

Welcome to Chinook Bend Natural Area



Tons of things are underway to enhance your experience here!

Welcome to this 59-acre ecological preserve. This wonderful park was donated to King County in 2000 by Nestlé USA to preserve fish and wildlife habitat and enhance passive recreational use.



Welcome Camp Korey

Camp Korey, a new camp for seriously ill children has opened at the former Nestlé Carnation Farm property. The farm's agricultural heritage makes it special. We hope campers from both Camp Korey and Camp Gilead enjoy this park next door!

Thank you

- To Nestlé USA for donating this ecologically important piece of land to King County Parks. Fish, wildlife and people all benefit!
- To the many volunteers that have planted over 15,000 trees and native shrubs here.
- To the generous funders:
 - ♦ King Conservation District
 - ♦ King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks WaterWorks Grant
 - ♦ Resource and Conservation Funding Board, Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant
 - ♦ Salmon Recovery Funding Board
 - ♦ U.S. Fish and Wildlife North American Wetland Conservation Act grant

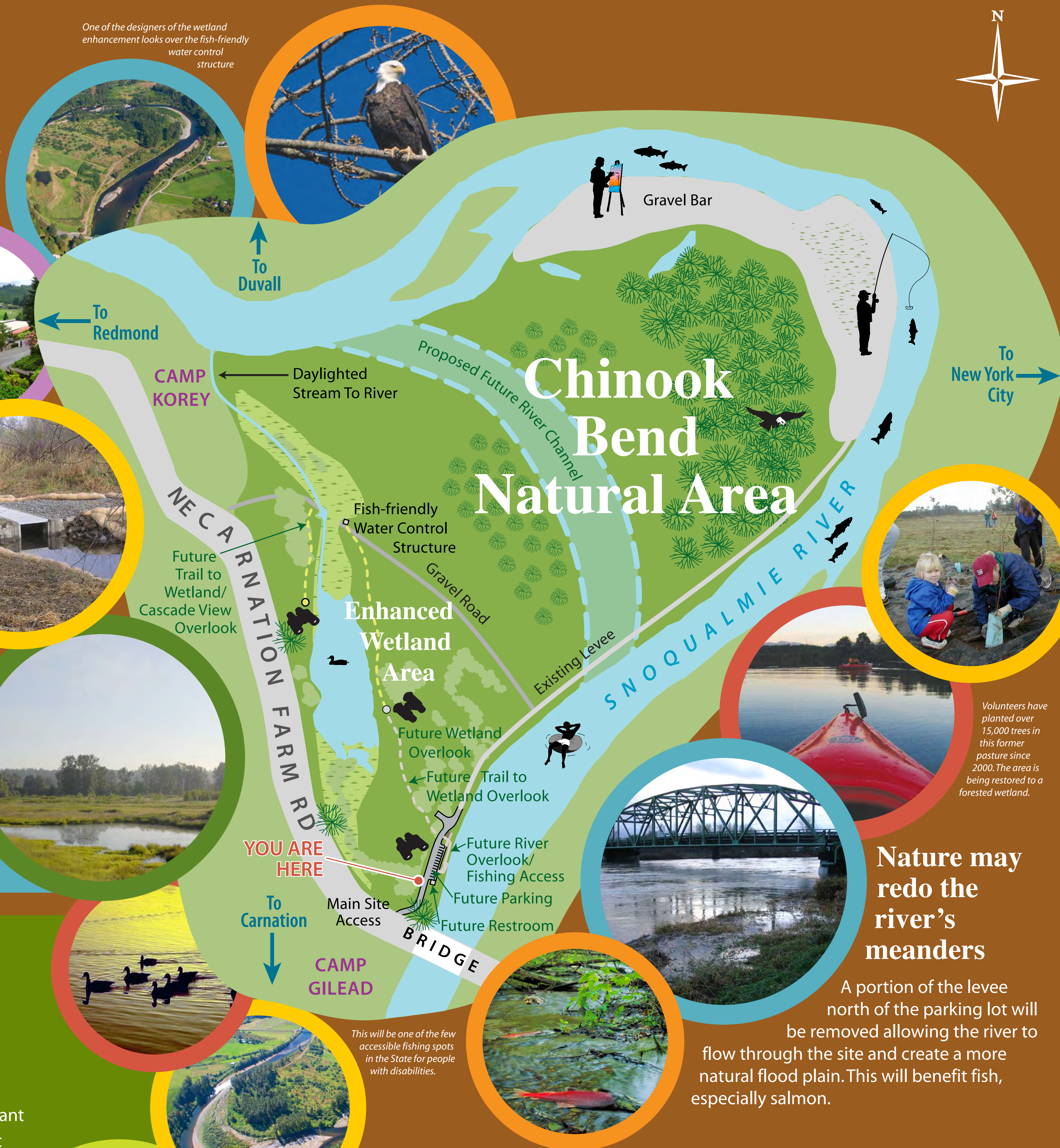


Amenities to come, thanks to the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Grant

A safe and expanded parking lot, river and wetland overlooks, a vault bathroom and American Disability Act accessible trails from the river to the wetland...these amenities are being planned now and will be constructed in 2009 thanks to the Resource Conservation Funding Board's ALEA grant. See map for proposed locations of future amenities.

Funding for ALEA comes from leases on state-owned waterfront sites and sale of harvest rights for geoduck claims.

One of the designers of the wetland enhancement looks over the fish-friendly water control structure



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Volunteers have planted over 15,000 trees in this former pasture since 2000. The area is being restored to a forested wetland.

Nature may redo the river's meanders

A portion of the levee north of the parking lot will be removed allowing the river to flow through the site and create a more natural flood plain. This will benefit fish, especially salmon.

An enhanced wetland, a source of clean water

Ducks Unlimited partnered with King County to enhance a wetland here. The project uses highly-treated reclaimed water from Carnation's new treatment plant. The project allows us to:

- daylight the stream channel going to the river;
- use oil moisture management to control reed canary grass and other weeds;
- manage water levels with a fish-friendly water control structure;
- create mounds and depressions to provide food and shelter for amphibians, birds, fish and other wildlife; and
- plant native trees and shrubs to restore the surrounding marsh and forested wetlands to how it used to be.

This wetland is not a treatment wetland, the water is clean when it arrives. The water is treated to Class A reclaimed water standards, which are the strictest standards of the state's departments of Health and Ecology. Using reclaimed water here, and perhaps for irrigation in the valley in the future, allows for a real benefit from this water resource. For a tour of the plant, call 206-296-8286.

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