WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION OF OREGON
2026 FISHING REGULATIONS

QUA-THLA-NUM-WE-UN-NOWI (Welcome)- The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon are happy to extend to you this permit to fish, subject to the conditions set forth in these 2026 Fishing Regulations. Under the Treaty of June 25, 1855 between the United States and the Tribes and Bands of Middle Oregon, which are now the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, the Tribe reserved the exclusive right to fish all waters on or bordering the Reservation and at all Usual & Accustomed areas.

THE FOLLOWING 2026 FISHING REGULATIONS WERE ENACTED BY THE WARM SPRINGS TRIBAL COUNCIL BY RESOLUTION NO. _13,271_ DATED _9/29/25_, PURSUANT TO WARM SPRINGS TRIBAL CODE SECTION 340.220 AND SECTION 340.225.

(I) FISHING AREAS

Anglers may fish in the following described open areas of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon in accordance with this permit & regulations and provided that all persons shall have a copy in their possession while fishing. **A digital copy of the permit is allowed starting in 2023.**

AREA 1. HIGH CASCADE MOUNTAIN LAKES - Open April 22 - July 24 and August 16 - October 31. **CLOSED JULY 25 - AUGUST 15**. Trout Lake, Long Lake, Island Lake, Dark Lake and Boulder Lake. No other lakes are open to public fishing.
(A) NO LENGTH LIMIT OR BAG LIMIT ON BROOK TROUT
(B) Daily Bag limit (other trout): 10 trout, no length requirement.
(C) The use of motor propelled crafts on the lakes is prohibited.
(D) All motorbike, ATV and snowmobile riding is prohibited.
(E) Woodcutting, hunting, huckleberry, mushroom, beargrass, boughs or other unlisted harvest is not permitted.
(F) Dogs must be kept on a leash.
(G) No horses allowed.
(H) NO FISHING IN STREAMS.
(I) Fishing permit not required to camp but is required to fish, camping fee listed under **(IV) Parks Program**.
(J) Fishers and campers must remain in the 5 lakes area, rest of reservation closed.

AREA 2. DESCHUTES RIVER - Open April 22 - October 31. Open from the locked gate at Dry Creek downstream a distance of approximately 6 miles to the Wasco-Jefferson County line (approximately ¼ mile downstream of the mouth of Trout Creek). Closed to all fishing November 1 - April 21.
(A) Daily Bag limit
1. Trout: 2 rainbow trout, 10-inch minimum & 13-inch maximum. Restricted to artificial lures or flies. Barbless hooks recommended.
2. Steelhead: 2 hatchery steelhead per day plus one additional (adipose fin clip only). Fishing for steelhead (trout larger than 20 inches) is restricted to the same gear as for trout.
3. Open August 1 – October 31 for coho. In aggregate with steelhead, 2 salmon & 1 steelhead per day.
(B) All persons must have a permit for Area 2 regardless of age.
(C) Camping, fishing and landing on all Reservation islands is prohibited (all islands west of the middle of the main channel). Launching of boats, rafts, or other floating devices from Reservation land is prohibited on the Deschutes River.
(D) Overnight parking of unattended vehicles is prohibited at Dry Creek.
(E) Motorbike and ATV riding is prohibited.
(F) Camp fires are prohibited at Dry Creek.
(G) Only white gas, LP gas, camp stoves, or lanterns permitted.
(H) Wood cutting or gathering is prohibited.
(I) Starting in 2026, tribal fishing guide permits for clients of the Warm Springs fishing guides will be available. The open area is the entire Reservation side of the Deschutes River (written access permission still required on private land).

AREA 3. LAKE SIMTUSTUS - Open all year for trout, kokanee, northern pikeminnow and smallmouth bass.
(A) Daily Bag Limit
1. Trout: 5 trout, 8-inch minimum length, no more than 1 fish over 20 inches.
2. Closed to angling for bull trout.
3. No limit on the size or number of bass.
4. Ten kokanee per day, no size limit.
(B) Camping available at Indian Park, fishing permit not required to camp but one is required to fish.
(C) Personal watercraft including but not limited to, boats, jet skis, and wave runners, are prohibited from landing on the Reservation side of Lake Simtustus except at Indian Park.
(D) All campers are required to remain within designated campgrounds. Trespassing outside of fenced boundary is prohibited.
(E) Motorbike and ATV riding and possession of firearms is prohibited.
(F) Dogs must be kept on a leash.
(G) Water skiing, including boarding and tubing is permitted only in designated area north of Pelton Park store.
(H) Speed limits on Lake Simtustus must be obeyed.
(I) Wood cutting or gathering is prohibited.
(J) CRAYFISH HARVEST IS PROHIBITED BY NON-TRIBAL MEMBERS.

AREA 4. METOLIUS ARM OF LAKE BILLY CHINOOK - Open March 1 - October 31. West Boundary: closed to all fishing from the cable car crossing on the Metolius River to a signed point downstream on the Reservation side of the reservoir. East Boundary: a line running from the west abutment of Round Butte Dam to the southern land point where the Deschutes and Metolius arms meet. (see enlarged area of fishing map).

(A) Daily Bag limit
1. Trout - 5 trout, 8-inch minimum length, no more than 1 fish over 20 inches.
2. Rainbow over 20 inches are classed as steelhead and kokanee over 16 inches as sockeye and must be released unharmed.
3. Bull trout - One per day, which must be at least 24 inches in length; only one may be in possession; no live bull trout may be held while angling.
4. Ten kokanee per day, no size limit.
5. No bag or size limit on bass or brown trout.
(B) Houseboats and recreational boats are prohibited from landing, anchoring and mooring along the Reservation side (north) of Lake Billy Chinook and on other tribal lands.
(C) Chinook Island (refer to enlarged fishing map) is for day use only, from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Houseboats & recreational boats are prohibited from landing, anchoring and mooring at Chinook Island from 9:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. No anchoring or mooring on log boom.
(D) CRAYFISH HARVEST IS PROHIBITED BY NON-TRIBAL MEMBERS.
(E) Disturbing commercial crayfish traps is prohibited.
(F) Fires are prohibited.

(II) UNLISTED WATERS

ALL RESERVATIONS WATERS NOT LISTED ABOVE ARE CLOSED TO ALL FISHING BY NON-TRIBAL MEMBERS.

Traveling to Areas 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be allowed only on those roads and trails designated as open to provide access to the lakes, streams and campgrounds as shown on the accompanying map and as designated by the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Committee and approved by Tribal Council.

(III) PERMITS & FEES

A family is defined as a husband, wife and children less than 14 years of age. All persons must have a permit for Area 2 regardless of age.

-SEASON FISHING PERMITS
The Season permit is valid in Areas 1, 2, 3 & 4. A season permit allows a family to fish in Areas 1, 3 & 4. All persons must have a permit for Area 2 regardless of age………………………………………. $60.00
Married into the tribe and employees…………………………………$30.00
-THREE-DAY FISHING PERMIT
The three-day permit is valid in Areas 1, 2, 3 & 4. This permit allows fishing by families in Areas 1, 3 & 4. All persons must have a permit for Area 2 regardless of age……………………………………………… $30.00
Married into the tribe and employees…………………………………$15.00
-DAILY FISHING PERMITS
A daily permit allows an **individual** to fish in area 1, 2, 3 or 4 and allows a family to fish in areas 1, 3, or 4……………………………………… $17.00
Married into the tribe and employees……………………………………$8.50
-TRIBAL FISHING GUIDE CLIENT PERMIT……………………………$75.00

Fishing permits for Areas 1, 2, 3 & 4 may be procured from any appointed agent, and from the tribal fishing website (https://fisheries.warmsprings-nsn.gov/tribal-fishing-permits/)

(IV) PARKS PROGRAM

CAMPING
1. Camping at Trout Lake……………………………………$20.00 per night
2. Camping at Indian Park……………………………… $20.00 per night
Indian Park is now online sales only, no R/V hookups are provided.
Indian Park reservations now at https://fisheries.warmsprings-nsn.gov/indian-park-camping-reserve-by-site/

SHERARS FALLS (Parks Program)
1. Camping at Sherars Falls………………………………$20.00 per night
2. Day use……………………………………………………… $20.00
3. Annual Pass…………………………………………………… $120.00
Sherars Falls is now online sales only. (https://fisheries.warmsprings-nsn.gov/tribal-fishing-permits/)

BOATER PASSES & DAY USE FEE- now online sales only
Harpham Flat……………….$5.00 per person to land, launch or day use
Sandy Beach…………………………$5.00 per person to land or day use
(https://fisheries.warmsprings-nsn.gov/tribal-fishing-permits/)

(IV) GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

1. No anglers shall fish in the above-described fishing areas when posted with any sign or notice indicating that such an area is closed to fishing.
2. Critical spawning areas are posted. Please do not fish within 100 feet of these signs.
3. Snagging is prohibited in all areas.
4. Fishing from floating devices on the Deschutes and Metolius rivers is prohibited.
5. Taking of crayfish from Reservation waters is prohibited.
6. Camping is allowed only in designated sites.
7. Camping will not be permitted for more than 10 consecutive days. When camping, anglers must have as part of their equipment an axe, a shovel and a water pail.
8. Open fires will be permitted only in designated Reservation campgrounds at Indian Park and Trout Lake. Fires must be confined to fireplaces under the grates and must be attended until completely out. Fires are prohibited at Dry Creek. No wood cutting or gathering is allowed. Only white gas or LP gas, camp stoves, or lanterns may be used during designated fire seasons. No fireworks are allowed on Reservation lands. All or any part of the Reservation is subject to closure at any time because of extreme fire danger or other emergency conditions.
9. No angler shall damage or obstruct any water. No angler shall cast into any body of water within the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, sawdust, dye, chemicals, decaying matter (including sour or spoiled salmon eggs) or other foreign substances. Use of explosives or any poison is prohibited. It is prohibited to introduce into Reservation waters any species of fish unless in possession of a written authorization from the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Committee.
10. Motorcycle, UTV/ATV, snowmobile, or any electric-propelled vehicle riding is prohibited on Reservation lands by non-Tribal members. Pedal-only powered bicycles are allowed in Area 2.
11. Anglers shall dispose of all trash, refuse and other wastes in receptacles where provided or pack it out where receptacles are not provided.
12. The privileges conferred by the permits herein mentioned apply only to the above designated tribal lands and no person shall trespass upon other tribal lands, owned, leased assigned or allotted to individuals.
13. Anglers shall be required to have on their person a Tribal Fishing Permit, and a valid fishing license issued by the State of Oregon except in the High Lakes Area 1 where a State Fishing License is not required.
14. Alcohol consumption is prohibited on the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon except at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, Indian Park and Indian Head Casino.
15. Anglers using the Reservation for recreational and other purposes do so at their own risk and expressly waive any rights or claims they may have against The Confederated Tribes of the Warm

Springs Reservation of Oregon of any nature whatsoever. Any non-member, non-resident committing a violation of this ordinance in the presence of a Tribal or Federal law enforcement officer may be immediately excluded from the Territory of the Confederated Tribes.
16. Tribal permits may be revoked for "cause" and any Tribal Enforcement Officer will escort violators off Tribal Property.
17. Tribal members have top priority for fishing opportunities on the Reservation. Any and all fishing guide business and fishing by non-member anglers are to be conducted so as not to interfere with any tribal members fishing from waters on or bordering the Reservation.

(V) ENFORCEMENT

(A) Tribal - Persons who violate these regulations may be subjected to a civil penalty in Tribal Court not to exceed the sum of $500 for each infraction. Equipment used in connection with such infraction including but not limited to fishing gear, boats and motor vehicles may be seized and held as security for such person's appearance before Tribal Court, and may be subject to sale or other disposition by the Tribes in the event such person fails to pay a civil penalty imposed by the Court.

(B) Federal - Persons fishing without a tribal permit or otherwise violating these regulations shall be punishable pursuant to the provisions of 18 United States Code; Section 1165. Additionally, persons violating these regulations are subject to citation into Warm Springs Tribal Court pursuant to the provisions of Warm Springs Tribal Code Chapter 340 and Chapter 360.

All anglers shall at all times obey this ordinance. Unless otherwise stated in these regulations, The Warm Springs Tribal Council adopts as tribal law, all sport fishing regulations of the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and all visitors fishing on the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon are hereby required to comply with such regulations.

APPROVED BY THE WARM SPRINGS TRIBAL COUNCIL.

9/29/25

Online Purchase At:
https://fisheries.warmsprings-nsn.gov/tribal-fishing-permits/