



**Willamette Wild Swim
August 16, 2020
Registration closes August 14, 2020**

Launch: Buena Vista Park, WILLAMETTE RIVER



Landing: 11 miles downriver, Riverview Park, WILLAMETTE RIVER

Teams can drop their equipment off at Buena Vista at 7:00 a.m. and drive to the Finish, Where there will be transportation from the Independence Hotel to the Start, leaving at 7:30 a.m. There is free parking at Buena Vista County Park, and Riverview Park.

Check-in: 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Safety Meeting: 8:30 a.m.

Start time: 9:00 a.m.

Finish Deadline: 4:30 p.m.

This is a downstream swim in the Willamette River, located in the heart of the Pacific Northwest. Flowing swiftly through forests, meadows, vineyards, and farms, along the [Willamette Water Trail](#), this is a wild, rural, changing river, abundantly active with wildlife, in a section that is a bit shallow for motorized boats. Swift enough to double your time, gentle enough in most spots to stand up where it's shallow, with sand bars, snags, fish, birds, and a ferry. The water is crisp and refreshing, the scenery breathtaking, and the water is slow and deep in some areas and very shallow and fast in others. There will be an Aid Station at mile 100.

Independence, Oregon, is a charming small town, where the Willamette Water Trail and the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway run through it. Full of history, bountiful agriculture, and dotted with wineries and campgrounds for paddlers and cyclists, it's just upriver from Salem, the state capital, and about 60 miles from Portland, Oregon, and Portland International Airport.

Route:

Start: Buena Vista Ferry, mile 106.5

Rest Stops

American Bottom (OPRD), toilet, picnic tables, mile 104

DSL Island, primitive, mile 103.5

Judson Rocks, gravel island, primitive, mile 100 * Aid Station

Murphy Bar, gravel bar, primitive, mile 98.5

Independence Bar Landing (OPRD) primitive, mile 97

Finish: Independence Riverview Park, mile 95.5

Rules:

- Swimmers are required to: wear a colored cap, and a swim buoy.
- Optional: goggles, wetsuits, fins.
- Recommended: water shoes, in case you need to walk over rocks.
- Safety Escort is required to have a Waterway Access Permit from the Oregon Marine Board, a whistle, and cell phone in a waterproof case.
- Teams can use a kayak or SUP. SUP's should have a flexible River Fin for low water.
- Participants are recommended to bring: snacks, water, toilet paper, sunscreen, extra clothing, swim shoes, towel, dry bag.
- Food will be provided after the swim. Please contact us with preferences and allergies.
- All participants must sign a [waiver](#) required by our insurance company.
- All participants must swim at least one mile of the course.
- No towing or pulling anything while you paddle/swim, except for a swim buoy.
- Safety First, this is not a race, but an adventure.

Lodging: Independence Hotel: 201 Osprey Lane, Independence, OR, 97351
(503) 837-0200

[Bicycle Boater Campground](#): Riverview Park, Independence, OR

Nestled along the Willamette River, The campground is exclusively for bicyclists and boaters, located 1 block from the downtown district with local food, drink, and entertainment. This basic camping area has five sites, each with a picnic table and bike rack. A campsite costs \$10 per night and is first come first served.

Please let us know of any food preferences, and allergies, so we can make sure you have food at the Finish Line! Please do not hesitate to contact Janie at Info@SwimOregon.com