

# Salmon Watch®

## HUMBUG CREEK – CAMP 18

**Allow approximately 1.5 hours driving time from downtown Portland.**

### **DIRECTIONS:**

From Portland, take Highway 26 West toward the Coast. Approximately 57 miles from downtown Portland, Camp 18 Restaurant will be located on the left side of the road in Elsie. Turn into Camp 18 and park.

**NOTE #1:** All stations can take place behind the restaurant on or near the trail that follows the creek. There is a shelter area to the West side of the restaurant and a picnic area behind the restaurant on the way to the trail. Restrooms are located in the red caboose at the East end of the parking lot.

**NOTE #2:** The parking lot of Camp 18 is filled with old logging equipment. Camp 18 itself is made of old timber beams and is a unique feature in Oregon. If you arrange it early, it may be possible for Gordon Smith, the owner of Camp 18, to give you a timber processing demonstration in his sawmill. Camp 18 Restaurant can be reached at 800-874-1810

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Humbug Creek is about 9 miles long, and joins the Nehalem just south of Elsie. The Nehalem begins in the town of Timber, and is unusual because it flows northward, makes a loop, and then runs southward.

### **SALMON VIEWING:**

Salmon are typically visible in the creek. Check the viewing sites from the trail below the restaurant, particularly behind the restaurant to the bridge. Please do not cross to the opposite side of the bridge; this is private land.

### **MACROINVERTEBRATES/WATER QUALITY:**

Macroinvertebrates are typically easily found at the creek access points just below the restaurant. There should be a few gravel bars just to the right as you approach the creek from the parking area. Water quality can take place upstream from macros. Be sure no salmon are present or building redds downstream before entering the water.

### **NATURE HIKE/RIPARIAN STUDY:**

The nature hike is best taken on the trail that leads to the right as you approach the creek. The trail winds its way along the stream through forested terrain with a number of plant species present.

### **MEDICAL FACILITIES IN THE AREA:**

Providence Seaside Hospital 727 S. Whanna Rd. Seaside OR 503-717-7000  
Seaside Urgent Care 580 Ave. U, Seaside OR 503-738-9112