

MAKE A SPLASH: WATER SPORT ADVENTURES

This quick reference guide provides enough details to start your adventure, links to more comprehensive resources, and offers a sample itinerary.

DIGITAL GUIDE



[BLOG](#) | [VIDEO](#) | [PODCAST](#)

View the compilation of resources available online. Conditions change, comfort levels vary, goals for the experience differ, but the experience is always worth it.

OPPORTUNITIES

[PADDLEBOARDING & KAYAKING](#) | Class I Water

Two of the longest rivers in the country border the county. Many tributaries flow into these rivers, providing unique paddle trips.

- ◆ The **Wallula Gap** area is a geologic wonder, not to mention a migration stopover. Check the wind forecast before you go (*No Pass Required*)
- ◆ To the north, the **Palouse** and **Tucannon** Rivers offer remote paddling adventures (*Discover Pass Required at Lyons Ferry State Park*)
- ◆ **Bennington Lake** is an in-town, multi-use recreation destination (*No Pass Required*)
- ◆ **Jubilee** and **Indian** Lakes are located in the Blue Mountains, and the tranquility is worth the drive (*See Activity Specific Information on Day & Overnight Use*)

[RAFTING & WHITEWATER KAYAKING](#) | Class II-IV Water

The Wallowa & Grande Ronde Rivers both hold *Wild & Scenic River* designations, namely the sections most utilized for recreation.

- ◆ A section of the **Wallowa River** follows the Wallowa Lake Highway prior to its confluence with the Minam River & is a nice half-day shuttle
- ◆ The **Grande Ronde River** is runnable as a single or multi-day trip—contact the **Minam Store** to learn about their unique shuttle system for single day trips

[FISHING](#) | Lakes & Ponds, Rivers & Streams

Fishing regulations are highly specific and based on location and species. Please always consult the latest information available from the Washington or Oregon Departments of Fish & Wildlife.

RESOURCES

[GEAR & OUTFITTERS](#)

Links available via the blog or search the resources noted below:

- ◆ **Adventure Fit** offers guided tours & paddleboard and kayak rentals
- ◆ **Minam Store & Outfitters** guides fishing & recreational rafting tours
- ◆ **Whitman College Outdoor Recreation Program** has a robust rental shop
- ◆ The **United States Geologic Survey** (USGS) collects water data at many gauges
- ◆ The **Wind Alert** app is extremely helpful for the Wallula Gap area

EXPLORE, JOIN & SHOP



[VISIT OUTSIDE WALLA WALLA](#)

This on-going project is for you! Become a member, shop for swag, or advertise your business. Join us in building an outdoor recreation database for all.

ON THE GO



(Outside Walla Walla Favorite)

BREAKFAST

The Mill (*OG Peanut Butter Smoothie*)
Clarette's Restaurant (*Western Skillet*)
Taqueria Yungapeti (*#1 Breakfast Burrito*)

BRING A TOWEL

Plan on 2-5 Hours
(*Whitewater Activities 6-10 Hours*)

LUNCH

Wingman Birdz & Brewz (*Wings*)
Bacon & Eggs (*Carne Asada*)

SHOP

Bicycle Barn
Dusty's Ski & Snowboard Shop
Saager's Shoe Shop
Studio Opal

IN-TOWN RECREATION

Bennington Lake
Pioneer Park
Whitman Mission
Whitman Sculpture Walk

DINNER

Fiasco Pizza (*Chicken Rosemary*)
TMAC (*Wild King Salmon*)
The Salted Mill (*Seasonal Delights*)

ON THE SITE



MAP

Outside Walla Walla's map links to featured activities throughout the northern Blue Mountain region and Walla Walla valley.



EVENTS

From film festivals to trail runs, Outside Walla Walla promotes outdoor events.



FEATURED FUN

This list is curated to showcase seasonably appropriate outdoor recreation activities.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO—Many of the river access points are less utilized areas. Recreate with others, or at least let someone know your plans in advance. River conditions change quickly, especially on the Wallowa & Grande Ronde Rivers. Know how to identify the difference between a hatchery fish and native species. Bring plenty of water or a filtration system as many of the river excursions in the valley expose recreators to direct sun and high temperatures. Do not rely on cell phone service.