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Celebrating the Eastbank Esplanade:  
Portland's New Waterfront Experience

## Visitor Information Eastbank Esplanade

Primarily a pedestrian/bicycle corridor, the Eastbank Esplanade provides visitors with a unique and distinctively urban experience. The completed portion of the Esplanade is approximately one mile long, extending along the Willamette River from the Steel Bridge south to the Hawthorne Bridge. Here, the roar of the freeway and whistle of trains to the east mingle with the sounds of the river on the west. Managed by Portland Parks and Recreation, the Esplanade offers unparalleled views of downtown Portland and leaves visitors with a whole new perspective of the river.

### SHARING THE WALKWAY

Pedestrians, bicycles and other forms of non-motorized transit are welcome on the Esplanade. This includes rollerblades, skateboards and non-motorized scooters. *Please exercise caution and be considerate of others as you travel along the walkway.*

When on the walkway, please keep to the right and pass on the left.

The Eastbank Esplanade is the perfect place to walk, run, or cycle, but it is not wide enough to safely accommodate competitive races or timed events.

Along some areas of the Esplanade, freeway noise makes it difficult to hear. This creates a potential safety hazard. Be aware that others may not be able to hear your warnings.

Skateboarding, bikes, scooters and rollerblades are allowed on the pathway only.

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#### USING THE BOAT DOCKS

**NORTH DOCK:** On the northern dock, adjacent to the floating walkway, transient moorage is provided in designated areas for up to 72 hours. There is no charge. A portion of the docking area is painted yellow, indicating that it is reserved for permitted commercial use only.

**SOUTH DOCK:** Short-term transient moorage, up to 1 hour, is provided in designated areas at the southern dock, near the Hawthorne Bridge to give boaters an opportunity to experience the Esplanade. The inside portion of the docking area is reserved for public safety vessels only. **NO COMMERCIAL** use of this dock is allowed.

Fishing is not allowed from the docks.

#### RESTROOM FACILITIES

Permanent restroom facilities are anticipated as part of future Esplanade development. In the meantime, portable toilets are positioned at the south end, near the Hawthorne Bridge, and on the north end, just north of the gangway leading to the floating walkway.

#### FLOATING WALKWAY

Boat tie-up is not allowed along the floating walkway. It has not been designed for this purpose and tie-up could result in damage to boats.

#### USING THE LIFT

The ADA motorized lift at the Burnside Bridge exit is designed for disabled visitors only. Until a camera and call box are installed later in 2001, the lift can be accessed with a universal ADA key. Keys can be obtained free of charge from Portland Parks and Recreation at 1120 SW Fifth Ave., Portland, OR 97204, 503.823.2223 v/tt or email [pkweb@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:pkweb@ci.portland.or.us).

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### GENERAL REGULATIONS AND PRECAUTIONS

Alcoholic beverages are allowed by permit only.

Leash and scoop laws apply and will be enforced. Owners are encouraged to keep their dogs on a short leash.

Fires and fireworks are prohibited.

Swimming and diving are not allowed. No lifeguard is on duty and no beach area is provided.

Combined sewer outfalls cross under the Esplanade and empty into the Willamette River at several locations. Signs warn visitors of the dangers of coming into contact with river water after major rainstorm events.

Visitors are encouraged to stay on the pathways. Use extreme caution if you choose to leave the pathway or plaza areas, as slopes are steep and rock can be unstable.

For your safety, be aware of your surroundings, including pedestrian activity on the bridges as you pass below.

Be aware that debris is thrown from vehicles on the freeway from time to time. As a precaution, fencing has been installed along critical areas of the freeway.

Walk with a friend.

Be respectful of the wildlife that make the Eastbank their home.

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#### HOW TO GET THERE

The bridges are the key to connecting with the Eastbank Esplanade. Enter just north of the Hawthorne Bridge at the foot of SE Madison Street, from the Morrison Bridge pedestrian ramp, or from the overlook at the east end of the Steel Bridge, just across from the Rose Quarter Transit Station. With the exception of the Morrison Bridge pedestrian/bicycle ramp, all entrances are ADA accessible. The Burnside Bridge connector is an *exit only* and features an ADA motorized lift. Pedestrian walkways on the Hawthorne Bridge and Steel Bridge provide the primary access from the westside.

#### VIA MASS TRANSIT TO OR FROM THE DOWNTOWN TRANSIT MALL

To reach the Rose Quarter Transit Station at the north entrance to the Esplanade, take Light Rail or #4 Fessenden, #5 Interstate, or #8 N. E. 15th Ave. To reach the southern entrance, the #6 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., #10 Harold, #14 Hawthorne stop on the Hawthorne Bridge as well as at the foot of the bridge. There is an ADA accessible ramp from the bridge to the Esplanade, but it can only be safely accessed from the northern pedestrian walkway. Questions? Call Tri-Met at 238-RIDE (7433).

#### PARKING

Limited on-street parking is available near entrances. The Esplanade parking lot is currently under construction. It will be located between SE Madison and Salmon Streets, with entrances at Main and Salmon. The lot is scheduled for completion by late summer.

