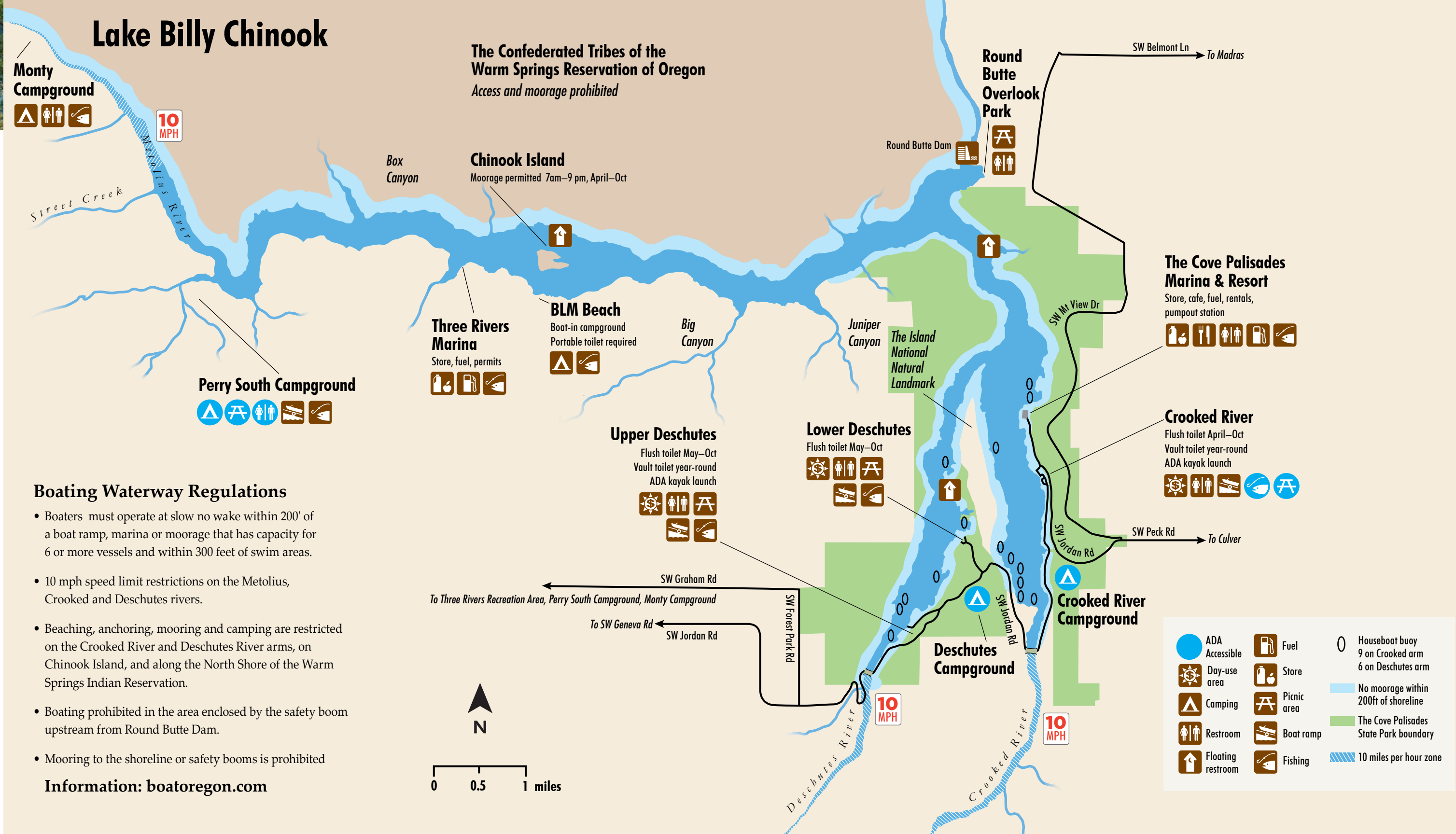




# Lake Billy Chinook Boater's Guide



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**Monty Campground**  
 Icons: Camping, Restroom, Fishing

**The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon**  
 Access and moorage prohibited

**Round Butte Overlook Park**  
 Icons: Picnic area, Restroom

**Chinook Island**  
 Moorage permitted 7am–9 pm, April–Oct

**The Cove Palisades Marina & Resort**  
 Store, cafe, fuel, rentals, pumpout station  
 Icons: Fuel, Store, Picnic area, Restroom, Boat ramp, Fishing

**Perry South Campground**  
 Icons: Camping, Boat ramp, Restroom, Fishing, Day-use area

**Three Rivers Marina**  
 Store, fuel, permits  
 Icons: Fuel, Store, Fishing

**BLM Beach**  
 Boat-in campground  
 Portable toilet required  
 Icons: Camping, Fishing

**Lower Deschutes**  
 Flush toilet May–Oct  
 Icons: Day-use area, Restroom, Picnic area, Boat ramp, Fishing

**Crooked River**  
 Flush toilet April–Oct  
 Vault toilet year-round  
 ADA kayak launch  
 Icons: Day-use area, Restroom, Boat ramp, Fishing, ADA Accessible, Floating restroom

**Upper Deschutes**  
 Flush toilet May–Oct  
 Vault toilet year-round  
 ADA kayak launch  
 Icons: Day-use area, Restroom, Picnic area, Boat ramp, Fishing

**Deschutes Campground**  
 Icon: Camping

**Crooked River Campground**  
 Icon: Camping

### Boating Waterway Regulations

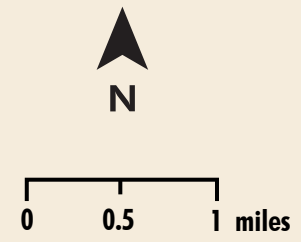
- Boaters must operate at slow no wake within 200' of a boat ramp, marina or moorage that has capacity for 6 or more vessels and within 300 feet of swim areas.
- 10 mph speed limit restrictions on the Metolius, Crooked and Deschutes rivers.
- Beaching, anchoring, mooring and camping are restricted on the Crooked River and Deschutes River arms, on Chinook Island, and along the North Shore of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.
- Boating prohibited in the area enclosed by the safety boom upstream from Round Butte Dam.
- Mooring to the shoreline or safety booms is prohibited

**Information: boatoregon.com**

SW Graham Rd  
 To Three Rivers Recreation Area, Perry South Campground, Monty Campground

To SW Geneva Rd

SW Peck Rd  
 To Culver



**Emergencies** Call 911

**The Cove Palisades State Park** 541-546-3412

**The Cove Palisades Resort and Marina** 541-546-9999  
 reservations 1-877-546-7171

**U.S. Forest Service Sisters Ranger District** 541-549-7700

**Crooked River National Grasslands** 541-475-9272  
 or 541-416-6640

**Portland General Electric Round Butte Office** 541-325-5333  
 Parks and Recreation 503-464-8515  
 portlandgeneral.com/parks

**Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Natural Resources Branch** 541-553-2001

**Jefferson County Marine Patrol** 541-475-6520

**Oregon State Marine Board** 503-378-8587  
 Boat Oregon Map: arcg.is/29eCYSV

[www.oregonstateparks.org](http://www.oregonstateparks.org)  
[www.boatoregon.com](http://www.boatoregon.com)



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## Boat rentals and supplies

The Cove Palisades Resort & Marina on the Crooked River arm rents houseboats for overnight stays, motorized and nonmotorized boats, water toys, boat moorages and supplies. The marina also includes a café and store that sells fuel and ice. [covepalisadesresort.com](http://covepalisadesresort.com) or 877-546-7171.

## Boater education card

Operators of powerboats greater than 10 HP and youth ages 12–15 operating any sized powerboat are required to have a boater education card. Children younger than 12 may not operate a powerboat in Oregon. Boat renters do not need a card, but must complete the watercraft rental safety checklist.

## What to bring

- Personal flotation device (lifejacket) for each person aboard. All children 12 and younger must wear a properly fitted US Coast Guard-approved life jacket while on a boat that is underway.
- Sound device (whistle, bell or compressed air horn audible for ½ mile).
- Navigation lights (use between sunset and sunrise when underway or anchored).

## Keep our waterways clean

- Use shore-side restrooms and the three floating restrooms.
- Use pumpout facilities if your boat has holding tanks.
- Use dump stations to empty portable toilets and gray water.
- It is illegal to discharge sewage and graywater into the reservoir.

The name Billy Chinook honors a local chief and tribal member of the Wasco Nation who was a guide for American explorers in the 1840s and a sergeant for the U.S. Army Indian Scouts in 1866.

## Stay safe near dams

Reservoirs provide excellent places for fishing, boating, and camping; they also present potential risks.

For a printable safety sheet on the hazards and safety measures for recreation near hydroelectric projects, visit [portlandgeneral.com/parks](http://portlandgeneral.com/parks).

## Stop aquatic hitchhikers

Not native, invasive aquatic plants and animals push out native species and create unhealthy waterways. Boaters can help prevent introduction of invasive species by cleaning and drying boating equipment between uses.

The state of Oregon requires owners of motorboats and sailboats 12 feet and longer to register their boats and display the registration decal. An Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) fee is added into the cost of registration, and displaying a current decal on your boat demonstrates compliance with AIS rules.

Manually-powered boats 10 feet and longer—including paddle boards, rafts, drift boats, kayaks and canoes—must carry an AIS Permit, available at [oregon.gov/OSMB/boater-info](http://oregon.gov/OSMB/boater-info). Rental facilities provide AIS permits and a safety checklist with all boat rentals.



## Fishing

Anglers enjoy Lake Billy Chinook’s varied catch that includes wild kokanee (landlocked sockeye salmon), small and largemouth bass, and rainbow and brown trout. Crawfishing is also popular, and the lake is especially well-known as the only place in Oregon where bull trout thrive and can be harvested.

An Oregon fishing license is required to fish anywhere on the lake. Fishing on the Metolius arm is open March 1–Oct. 31 and requires a tribal angling permit. The Crooked and Deschutes arms of the lake are open year-round.

- Current fishing regulations: [dfw.state.or.us](http://dfw.state.or.us)
- Tribal angling permits: [tribalpermit.com](http://tribalpermit.com)
- Tribal permits and one-day fishing licenses are also sold at the Cove Palisades Resort & Marina and at local stores.

## Bringing back salmon and steelhead

For more than 40 years, Round Butte Dam significantly altered the natural ecosystem, cutting off the native salmon and steelhead populations in the Upper Deschutes and changing water temperatures in the Lower Deschutes.

Today, PGE and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are working to bring native fish and natural temperatures back, using the best science available and the latest technology. Fisheries technicians transport migrating fish around the dam so they can once again travel the 200 miles to the ocean and back to spawn naturally in the stream where they hatched.

[portlandgeneral.com/protectingfish](http://portlandgeneral.com/protectingfish)

## The Island National Natural Landmark

The Crooked and Deschutes River arms of the reservoir straddle a large, oval-shaped land mass known as The Island. This nationally recognized research area is one of the last remaining ungrazed and unaltered ecosystems of its type in the United States. It is closed to all use except research and education.

Look closely at the canyon walls, and you’ll see they’re composed of colorful layers of rock. The layers reveal epochs of geologic events—volcanic ash and lava from volcanoes in the Cascades; sand and sediment from shifting streams and forceful floods. These layers accumulated from 7.5 to 4.5 million years ago, gradually creating the massive rocks known collectively as the Deschutes Formation.

Younger basalt lava flowed over the already ancient rock and hardened into columns, called palisades. The Metolius, Deschutes, and Crooked Rivers cut through the layers, exposing the awe-inspiring canyons that define Lake Billy Chinook.

