



# Champoeg

## CAMPGROUND



### Champoeg State Heritage Area

Off US 99W, 7 miles E of Newberg  
7679 Champoeg Road NE, St. Paul, OR 97137  
503-678-1251



Latitude: 45.248159 N  
Longitude: -122.894285 W

**Reserve early!** Reserve campsites, yurts, cabins, and group picnic sites one day to nine months in advance by calling 1-800-452-5687 or visiting [www.oregonstateparks.org](http://www.oregonstateparks.org).

Champoeg State Heritage Area preserves the birthplace of American government in Oregon and much more in a pastoral setting along the Willamette River.

### Year-Round Camping

- Eight full-hookup sites (sewer, electricity, water)
- 67 electric sites with water
- Six walk-in tent sites
- Six yurts (D, E & F are pet friendly)
- Six cabins (C4, C5 and C6 are pet friendly)
- Three group tent camping areas
- RV group camping loop with meeting hall
- Hiker/biker camp
- Flush toilets and hot showers
- RV dump station
- Firewood and ice available for purchase (check with park host)

### Universal Access

All of the cabins, one yurt (F), five of the campsites (A9, A11, B18, B19, and B23), and one walk-in tent site (T5) are accessible to campers with disabilities.

### Camping Rates

Rates for state park campsites are subject to change. You can get up-to-date information by calling 1-800-551-6949 or visiting [www.oregonstateparks.org](http://www.oregonstateparks.org).

### Yurts and Cabins

Enjoy the year-round comforts of a yurt, a domed tent with structural support, a wood floor, a lockable wooden door, lights, heating, and beds with vinyl-covered mattresses. A bunk bed sleeps three, and a fold-out couch sleeps two. A fire ring and picnic table are right outside. Parking is nearby.

Or try one of the six cozy cabins at Champoeg. They are furnished with beds and vinyl-covered mattresses for five campers. They also have heating, lighting, fire rings, a table, and four chairs.

Up to two pets (cats and/or dogs only) are allowed in the pet-friendly facilities for an additional fee.

Smoking in Oregon State Parks is allowed only in personal vehicles, RVs, campsites and portions of day use parks along state highways that are designated as safety rest areas by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

**Need to cancel** your reservation? Follow these guidelines: If your reservation is for today, call 503-678-1251 ext. 225. Otherwise, call 1-800-452-5687.

### A Fun Place to Discover

Champoeg's rich cultural heritage and natural resources come alive thanks to a variety of special events as well as ranger-led tours, living history displays, and school group presentations. The park also offers Junior Ranger and evening campfire programs in the summer. Pick up a copy of the Champoeg Heritage newspaper at the visitor center or in the campground to get more information.

### Watch for Wildlife

Wildlife abounds in the park. More than 130 bird species have been identified here. Western Bluebirds are among the most notable year-round residents. Look for these rare songbirds and their nest boxes along the Townsite hiking trail and the park's bicycle trail. Ask for a Champoeg bird checklist at the visitor center.

### Champoeg's Long History

**Prior to 1840:** The Champoeg prairie was home to Kalapuya Indians, who used the area for hunting, fishing, and gathering camas bulbs. Fur trappers first visited Champooick, as the area was known, in 1811. The Willamette Post was established in 1813 to serve the trappers.

**The Seeds of Government:** In 1841, area settlers began holding "wolf meetings" to discuss problems with predators. Eventually, the meetings turned to larger issues, and on May 2, 1843, the settlers voted 52 to 50 to establish a new provisional government for the area.

**Transportation Hub:** Although the provisional government moved to Oregon City in 1844, Champoeg's location on the river made it a regular stop for stagecoaches and steam boats. By the end of the 1850s, the town had grown to 60 buildings and a population of 200. In 1861, a flood washed away most of the wooden buildings, and the townsite was abandoned. Champoeg remained an important transportation link until another disastrous flood led to its total abandonment in 1892.

### Preserving the Past

**Champoeg Visitor Center:** Exhibits bring to life the ways of the Kalapuya, fur trappers, explorers, and settlers who lived in this area. Call 503-678-1251 ext. 221 for center hours and program information. The center also includes a museum store.

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**Pioneer Memorial Building Pavilion and Monument:** The restored plaza area commemorates the 1843 vote.

**Manson Barn and Farmstead:** Erected in 1862, the barn is an original Champoeg building salvaged after the 1861 flood.

**Newell House:** Originally built in 1852, the house was rebuilt by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Info: 503-678-5537.

**Pioneer Mothers Cabin:** This hand-hewn log structure was established in 1931. Call 503-633-2237 to get information about visiting hours and fees.

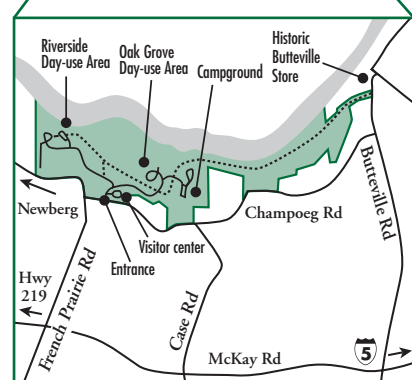
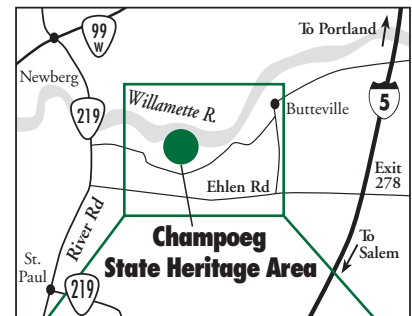
### Plan a Picnic

The park has two spacious day-use areas that offer reservable group picnic areas as well as individual sites. Both areas are open year-round from 7 a.m. to sunset. The Riverside Day-use Area offers five group picnic areas with historic points of interest. The Oak Grove Day-use Area has six group picnic areas along with a disc golf course and a boating/fishing dock.

Day-use parking permits are required in the park year-round. You will need to display either a daily permit, a 12- or 24-month permit, or your camping receipt, which serves as a daily permit for the days you are registered. Daily permits are sold at the entrance booth and at the visitor center.

### Hike or Ride

A four-mile bicycle trail begins in the Riverside Day-use Area, winds through meadows and along the river bank, and ends at the park's Historic Butteville Store (open seasonally). A one-mile hiking trail loops off the bike trail between the Townsite Day-use Area and the Oak Grove Day-use Area, passing the park's historic townsite.



**Please help make camping at Champoeg a safe and enjoyable experience by following these and other park rules:**

- Campground quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- All vehicles must be parked on pavement.
- Bicycles are not permitted on hiking trails. They are allowed on park roads, but must be ridden with the traffic flow. Riders under age 16 must wear helmets.
- Pets must be physically restrained at all times when not confined in a vehicle or tent. Leashes must be no longer than six feet. All waste must be properly removed. (See our "Pets in Parks" brochure for details.) There is an off-leash exercise field in the Riverside Day-use Area.
- Do not attach chains or embed nails or other objects in trees or shrubs.
- Gathering materials for firewood is prohibited.

**Check-in** after 4 p.m., **Check-out** by 1 p.m.

**NOTE:** The A Loop is open only from April 1 to October 31. Yurts, cabins, and B Loop campsites are open all year.

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