



The Columbia Gorge opens up near the mouth of the Klickitat River, revealing wide-open vistas, rocky draws and bare hills and the river's ribbon of blue water. The Klickitat hosts summer steelhead, spring and fall chinook, coho, and resident rainbows. Summer steelhead enter the river as early as May, but the best fishing occurs in June and July, when fly, bait, and gear anglers land as many as 1,000 a month. Snow melt from Mount Adams clouds the river during warm weather, and anglers fish early in the day, before run-off reduces visibility. Cooling high-country temperatures in autumn improve water conditions, and September and October are the favorite times for fly-fishers. Spring chinook are available between April and June, fall kings peak in September and October, as do coho salmon. Most salmon are caught below the Klickitat Canyon by anglers fishing plugs or bait from drift boats. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Klickitat Wildlife Area and upriver areas are favorites of wading and rowing steelheaders.

- LEGEND**
- State Highway
  - Road or Street
  - Power Boat Launch
  - Drift Boat Launch
  - Campground



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**Services**

**MOTELS**

- The Lyle Hotel (800) 447-6310
- Farvue Motel (800) 773-5881

**RV PARKS**

- Peach Beach RV Park (800) 773-4698
- Cottonwood RV Park (800) 773-3543
- Bridge RV Park (888) 550-7275

**TACKLE SHOPS**

- Luhr Jensen (541) 386-3811
- Gorge Fly Shop (541) 386-6977

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

- Golendale C.O.C. (541) 773-3400

Wading difficulty	Moderate/Diffult
Shuttles	No
Boating difficulty	Difficult
USGS river levels on-line	Yes
Water clarity recovery	Slow