

Mt. Hood National Forest

One good return deserves another . . .



. . . *in your national forest!*

Oxbow Salmon Festival has over twenty years of celebrating the annual return of the salmon to the Sandy River. The festival brings together a wide range of partners, agencies, and non-profit organizations that provide dozens of informative booths and displays teaching the public about the importance of protecting wild salmon and promoting healthy watersheds.

It's educational!

Each year, the festival is celebrated along the banks of the Sandy River at the METRO Regional Oxbow Park in October as the fall Chinook salmon begin their migration and spawning run upriver. The two-day festival reliably draws a large crowd from the Portland metropolitan area. It also:

- Raises public awareness of the importance of healthy watersheds and protecting wild salmon and their habitat;
- Functions as one of the longest running, most recognized festivals celebrating salmon on the West Coast; and
- Draws over 10,000 visitors annually, and is hosted by over two dozen partners and contributors.

It's fun!

Oxbow Salmon Festival offers a crowd-pleasing lineup of musicians and storytellers, engaging activities for children, dozens of informative and interactive displays, arts and crafts demonstrations, horse-drawn wagon rides, and a salmon barbeque and food court. The simple intentions of the first, originating festival remain, and guided salmon viewing walks along the river's edge are still the heart of the festival.

To learn more, see www.metro-region.org/article.cfm?ArticleID=616; or call Dan Shively at 503-668-1605 or David Saiget at 503-622-3191.

Celebrating Salmon!



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