



Dexter State Recreation Site



# Southern Willamette State Parks

## Group Facilities

Picnic and kitchen shelters can be reserved at Elijah Bristow, Jasper and Lowell. Fisherman's Point is a group camp for up to 64 people. Reserve these facilities up to nine months in advance by phone at 800-452-5687 or online at oregonstateparks.org.

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Clustered around three different reservoirs, the state parks of the Southern Willamette Valley offer all manner of outdoor activities. Located in Eugene's backyard, less than 30 minutes' drive from I-5, they are a great place for picnicking, hiking, fishing, disc golf, boating and primitive camping.



## North Fork Willamette River

Furthest west is **Jasper State Recreation Site**, an ideal setting for weddings, reunions and company picnics. The park has covered, reservable group picnic shelters and kitchen shelters with cooktops, grills and sinks. Everything you need to enjoy a day in the park is here, including a playground, open fields, walking trails, and picnic benches at the river's edge shaded by cottonwoods and maples.

Upriver, **Elijah Bristow State Park's** 847 acres of meadows, ponds, and woodland make for great birding and wildlife viewing. The park has 12 miles of hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding trails as well as an equestrian staging area. Trails connect to nearby Dexter State Recreation Site. Groups can reserve picnic sites with fire rings and horseshoe pits.

**Pengra Access**, across the river from Elijah Bristow, is a good spot for launching drift boats and catching seasonal salmon and steelhead runs. All three parks are popular with anglers and offer easy access for canoes and kayaks to float the Willamette River Water Trail.

For those with dogs, both Jasper and Elijah Bristow have fenced off-leash play areas.

Elijah Bristow State Park



Cascara Campground

## The Reservoirs

### Dexter Reservoir

On Dexter Reservoir, two parks offer fun both on and off the water. **Dexter State Recreation Site** features a native white oak woodland and a challenging 18-hole disc golf course. The reservoir offers sailing and powerboating with views of the Cascade foothills; there is a launch area, boat and trailer parking, a courtesy dock, and shoreline picnic sites.

**Lowell State Recreation Site** is also full of amenities, with a marina, year-round moorage, a playground, swimming and fishing access, basketball and volleyball courts, and a reservable picnic shelter set among towering oaks.



## Fall Creek Reservoir

Fall Creek Reservoir is a prime recreation area surrounded by day-use parks and a primitive campground. Together these six parks comprise Fall Creek State Recreation Area.

On the south side of the tree-lined reservoir, **Winberry** day-use area provides a two-lane boat ramp and parking for more than 100 cars and 150 boat trailers. It features flush restrooms; a swim dock and swim beach; and picnic areas with barbecue grills and fire rings. There is a day-use parking fee at Winberry.

Four other small day-use sites on the north side of the lake have free parking. **North Shore** day-use area has high- and low-water ramps as well as a picnic area overlooking the water. The others are Free Meadow and Lakeside I and II.

## Primitive Camping

For those who want to spend the night under the stars, Cascara Campground has 39 campsites, vault toilets, drinking water, a boat ramp and a swim area. The first-come, first-served sites are tucked among towering Douglas firs, with many having lake views.

Just down the road, **Fisherman's Point Campground** offers group camping on the lake shore. Up to 64 people can stay at the reservation-only site.

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