



**Plan safer floats with local knowledge. River shuttles help you avoid flooded take-outs and unsafe access points.**

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## **North Santiam River Safety Checklist**

*For Kayakers, Rafters & Anglers*

### **Before You Go**

- ☐ Check river flow and recent rainfall
- ☐ Tell someone your float plan and return time
- ☐ Confirm launch and take-out locations
- ☐ Check daylight hours and float duration
- ☐ Wear a U.S. Coast Guard–approved PFD
- ☐ Dress for cold water immersion
- ☐ Pack dry clothes in a waterproof bag
- ☐ Bring a whistle or sound-signaling device

### **On the River**

- ☐ Stay alert for downed trees and strainers
- ☐ Avoid hugging outside bends in fast water
- ☐ Watch for bridge pilings and hydraulics
- ☐ Keep feet up if floating through current
- ☐ Never stand up in fast or knee-deep water
- ☐ Avoid flooded banks and submerged roads

### **Angler-Specific Safety**

- ☐ Wear a wading belt at all times
- ☐ Shuffle feet to avoid foot entrapment
- ☐ Use a wading staff in moving water
- ☐ Avoid crossing swift or murky water

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### **If You Fall In**

- ☐ Stay calm
- ☐ Float on your back, feet up
- ☐ Angle toward shore
- ☐ Get warm immediately after exiting

