

BIG CREEK COUNTY PARK

Location:

Big Creek Lane off of Hillcrest Loop, ½ mile south of Hwy. 30 at milepost 82, Knappa area

Size:

36 acres, including 1,500 linear feet Big Creek

Ownership Status:

County

Land-use zone:

Recreational Management (RM)

Classification:

Shared-use

Description/Natural Features:

This county park site, which adjoins Big Creek, provides an attractive, secluded, natural setting for stream fishing and day-use activities. The vegetation communities onsite are diverse and include riparian areas along Big Creek, open field and flat forested areas, wetlands, and forested foothills. The vegetation found within the boundaries of the park is typical of native plant communities found in Clatsop County. This park provides direct access to Big Creek salmon, steelhead and trout fisheries.



Facility Inventory:

- Single baseball field, backstop, benches and concession stand located north of the entrance road. It is currently being partially maintained by local residents, and is used as a practice field.
- Primitive walking paths throughout site and along banks of creek.
- A graveled cul-de-sac turnaround area and informal parking area at terminus of entrance road. Vehicle barriers have been installed to define parking area
- Vehicular access provided over a county-maintained, paved 16-foot wide entrance road that connects to Hillcrest Loop.



Geological Significance:

Big Creek is a coastal foothills stream that flows from the west slope of Nicolai Mountain in a northerly direction for a distance of about 10 miles to the confluence with the Columbia River. Upstream mining activities during the 1990s caused the stream channel of Big Creek to change.

Acquisition by County:

The property was acquired from the Knappa Development Company on April 4, 1969, for \$17,000.

