Plan Your Visit

Spawning times are approximate. If you don’t see salmon, don’t give up! Return in a few days to a week, or try another location.

Source: Columbia River Instream Atlas (CRIA) 2016 Report

BEST VIEWING PRACTICES

You are responsible for your party’s safety at all times. Maps and directions are provided for general reference only, and should be verified prior to trip.

Obey all signage and respect all private property boundaries. Park carefully and in designated areas, whenever possible.

Always exercise caution around water – rivers are cold, and even slow moving water can be dangerous.

Be quiet and still around salmon, and stay out of the water, so as not to disturb reds (nests) or spawning fish. Leave pets at home whenever possible, and always keep pets out of the water.

Bring binoculars or a camera for better distance viewing. Sunglasses may help reduce surface glare and make it easier to see fish.

Pack out all litter, and pick up a little along the way.

ENJOY!

Guided Tours

If you’re unfamiliar with the area, or would simply prefer to learn more about salmon, consider a guided tour. The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust has a few field trips each year in the late summer and early fall, led by friendly, knowledgeable guides on CDLT properties.

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About UCSRB

The Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Boards works to restore viable and sustainable populations of salmon, steelhead and other at-risk species through collaborative, economically sensitive efforts, combined resources, and wise resource management of the Upper Columbia region.

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SEEING SALMON

12 LOCAL SPOTS FROM LEAVENWORTH TO OROVILLE
1 Enchantment Park Trail System
Starting at Enchantment Park, meander through the trail system along the Wenatchee River. Good for seeing summer Chinook and Coho.
cityofleavenworth.com / 47.5883°N, -120.6681°W

2 Rock Island Campground
From Hwy 2, head 17 miles up Icicle Road/Icicle Creek Road. Overnight camping and day use are permitted. Keep your eyes peeled for Bull Trout.
fs.usda.gov / 47.6075°N, -120.9161°W

3 Swiftwater Picnic Area
From Leavenworth, head six miles west on Hwy 2. There are 14 picnic sites available for day use and sightseeing summer Chinook.
fs.usda.gov / 47.6541°N, -120.7290°W

4 Lower White Pine Property on Nason Creek
From Leavenworth, drive west on Hwy 2 for 20.1 miles. Access the property via a small unmarked driveway into the forest between larger driveways for 18809 and 18901 US Hwy 2. Park at end of unmarked driveway, or shoulder of Hwy 2, and walk short, forested trail to Nason Creek. Good for steelhead and Chinook sightings.
cdlandtrust.org / 47.7800°N, -120.8322°W

5 Stormy Creek Preserve
From Hwy 97A, head 16.9 miles up Entiat River Rd. Turn left on unmarked dirt road just past boulder marked Stormy Creek Lodge. In 280 ft, take right to parking and good Chinook viewing.
cdlandtrust.org / 47.8212°N, -120.4199°W

6 Kline Parcel
Located about 1.6 miles south of Oroville, on the west side of the Okanogan/Similkameen River. Look for small parking lot on east side of road. Be alert for Chinook (and pesky hunters)
wdwf.wa.gov/publications/01924 (p. 16)

7 Powerhouse Park
From Chelan, take Hwy 150 to Chelan Falls Rd. Drive .8 miles, take a right on Powerhouse Park Road, and drive 1 mile to entrance. Look for summer Chinook.
chelanpud.org / 200 Powerhouse Road, Chelan Falls

8 Beebe Springs Wildlife Area
From Chelan, head 3 miles east on Hwy 150 to Hwy 97. Head North on Hwy 97 for 0.4 miles to parking. Come to see steelhead, as well as some Chinook and Coho.
wdfw.wa.gov / 47.8229°N, -119.9722°W

9 Spring Creek Bridge on Susie Stephens Trail
Located at the south end of downtown Winthrop, the bridge crosses over a hatchery outlet channel, providing easy viewing of Coho and Chinook.
winthropwashington.com / 48.4752°N, -120.1811°W

10 Witte Road
From Winthrop, head southeast on Hwy 20 for 2.3 miles, and take a left on Witte Rd. Viewing is just upstream from Whitefish Island. Take care around redds!
methowconservancy.blogspot.com (Search “Whitefish”) / 48.4519°N, -120.1650°W

11 Alma Park
From 2nd Ave S, head southeast toward 1st Ave on Tyee St. Enter the park on either 1st Ave or Tyee St. The park offers several locations for Chinook viewing.
okchamber.com/outdoor-recreation / 601 1st Ave S, Okanogan

12 Island Park Trail
A small gem located just south of 1st Ave in Okanogan. Explore 3 miles of graded trails with easy river access for viewing salmon, as well as birds and other wildlife.
okanogancountry.com/walking-trails / 1601 1st Ave S, Okanogan