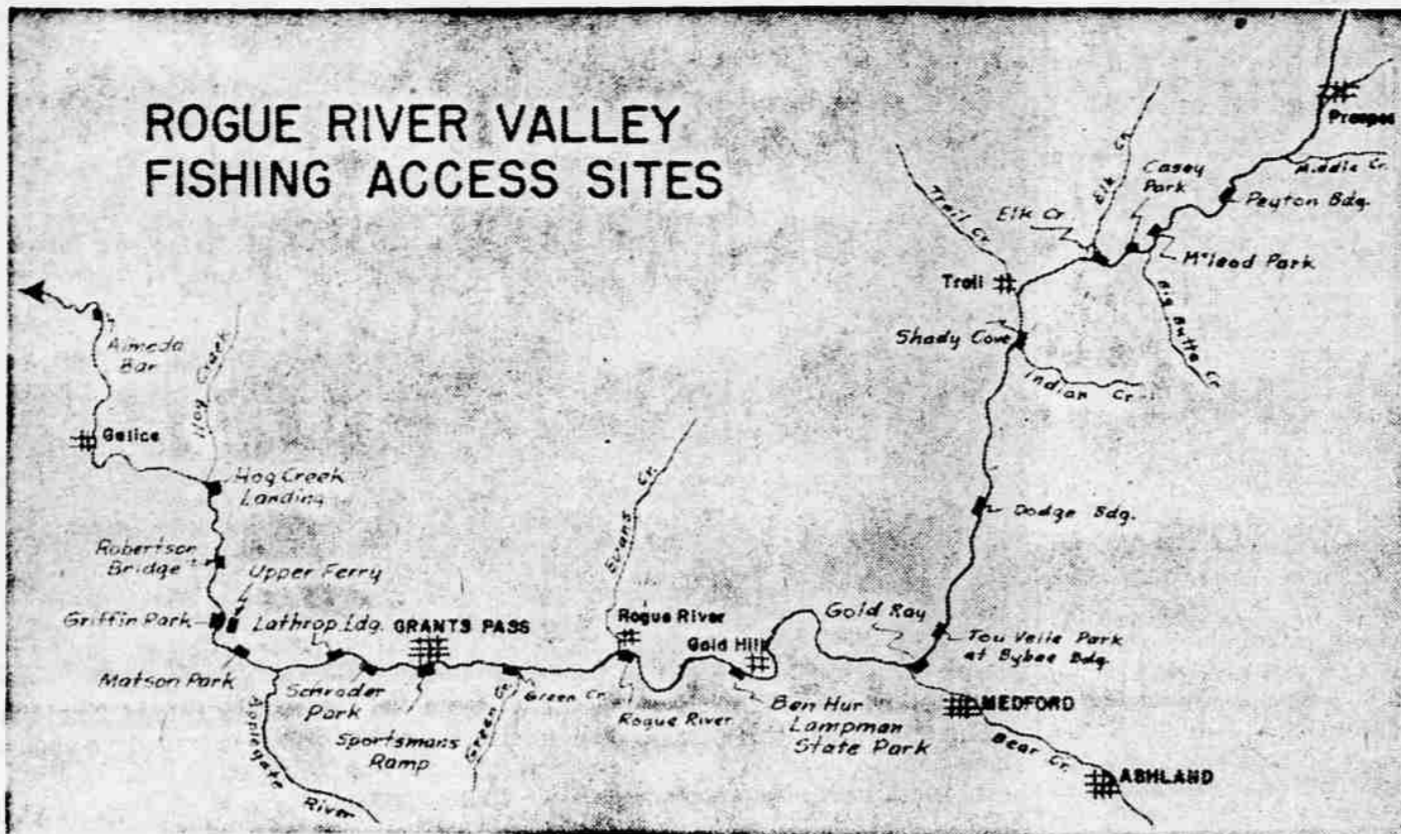
One-Mile Journey

A pleasant one-mile journey takes the boatman from the McLeod ramp downstream to Casey State park where there is a boat ramp developed by the highway commission. Here a gravel beach allows easy take-out or launching. Picnic facilities are also available.

Three miles below, the game commission has acquired 33 acres which takes in one-half mile of stream bank. The Elk creek site is bordered by a natural bank for easy boat launching or takeout. This site is also extremely popular for bank fishermen. Unauthorized overnight camping has taken place this summer and has had to be curtailed because of the lack of sanitation facilities.

A healthy journey of six miles takes the boat angler to the next point at Shady Cove. An excellent concrete ramp and a large parking area is located here at the mouth of Indian creek below the Shady Cove highway bridge. Jackson county is cooperating with maintenance of this site.

ROGUE RIVER VALLEY FISHING ACCESS SITES



ACCESS SITES—Twenty places along the Rogue river have been developed by the game commission for fishing access. The map above shows the location between Galice and Prospect where fishermen may reach fishable waters. From left, the sites are: Alameda bar, Hog creek landing, Robertson bridge, Griffin park and Upper ferry, Matson park, Schroeder park, sportsman's ramp, Grants Pass, Green creek, Rogue River, Ben Hur Lampman State Park, Gold Hill, Gold Ray, Tou Velle Park at Bybee bridge, Dodge bridge, Shady Cove, Elk creek, Casey park, McLeod park, and Peyton bridge. (Game Commission map)

Again a six-mile run will take the boatman to the Dodge bridge landing developed by the game commission with Jackson county and the highway commission cooperating. This half-acre site has a concrete ramp for easy launching or takeout.

The next downriver site is at Bybee bridge on TouVelle State park. Again the run is six miles and the parks department of the highway commission has developed parking facilities and provided a blacktop boat ramp. Picnickers also find the TouVelle State park a pleasant and welcome playground.

Four miles below TouVelle is the Gold Ray dam forebay where John Day donated a two-acre site to the game commission. The plot is still being developed and there is no public takeout point here at the present time.

The next access point is six miles below Gold Ray at the Lampan State park across the river from Gold Hill. A cooperative effort by the game commission and the highway commission has provided adequate parking facilities. A dolly ramp was improved this summer for greater ease for launching boats.

After a seven-mile run downriver, boatmen arrive at the game commission's Rogue river landing where picnic facilities are handy and an excellent gravel bar makes boat launching and takeout a simple matter. Jackson county is cooperating with development and maintenance of this excellent access site.

Just two miles below the Savage Rapids dam is the Josephine County's Chinook park located down Gordon Way where the Grants Pass Sand and Gravel company has provided a concrete boat ramp with the use of waste from their concrete mixer trucks.

Sportsmen's Ramp

From here it is four miles to Grants Pass where the Rogue Rod and Gun club in cooperation with the city of Grants Pass developed the Sportsmen's Ramp. The ramp is located at the upper end of the city park and it provides easy access to the river.

An easy run of three miles ends at Schroeder park landing off Leonard rd. below the Redwood highway. The game commission and Josephine county is cooperating with maintenance work.

Gravel Bar

A good picnic ground with an adjacent large gravel bar greets the boatman and shore anglers at Matson park, six miles below the Lathrop site. Josephine county developed this site along with two more just two miles downstream at

Lathrop landing, Schroeder park, sportsman's ramp in Grants Pass, Green creek, Rogue River, Ben Hur Lampman State park, Gold Ray, TouVelle park at Bybee bridge, Dodge bridge, Shady Cove, Elk creek, Casey park, McLeod park, and Peyton bridge. (Game Commission map)



AT ROBERTSON BRIDGE—The boat landing at Robertson bridge, on the Rogue river west of Grants Pass, is being used by fishermen. Parking area and large concrete ramp developed by the game commission with the highway commission cooperating. (Oregon Game Commission Photo)



SCHROEDER PARK—The boat landing at Schroeder park, downstream from Grants Pass, is shown above. The landing is located off Leonard rd. below the Redwood highway. The concrete ramp was provided by the game commission and Josephine county. Included in the park is a parking area and adjacent picnic grounds. (Oregon Game Commission Photo)

Boats can be launched here and there is a good parking area provided. The site was donated by Raymond Lathrop thus the name, Lathrop Landing. It was developed by the game commission and Josephine county is cooperating with maintenance work.

A short run of two miles takes the boatman to the Robertson bridge site developed by the game commission cooperating with the highway commission. Parking area and a large concrete ramp allows easy access to the river.

Five miles below is the Hog Creek landing which is an established public-use area and maintained by Josephine county. The site is located at the head of Hellsgate.

Alameda Bar

It's a long run of nine miles to the Alameda Bar which is being acquired by the game commission at the present time. Approximately 25 acres are contained in this tract, and it is a natural boat launching site with a limited amount of improvements necessary. Josephine county may develop this area into a forest camp with facilities for camping and parking of house trailers.

The Alameda Bar is the last of the developed access points along the Rogue toward the coast. From this point, the Rogue flows through the rugged canyons to Gold Beach at the mouth of the river. Again, as with the extreme upper Rogue, anglers can roam freely through public lands. However, access points are limited and anglers head-

ing downstream generally plan on a week of boating or hiking before they reach points of civilization.

Boat Takeout

A boat takeout is possible at Marial some 30 miles downstream from Alameda. Another jaunt of 15 miles takes the angler to Illahe and another six to Agness. Boats can be put in or taken out at either Illahe or Agness. From Agness it's another 24 miles to Canfield Riffle which is six miles above the Pacific ocean.

In the Rogue river valley, access activities by the game commission and various clubs and agencies has been coordinated in such a manner as to provide boat or bank angling access at regular intervals no more than six miles apart. This allows anglers to fish leisurely from one point to the next in a single day, or in a few hours, depending upon the distance. The boat access sites open and make available large stretches of good fishing water that would otherwise be inaccessible to the angler.

The same sites provide access to the river for the shore angler, as well, in places that probably would be located behind no trespassing signs.

Portland —(UPI)—Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.), a member of the House Armed Services Committee, says that by 1961 this country and Russia "will have the virtual ability to destroy each other."

Cook inlet is the largest bay on Alaska's Pacific coast.

Train Ride to Iranian City Said Novel Experience by Williams

(Editor's note: Jeff Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams, Medford, is on a trip around the world. It started as a hitch-hiking trip, but because of motor vehicle travel in the Middle East area and southern Asia, he has had to travel by train, ship and plane. Periodically, he has submitted articles describing his trip. This is another in the series. It includes some of the highlights of Williams' trip in Iran and Pakistan.)

By JEFF WILLIAMS

Mid-July, Iran: Arriving by train from Tehran to this north Iranian city of Meshed was a novel experience. I traveled third class and there were 12 Persians in a compartment built for eight people.

Hitch-hiking is about impossible between here and Pakistan, because everyone else has more sense than to try and cross the desert at this time of the year. This is the great Persian desert which sprawls over most of eastern Iran. It is considered to be the most desolate in the world.

As we were boarding the bus for Zahidan in southeast Iran, there was a woman sitting in the dirt trying to force-feed a sticky mush to her two-year-old. The child was very thin, but silently refused to eat. The poor woman had such a look of hopelessness about her that I hurriedly jumped aboard, as if to escape it.

Sun Rising

The sun was beginning to rise when we set off, and by 8 o'clock the heat was stifling. The wind started blowing, and by 11 o'clock there were large streaks of sand appearing across the gravelled road. As the storm increased, the bus was bucking drifts three to four inches deep, though suddenly it looked like the whole desert was being picked up to drop on us. Visibility was zero. With six-foot high dunes, the bus was forced to leave the road and go onto the desert, which was blown clean and hard.

Five major streams flow southward from Kashmir, three of which flow into Pakistan. The two easternmost streams first pass for a short distance through India where at times so much water is taken for irrigation purposes that none is left for eastern Pakistan, thus leaving that portion of Pakistan dry and cropless.

India charges Pakistan for any water she takes from these streams, but Pakistan hasn't paid for a number of

years and has run up a tremendous bill. No real solution is in sight. The country along the way was quite barren and dry until we drew abreast of the mighty Indus and from there to Lahore we were in a lush belt of vegetation. A welcome sight after almost two weeks of desert.

I stayed in Lahore for three days. The general wear of all the Pakistanis is very practical. The men wear a bolt of cotton cloth that hangs to their ankles and is pulled up in the rear and tied, which gives the effect of loose pantaloons. The more well-to-do wear a long night-shirt affair on the outside. The women's dress is pretty standard of all Moslem countries. It is simply a large bolt of cloth, usually blue with white polka-dots, drawn about them and covering them from head to foot and at all times kept across the lower half of their face. If they have to use two hands they hold a corner of it in their teeth. When they eat in my presence they turn sideways and hold a corner out so I can't watch them.

Many of the women have a small jewel imbedded in their nose at the flare of the nostril. This is to draw attention to the delicate curve of a beautiful nose. The small girls wear a large gold ring suspended from one nostril and as it hangs in front of their mouth, it causes some difficulty in eating.

On the morning of July 21, I said goodbye to Lee, who was flying the rest of the way, and took the train to New Delhi, India.

Three Night Meetings After the opening week end, meetings will be held each Friday, Saturday and Sunday night. Among future discussions will be "Is Heaven Real?" and "Did the Bible Really Come From God?" Friday nights have been designated as "family night" and will be devoted to subjects dealing with the home.

The Army has a large seating capacity, and all interested persons are invited to attend and study subjects of common interest. Copies of the sermon material will be available upon request.

Evangelistic Campaign to Start Sept. 27 by Valley Adventists

A valley-wide evangelistic campaign sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist church and dealing with subjects of interest to all denominations will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, in the Oregon National Guard Armory, located on the South Pacific highway.

The evangelistic team will consist of Evangelists Floyd Breese and Harold Turner, assisted in the music department by Monty Jones, tenor soloist and Mrs. Jones, organist. Mrs. Etta Gage will join the staff as personal Bible instructor.

The evening programs will include an audience participation song service and will feature the Rogue Valley male quartet and other musical selections. The quartet has been associated with the evangelistic team in several previous series of meetings, the most recent conducted in Grants Pass last winter.

Lighting Used Evangelist Breese employs a "black light" form of illumination, using a type of fluorescent lighting to add interest and clarify his subject matter.

Topic for the opening night will be "Christ or Chaos—What Lies Ahead for Our Troubled World?" It will deal with world conditions today, how they were foretold in Bible prophecy, and what the Bible says about the future.

Shack Fire Kills Man in Chiloquin

Chiloquin —(UPI)—An unidentified man lost his life in an early morning fire yesterday which destroyed the two-room shack that had been occupied by Ormand Leighton, about 30.

The Chiloquin volunteer fire department was called by a neighbor girl at 1:10 a.m. when she saw the flames from her window in a house two doors away.

The body removed from the house as clad in jeans but bore no identification. Police said Leighton's wife was thought to have spent the week in Klamath Falls and had not been reached.

Portland —(UPI)—Crow's Lumber Index reports an 11-cent increase in the industry price average the past two weeks.

12 MAIL TRIBUNE, Medford, Sunday, September 21, 1958

Sunday School Class Set by Unitarians

The first Sunday school session of the Rogue Valley Unitarian Fellowship will be held Sunday, Sept. 28, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sander, Oak Grove rd., Medford. The adult fellowship will meet at the same time and place.

The fall schedule was announced following a business meeting of the Fellowship at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hamilton, Ashland, Thursday evening. At the meeting Hamilton was elected treasurer to replace Mrs. Beryl Lyons who has moved from the valley.

Chairman of the Sunday school will be Tom Goff.

61 Cases of Flu Reported Last Week

Sixty-one cases of influenza were reported in Medford last week, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician in Jackson county, has announced.

One case of tuberculosis was reported in Medford.

Other communicable diseases reported last week include meningitis, Ashland, 2; Medford, 1; infectious hepatitis, Prospect and Talent, 1 each; strep throat, Medford and Phoenix, 1 each; impetigo, Medford, 1; Jacksonville, 2; whooping cough, Medford, 1; aseptic meningitis, Medford, 2; pink eye, Ashland, 1; infectious mononucleosis, Medford, 1; pneumonia, Medford, 1; German measles, Medford, 3; and mumps, Medford, 1.

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