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The White Salmon River is located only 90 minutes from the Portland/Vancouver area. This river offers some of the best class III-IV rapids around and the glaciers of Mt. Adams combined with the immense aquifers in the area, keep the White Salmon bubbling all summer long!

The Clackamas River is the closest whitewater river to Portland and is perfect for those who are on a time budget. During the Summer months we run half-day trips on the Clackamas River, which is essentially an excerpt of the rivers' best rapids!

The Sandy Gorge is probably one of the best kept secrets on Portland's doorstep. Nestled just off of Hwy. 26 near Sandy, lies one of the most beautiful and challenging runs around the state with class IV+ whitewater.

The Owyhee River lies in the southeastern corner of Oregon. **River Drifters** offers three, four, five, seven and ten-day adventures on the Owyhee. On an Owyhee trip one may encounter a band of California bighorn sheep, a dozen kinds of wildflowers, an

unexpected waterfall or one of the areas numerous hot-springs.

The North Santiam River is located just 30 miles from Salem, Oregon and is very convenient for the entire Willamette Valley! This river is one of the best late summer and fall-time runs in the state with plenty of class III rapids.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact **River Drifters** at (800) 972-0430 or (800) 226-1001. You can also visit us online at www.riverdrifters.net (see advertisement this page)

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To get to **Bonneville**, take Interstate 84 from Portland to exit 40, or Washington State Highway 14 from Vancouver to milepost 40.

Bonneville Dam has been described as a massive hydroelectric site, but it is also one of the most viewed attractions in Oregon. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places as an historic district in June 1986.

It takes more than 100 people to operate and maintain **Bonneville Lock and Dam** each year. The work force includes engineers, powerhouse and lock operators,



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The glass-walled visitor's center on Bradford Island offers many exhibits that educate you about the dam operations, navigational history on the Columbia River and fish migration. When Salmon are migrating, you can enjoy an underwater view.

Watch river traffic pass thru the larger navigation lock built in 1993. **Cascade Locks** built in 1896 to get ships through a once dangerous stretch of rapids, is also a town rich in history.

The **Port of Cascade Locks Visitor's Center** houses the ticket office for the Sternwheeler Columbia Gorge where you can enjoy photographs and displays about river travel of the past.

The Northwest's first steam locomotive, The Oregon Pony is on display at the Marine Park. **Cascade Locks** is also home to The Bridge of The Gods, a National Historic Landmark structure which connects Oregon and Washington. The Bridge, about three miles upstream of **Bonneville**, provides the nearest public route between the Oregon and Washington sides of the lock and dam.

CAMP SHERMAN AND METOLIUS RECREATION AREA

Located on Hwy. 20/126.

It is a different world over here. There is the river beginning its journey through the Metolius Heritage

Area as a huge spring bubbling out of a mossy hillside. Fly fishing, hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing and wildlife viewing are favored pastimes.

The nearby Suttle Lake area offers water sports such as water-skiing, windsurfing, fishing and swimming. Hoodoo Ski Bowl on Santiam Pass has downhill, night skiing and cross-country skiing.

For fun in the forest, get out your bicycle, running shoes or hiking boots. Wonderful trails and old roads wind through Ponderosa in all directions.

Horseback riding is available, as are guided llama trips into close by Mt. Jefferson and Mt. Washington Wilderness.

Overnight accommodations range from comfortable resorts, cabins, housekeeping cottages and RV parks to Forest Service campgrounds. For groups, there are conference and organizational camps. Restaurants, groceries, supplies and gas are available too.

CROOKED RIVER RANCH / TERREBONNE

Not only is **Crooked River Ranch** "a great place to hang your hat"...it's also a fabulous place to golf, soak up the sun, swim, play tennis, hike and horseback ride. You'll enjoy the majestic scenery of the deep canyons of the Deschutes and Crooked Rivers, which form the east and west boundaries of the **Ranch**. This high desert community rests between the two riv-



(photo courtesy Crooked River Ranch Chamber of Commerce)

ers, with an elevation of approximately 2,800 feet above sea level.

Residents and visitors alike enjoy the sunny days, cool summer nights and dry winter temperatures. **Crooked River Ranch** was a working ranch and was officially registered in the 1950's. In late 1971, the **Ranch** was purchased for development as a recreational site. Rezoned in the early 1980's as rural residential, the **Ranch** has developed into an exciting community. It is located in the heart of Central Oregon.

Located on the **Ranch** is an 18 hole golf course with spectacular views, which is open almost year

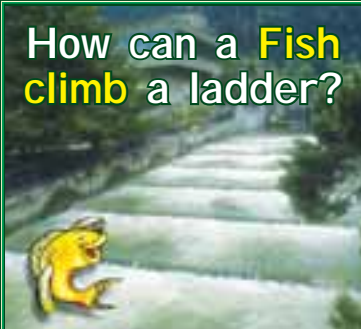
round. Lodging and RV Parks are within walking distance of the golf course. Restaurants, swimming pool, tennis court, mini market, park and Ranch Chapel are also located on the **Ranch**.

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