

# Salmon Watch®

## NESTUCCA RIVER – Adler Glen

Bureau of Land Management

Allow approximately 40 minutes driving time from the town of Beaver & 2.5 hrs from Portland.

### DIRECTIONS:

Drive North or South on highway 101 to the town of Beaver (14 miles south of Tillamook). Exit onto the Nestucca Access Road East toward Blaine & Carlton. Continue along the Nestucca Access Road for approximately 17 miles until you reach Alder Glen Campground on the right side of the road just past a bridge over the Nestucca River. Turn right into the campground and find a place to park.

NOTE: Be sure to contact Matt Walker with the BLM at (503) 815-1145 to confirm the exact site of your trip. Although Alder Glen is typically the best site, there are additional campgrounds along the Nestucca Access Road that may be better for viewing salmon depending on the date of your trip. There are basic outhouse facilities at each campground location.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The headwaters of the Nestucca River are located to the East in the Coastal Range, the highest point in this watershed is Mt Hebo at 3,130 feet. Most of the trees in the upland forest are about 120 years old; the alder stands near the rivers edge are about 37 years old. The trees present in the uplands were naturally seeded in after forest fires in the late 1800's. The younger alders came in after a major flood that occurred in the mid 1960's. The Nestucca River has both steelhead and chinook populations but also coho and searun cutthroat trout. Stream restoration projects for anadromous salmonids, have been pursued since the 1980's to improve habitat by the addition of large wood. During the Flood of 1996, water flowed over the top of the fishing access and many of the campsites you now see.

### SALMON VIEWING:

The Nestucca is home to both spring and fall chinook populations. The fall chinook run begins in October and peaks in November. You may see coho salmon too; they are smaller with reddish tint.

### MACRO INVERTEBRATES/WATER QUALITY:

Macro invertebrates will be apparent after picking up a few rocks in the Nestucca. You can look for macros in the edges of the riffles but if salmon are spawning nearby pick another spot to sample. There are many easy rive access points to conduct water quality samples.

### NATURE HIKE/RIPARIAN STUDY:

The trail between the parking area through the campground and below the road (across the bridge) downstream offers excellent opportunities for a nature hike or riparian study. Another option for the nature walk is on the BLM land through the campground itself.

### MEDICAL FACILITIES IN THE AREA:

Tillamook County Hospital 1000 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Tillamook OR 503-842-4444