

NORTH SANTIAM WILD AND SCENIC RIVER

Santiam Basin | Marion and Linn Counties County | Proposed Miles: 29.4 | Detroit & Sweet Home Districts, Willamette National Forest

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Outstandingly Remarkable Values of North Santiam River



The North Santiam River is fed by streams and creeks flowing out of the Mt Jefferson Wilderness. The West Cascades National Scenic Highway runs along this river.

WILDNESS: Many tributaries flow out of the Mt Jefferson Wilderness.

RECREATION: Several campgrounds host visitors who come to fish, hike, bike, enjoy nature and photograph rare woodland wildflowers. The Marion Forks Hatchery is a popular stop for many visitors. Adventurous (and talented) kayakers enjoy the challenge of the Bruno Mountain run on the Upper North Santiam River. Birders enjoy traveling the *West Cascades National Scenic Byway* on the Mt Jefferson Loop of the Cascades Birding Trail in search of many bird species.

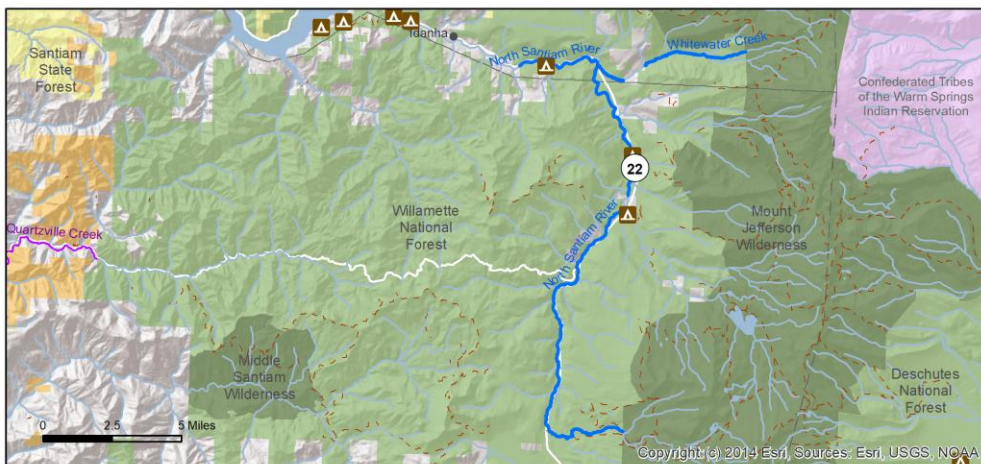
SCENERY: Hwy 22 (the West Cascades National Scenic Byway) divides the older West Cascades mountains and the newer High Cascade Mountains. It follows the Upper North Santiam River for 22 miles, providing the traveler and visitor numerous views of Mt Jefferson and many access points to the Upper North Santiam River. Back roads along the way lead to many beautiful undeveloped tributary creeks each with scenic waterfalls

FISH: The river contains Brook Trout, Spring Chinook, Cutthroat Trout, Kokanee, and Rainbow Trout among many other species.

WILDLIFE: Ospreys build their nests in the tall trees lining the fish-rich Upper North Santiam River. Other forest wildlife like elk, deer, bears and more find this wild area highly desirable to make their homes.

BOTANICAL RESOURCES Old growth Douglas-fir, western hemlock, western red cedar, alder, cottonwood, rhododendron and numerous native shrubs and wildflowers. mountain mahogany, and aspen groves.

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Main Stem	9.9 miles	Recreational	scenic, wildlife, fish, recreational, geological
North Fork Breitenbush	11.9 miles	Scenic	Scenic, recreational, geological
South Fork Breitenbush	5.6 miles	Scenic	Scenic, recreational, ecological, wildlife
Devils Creek	6.1 miles	Scenic	Recreational
French Creek	5.8 miles	Recreational	Recreational
Humbug Creek	6.4 miles	Scenic	Recreational
East Fork Humbug Creek	6.5 miles	Scenic	Recreational
Total	52.2 miles		



PRIMARY REFERENCES: <http://www.westernrivers.org/projectatlas/north-santiam/>

<https://www.oregonconservationstrategy.org/conservation-opportunity-area/little-north-santiam-river-area/>