

Salmon Watch[®]

SALMON CREEK (YAQUINA BASIN) SALMON WATCH SITE

DIRECTIONS:

The Salmon Creek site is located a short distance up Salmon Creek from its junction with Little Elk Creek. To get there from Corvallis, head west on Highway 20/34 through Philomath, then west on Highway 20 at the 20/34 split. The sign will point to Newport. Continue west on Highway 20 through the small (I mean really small!) communities of Wren, Blodgett, and Burnt Woods. You'll drive past Ellmaker State Park just before Highway 20 tops over the crest of the Coast Range and drops into the Yaquina Basin. Little Elk Creek will soon show up on your left and parallel the winding highway for a few miles. As you near the Salmon Creek turnoff, Highway 20 will first take a sharp turn to the left (south) then a sharp turn to the right (west). Salmon Creek Road will then appear on your left. You'll soon know if you've missed Salmon Creek Road because Eddyville is only a couple of more miles further down Highway 20! Turn left onto Salmon Creek Road, first crossing Little Elk Creek, then a bridge crossing Salmon Creek. Continue on a short distance to a large drive-through turnout that will be on your left.

SALMON VIEWING:

Both fall chinook and coho salmon can be viewed at a number of sites upstream and downstream of the parking spot.

REFERENCES:

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