



Willamette Wild Swim
Details for Dates: 7-9, 2020
Registration opens February 1, 2020 - closes July 31, 2020

Launch: Buena Vista Park, WILLAMETTE RIVER



Landing: 11 miles, Riverview Park, WILLAMETTE RIVER, Saturday

Landing: 4 miles, TBD, WILLAMETTE RIVER, Sunday

There is free parking at Buena Vista County Park.
Transportation from Independence to Buena Vista
will leave the Independence Hotel at 7 a.m.

Check-in: 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Safety Escort Meeting: 8 a.m.

Swimmer Safety Meeting: 8:30 a.m.

Start time: 9:00 a.m.

This is a downstream swim in the Willamette River, located in the heart of the Pacific Northwest. Flowing swiftly through forests, meadows, vineyards, and farms, along the [Willamette Water Trail](#), this is a wild, rural, changing river, abundantly active with wildlife, in a section that is a bit shallow for motorized boats. Swift enough to double your time, gentle enough in most spots to stand up where it's shallow, with sand bars, snags, fish, a ferry, and aid stations. The water is crisp and refreshing, the scenery breathtaking, and the water is slow and deep in some areas and very shallow and fast in others.

Independence, Oregon, is a charming small town, where the Willamette Water Trail and the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway run through it. Full of history, bountiful agriculture, and dotted with wineries and campgrounds for paddlers and cyclists, it's just upriver from Salem, the state capital, and about 60 miles from Portland, Oregon, and Portland International Airport.



Rules:

- Swimmers are required to: wear our colored cap, and a swim buoy, have a Safety Escort with required equipment with them at all times.
- Optional: wetsuits.
- Recommended: water shoes, in case you need to walk over rocks.
- Food will be provided after the swim.
- All participants must sign a [waiver](#) required by our insurance company.
- Swimmers are required to alert their Safety Escort of any health issues they have, in addition to stating it on the waiver.
- No towing or pulling anything while you swim.
- Participants in the [Open Water World Tour](#) Race must comply with their rules.
- This is not a complete list, but these are the basics.

Lodging: [Independence Hotel](#): 201 Osprey Lane, Independence, OR, 97351
(503) 837-0200 To reserve a room for a \$30 discount, use the promo code WILD.
Rooms are \$209 per night, with taxes \$231.57 Final date for reservation is 6/8/2020.

[Bicycle Boater Campground](#): Riverview Park, Independence, OR
Nestled along the Willamette River, The campground is exclusively for bicyclists and boaters, located 1 block from the downtown district with local food, drink, and entertainment. This basic camping area has five sites, each with a picnic table and bike rack. A campsite costs \$10 per night and is first come first served.

Please do not hesitate to contact Janie at Info@SwimOregon.com