

Put In location

Parking

Shallow water

Class 1 Rapid

River Run Two: Coast Fork of the Willamette River

Creswell to Goshen Hwy 58 Map info update 3/17/12 Photos: Fall 2011

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This is a pleasant and interesting fun run suitable for Canoe, Raft and Recreational Kayak. There are several areas of rural scenery and nature, islands and mild rapids. It features a convenient shuttle and this run can be extended to take outs further downstream in Springfield.

Skill level: Class 1 rapids. Basic boat control and safety skills needed.

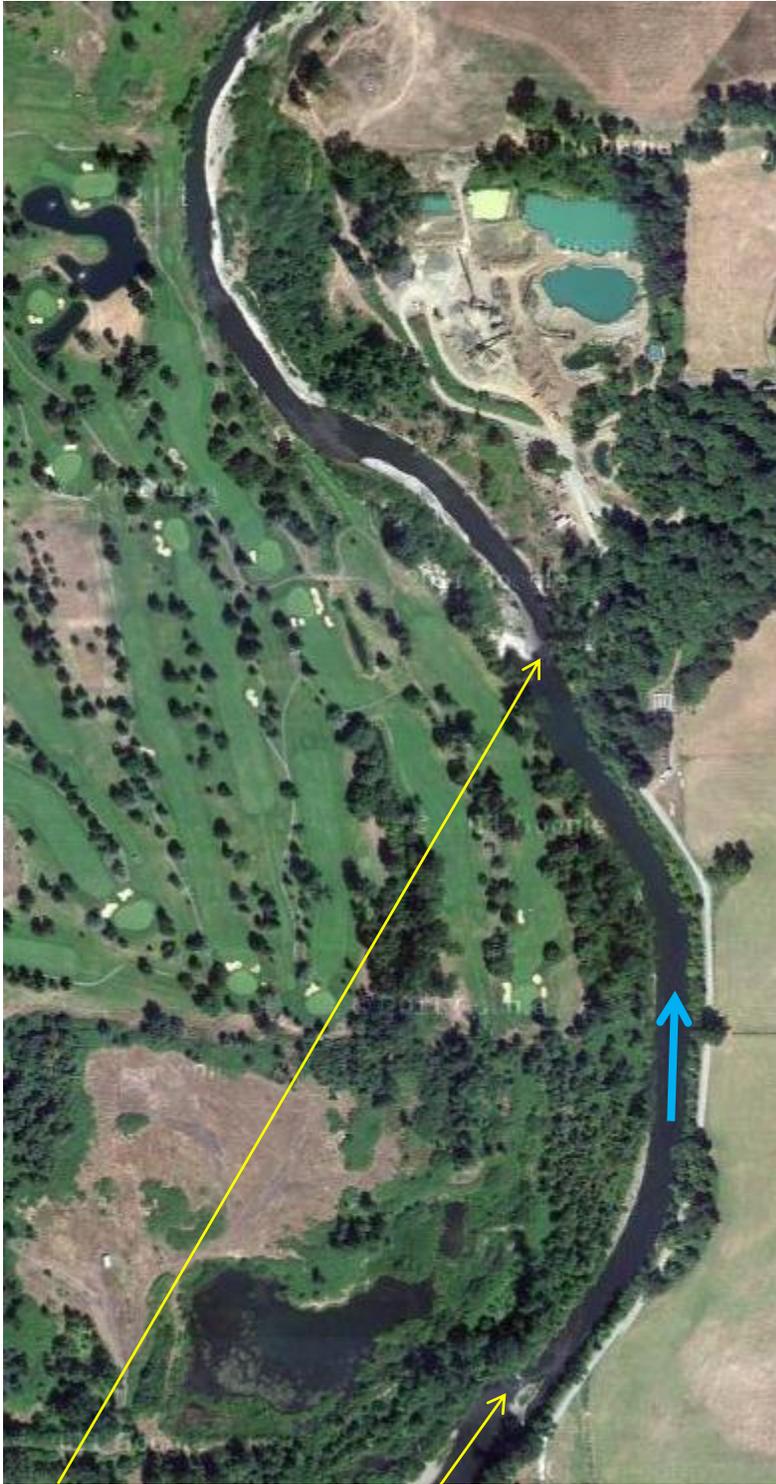
Distance: 6 miles **Time:** 3 hrs

Season: year round if water flow is aprox 1000cfs (www.wkcc.org/levels)

Cautions: High fall winter and spring runoff flows and shallow water late summer and fall

Put In Location: Exit I-5 at Creswell and drive East 1 mile. The Put-In location is at the **Cloverdale Wayside** on Sears Road just south of the bridge on Cloverdale Road. A large parking area is available. The put-in is a short walk to the riverside down a path to a small beach.

Take Out location: Follow Cloverdale Rd north to Hwy 58. Turn left on Hwy 58, over the bridge and exit right onto Willamette Hwy. Then turn right to **Dilley Landing Boat Ramp**.



Shallow Riffles

Rapid

Upon launch move **River Left** to avoid shallow water and run the short initial **Class 1 rapid** downstream after the bridge. The first mile or so is flat meandering water that flows past the **golf course** on the left bank. Watch out for errant golf balls.



Potential shallow water

The river flows calmly into more natural surroundings, however watch for small ripples near **gravel bars** that indicate shallow water.



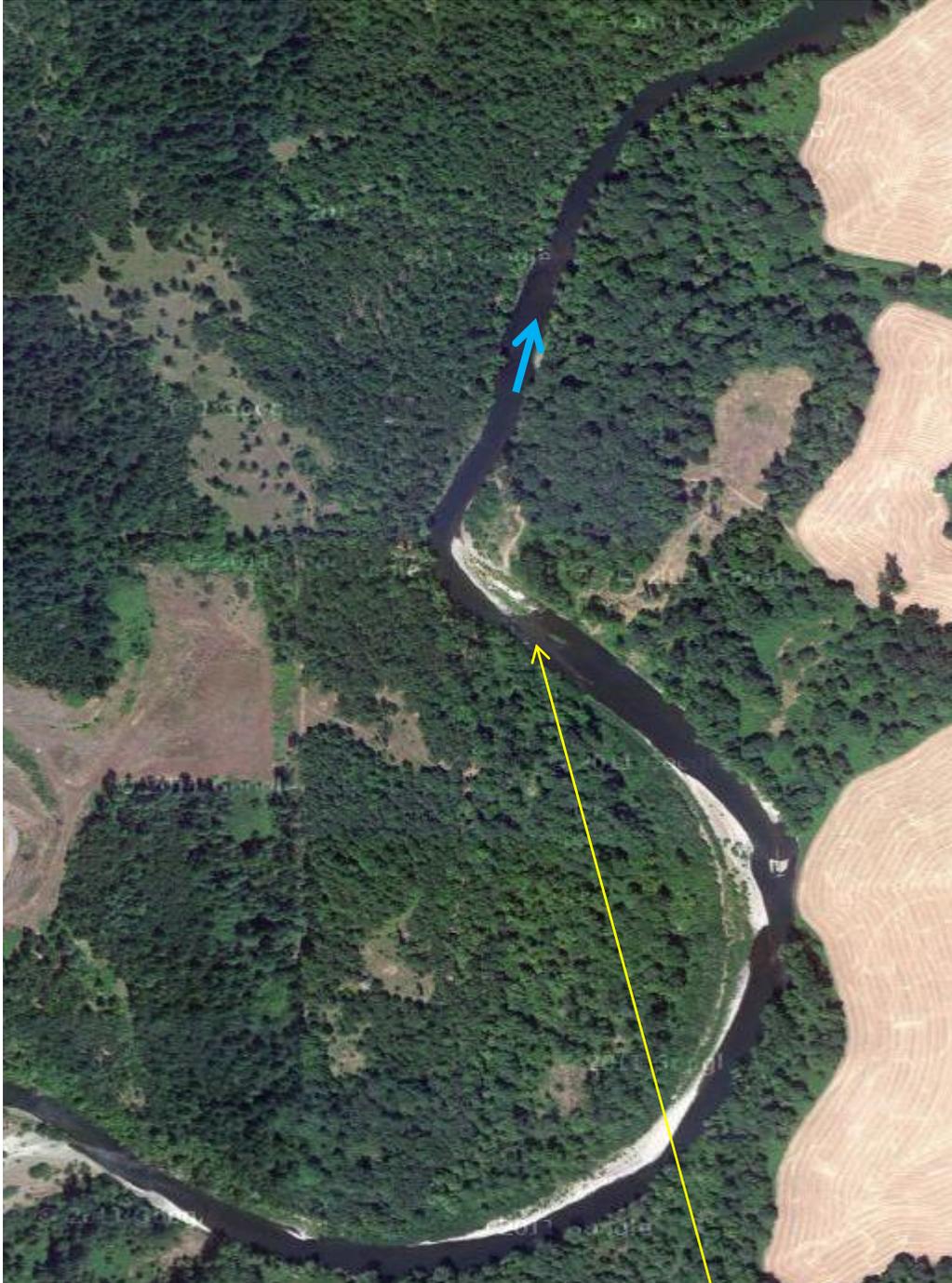
Riffles & waves

Hill Creek Confluence

Nature Conservancy land

Just past the last shallow gravel bar, watch for the subtle confluence of **Hill Creek** with the river from **River Left**. This creek drains out of **Garden Lake Park** in Creswell when water flow permits. The land on the right bank is all owned by the **Nature Conservancy**. Accessible only from the river, it is a nice area watching **wildlife** and boat **camping**.

Downstream is a **tight right bend** where the river drops and the water flow speeds up often with some **Riffles** and **standing waves** downstream.

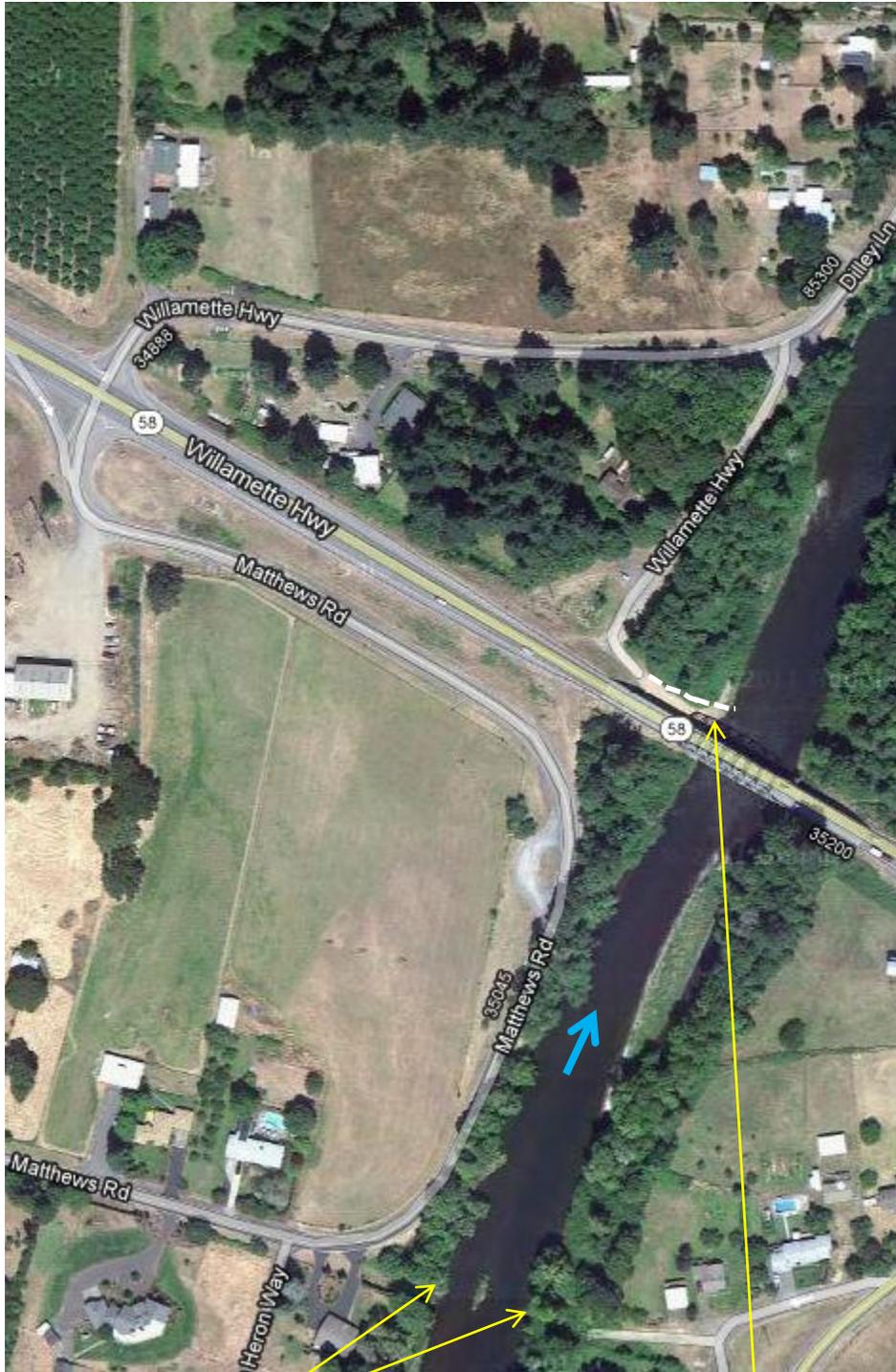


Riffles

Once past the tight bend to the right, the river curves back around **Short Mountain** to the left in a large horseshoe. This stretch is one of the most scenic and natural feeling sections of the river with large trees shading the river. Watch for bald eagles!



A **small island** lets you pass on either side along this quiet stretch of river. Although agricultural on the right bank, Oregon law requires a buffer of nature to protect her rivers.



Old bridge ruins

Dilley Landing Take out

The remains of the old **Mathews Bridge** are visible on both banks as you approach the **HWY 58 Bridge**.

The take out is under the bridge on River Right at **Dilley Landing**. Your shuttle will exit Cloverdale Road left onto Hwy 58 West. Just past the bridge, exit right onto Willamette Hwy and then right onto the Dilley Landing road.

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Support protection of the Coast Fork of the Willamette River contact: www.Coastfork.org

Eugene Parks and Recreation offers **classes** in kayaking and water safety: www.Recenroll.org

Be sure you have **proper safety equipment** and understand water safety rules and signals.

Water conditions are always changing and new hazards can appear at any time.

Be sure you are prepared for current water conditions and cold water.

Tell people where you are going and when you will be back.

Never boat alone. Have experienced paddlers with you.

High water flows are not safe for water sports.

Local paddling clubs www.canoe.freeshell.org, www.facebook.com/potluckPaddlers, www.wkcc.org

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