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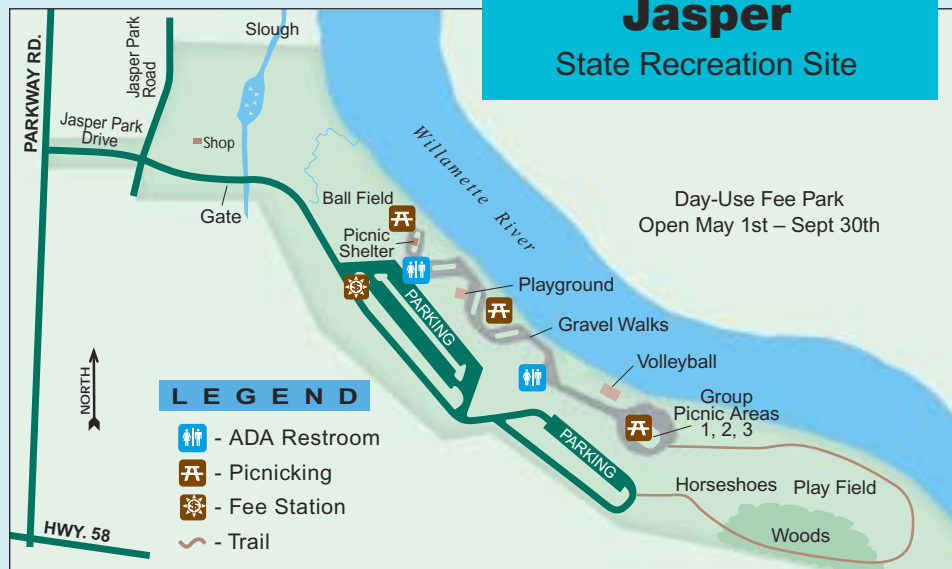
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Families know this park, and know it well. Nestled along the middle fork of the Willamette River, this quiet, 60-acre park offers large, grassy play areas interspersed with two playgrounds, two ball fields, covered picnic shelters, a volleyball set-up and walking trails. Giant cottonwoods shade the bank of the river, offering a cool respite from the day's activities. It's perfect for family outings, reunions and casual get togethers. Fishing and birdwatching beckon for anglers and amateur naturalists. The park is home to a variety of native songbirds, such as towhees, Caisson's finches, chickadees, nuthatches, sparrows, wrens, and of course, robins.



This day-use fee park is open May through September. There are four group shelters (one holds up to 150; the other three hold 100 people each). For more information, call the park at (541) 937-1173 or OPRD's information line toll-free at 1-800-551-6949.



This small but beautiful park is a great place to take a break. The park, which you get to by crossing over the reservoir at the Lowell turn-off

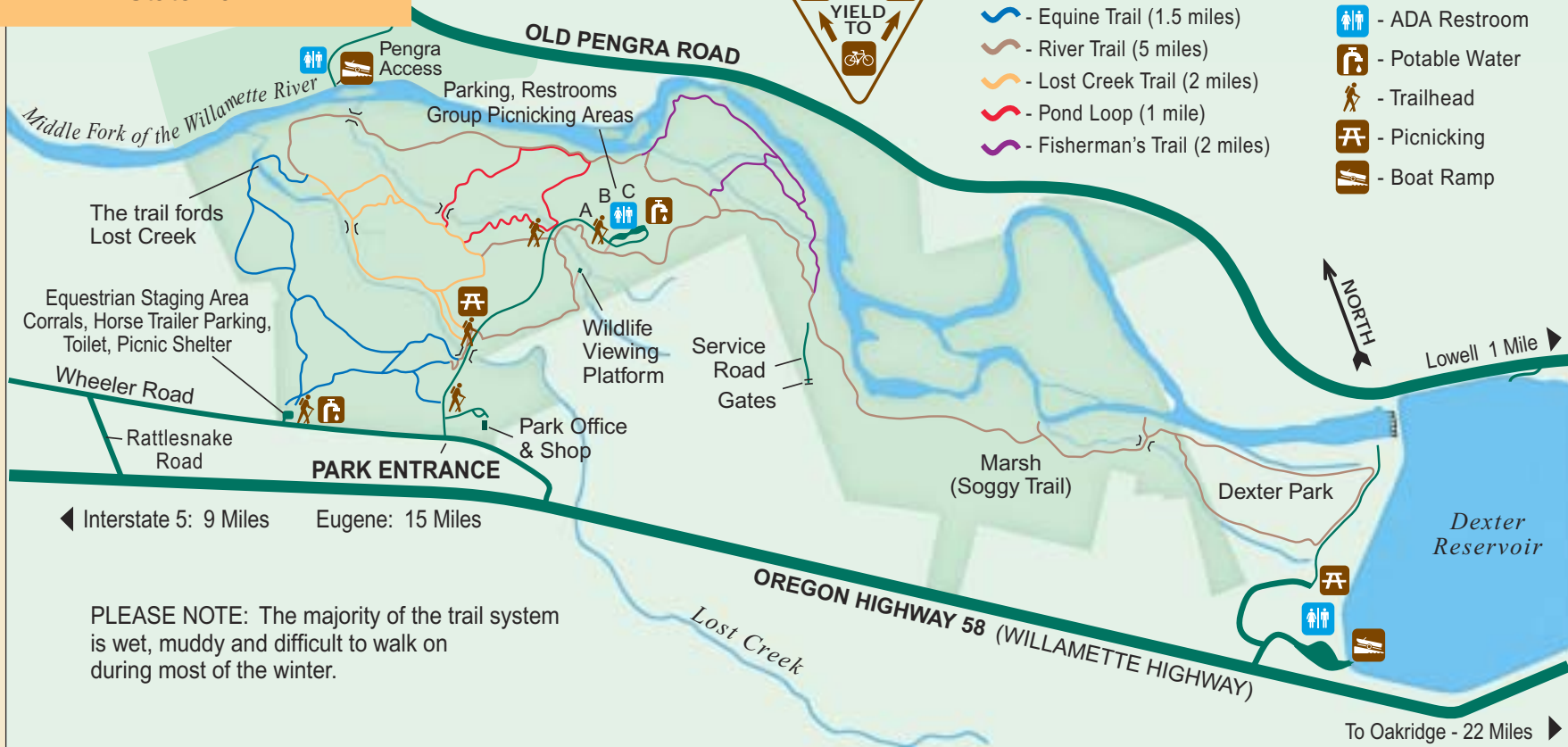
from Highway 58, is packed with features and amenities: a basketball court, volleyball, reservable picnic shelter, a playground, towering oaks, good fishing, swimming area and of course, boating, boating, boating.

There is no fee to use this park unless you want to reserve the group picnic area. The shelter holds up to 150 people. For more information, call (541) 937-1173 or 1-800-551-6949.



Elijah Bristow

State Park



Welcome to Elijah Bristow State Park, 847 acres of meadows, wetlands, ponds and scattered woodlands. The park is located on the south bank of the Middle Fork of the Willamette River, with 12 miles of shared-use trails and three miles of wooded river frontage. This is a great place for fishing, wildlife viewing, mountain bike riding, hiking and horseback riding, or just a quiet walk. Naturalists, from botanists to students, love this place, because of the diverse ecosystems represented here for study and appreciation. The park has a variety of wildlife, such as deer, beaver, great blue herons, hawks, bald eagles, raccoons, coyotes, and Western pond turtles. Seasonal salmon runs provide an interesting spectacle for park visitors and a great opportunity for anglers.

P I C N I C K I N G

Elijah Bristow State Park has a large grassy area with three group picnic areas that may be reserved, complete with electricity, water, restrooms, picnic tables, fire rings and horseshoe pits. To reserve, call (541) 937-1173. There is also a non-reservable picnic area next to Lost Creek.

T R A I L S

The southwest corner of the park offers a large equestrian staging area and is frequented by a variety of horse riding groups. The staging area is one of the trailheads for the extensive trail system and includes horse trailer parking, hitching posts, corrals, water, electricity and toilets.

The River Trail is part of the Eugene to Pacific Crest Trail system that starts in Alton Baker Park in Eugene and ends at the Pacific Crest Trail near Oakridge.

All trails are shared use, except the one-mile pond loop, which is for foot traffic only. Trailheads are located at different points in the park and can be accessed from the day-use parking lot and picnic areas.

A wildlife viewing platform is located on the trail leading south out of the day-use area and overlooks the pond system. While on the trail, it is easy to feel far from civilization.

P A R K N A M E S A K E

The park is named after Elijah Bristow, the first pioneer settler in Lane County and founder of the community of Pleasant Hill. Bristow was a woodsman and explorer, and first ventured into this area in 1845. In June, 1846, while looking for a place to build a home, Bristow was struck by the beauty of the area and decided to settle here. In the fall he finished what is thought to be the first house built in Lane County. Later, he helped to establish the community's first church and school, donating part of his land for its construction.



Dexter
State Recreation Site

The east end of Elijah Bristow State Park is home to Dexter State Recreation Site, picnicking and boat launching area. This 100-acre parcel with spectacular views of the Cascade foothills offers boat/trailer parking for 70 vehicles, a restroom (no water) and a trail that connects to Elijah Bristow State Park to the west. Area anglers know the park as a great place to fish for small and large mouth bass, crappie and trout. The lake is a popular spot for sailing as well as powerboat activities.



Riding is a popular pastime at Elijah Bristow State Park.