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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.**

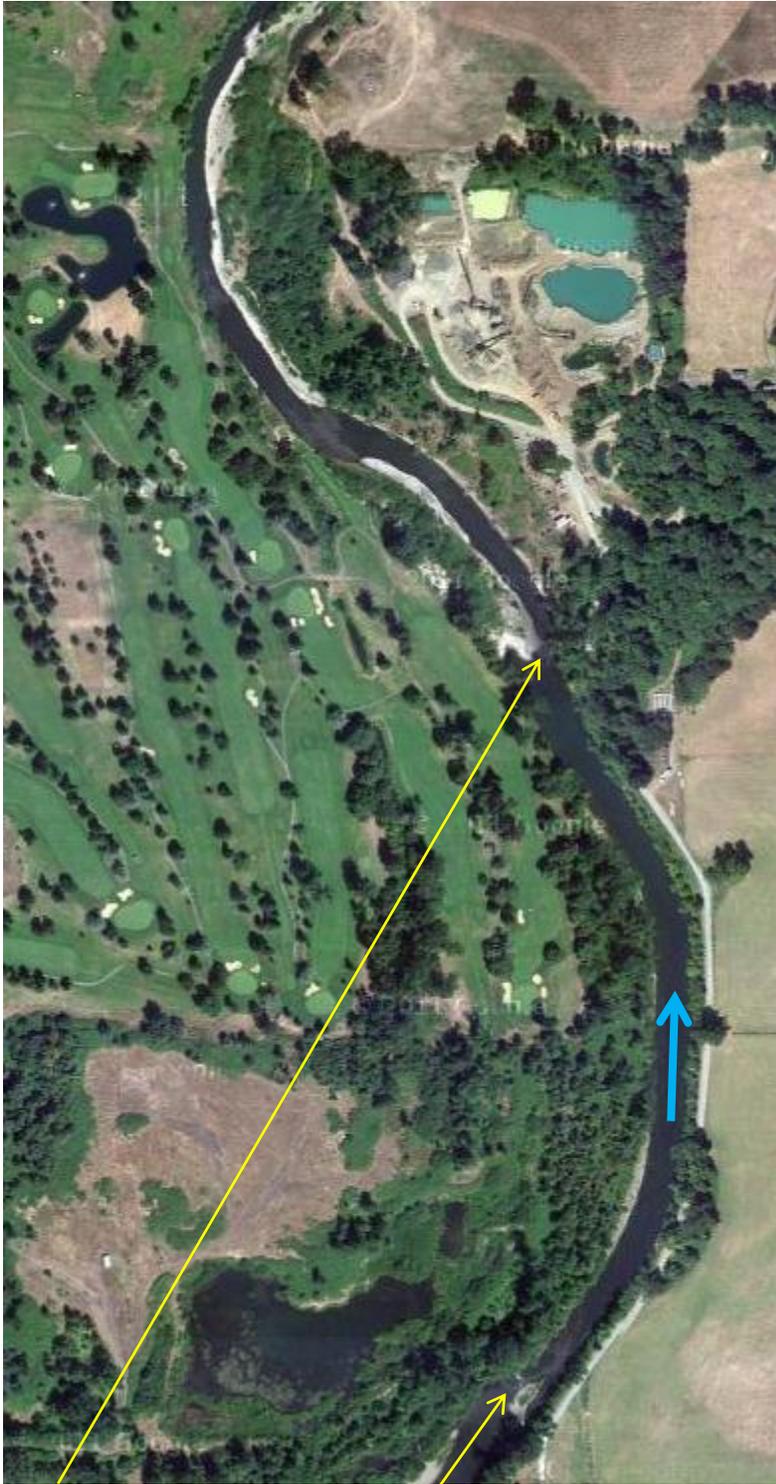
**Distance:** 6 miles **Time:** 3 hrs

**Season:** year round if water flow is aprox 1000cfs ([www.wkcc.org/levels](http://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

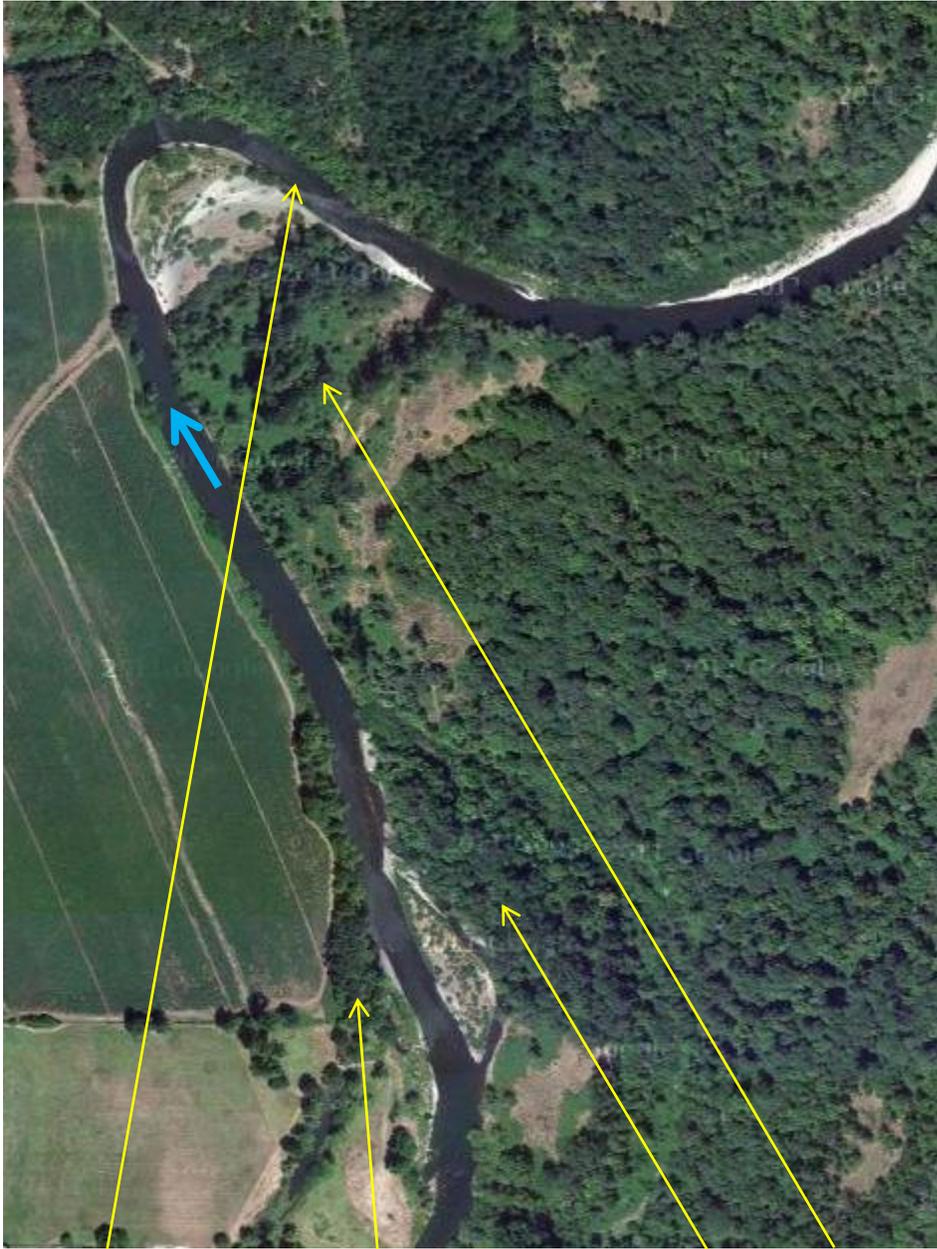
Rapid

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.



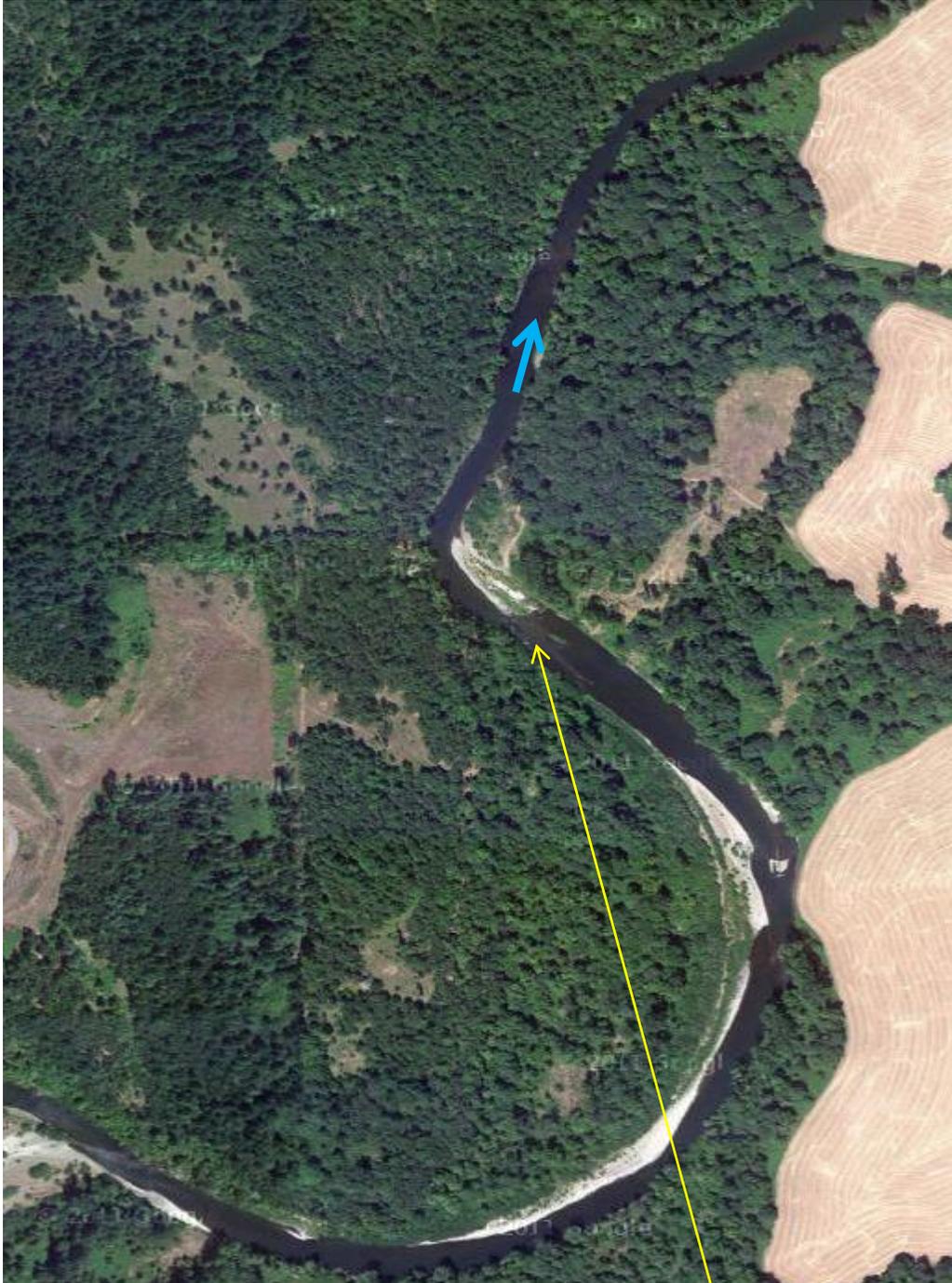
Riffles & waves

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.

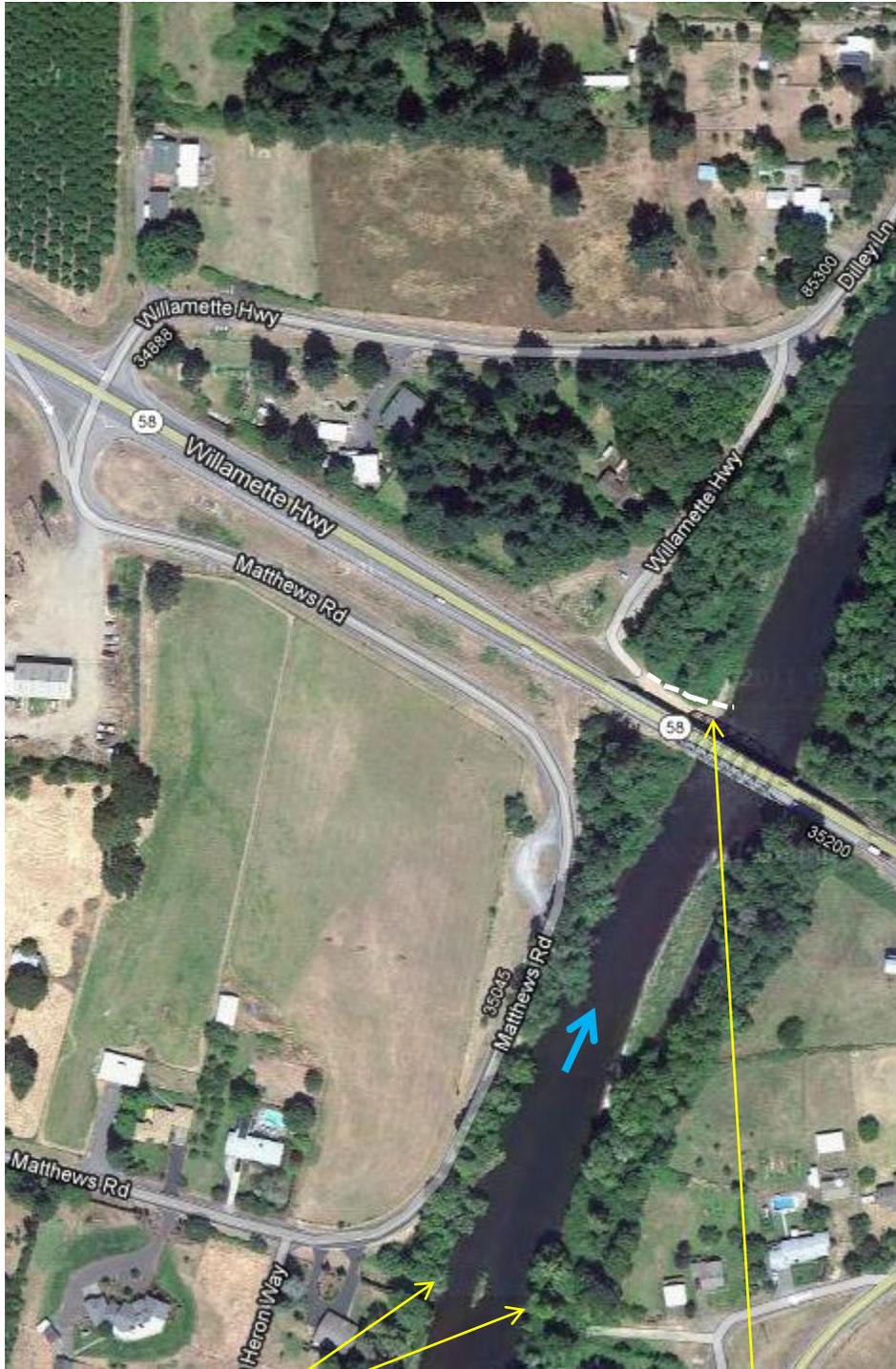


Riffles

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](http://www.Coastfork.org)

Eugene Parks and Recreation offers **classes** in kayaking and water safety: [www.Recenroll.org](http://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](http://www.canoe.freeshell.org), [www.facebook.com/potluckPaddlers](http://www.facebook.com/potluckPaddlers), [www.wkcc.org](http://www.wkcc.org)

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**Put in**

**Take out**