

Salmon Watch[®]

ALSEA RIVER (ALSEA BASIN) SALMON WATCH SITE

DIRECTIONS:

The field trip site is located at Clemens Park on the banks of the mainstem Alsea River. To get there from Corvallis, head west on Highway 20/34 passing through the town of Philomath. At the west end of Philomath, turn left onto Highway 34 which takes you toward Waldport. Heading west on Highway 34, you will pass over the divide that separates waters that drain into the Willamette Basin from those flowing to the coast. Continue heading west past the turnoff to Mary's Peak, then past the turn that takes you to Alsea Fish Hatchery. A short distance further on your left, will be a sign designating the turn to Clemens Park. Turn left and follow this lane crossing the Alsea River and into Clemens Park. The field trip site is the park itself as well as the river bank both upstream and down.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Alsea is a highly regarded salmon and steelhead stream, about 55 miles long, heading in the Coast Range west of Corvallis and entering the Pacific Ocean at Waldport.

SALMON VIEWING:

Most of the fish that you will likely see are fall chinook salmon, but there may be some coho and a few spring chinook as well!

REFERENCES:

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