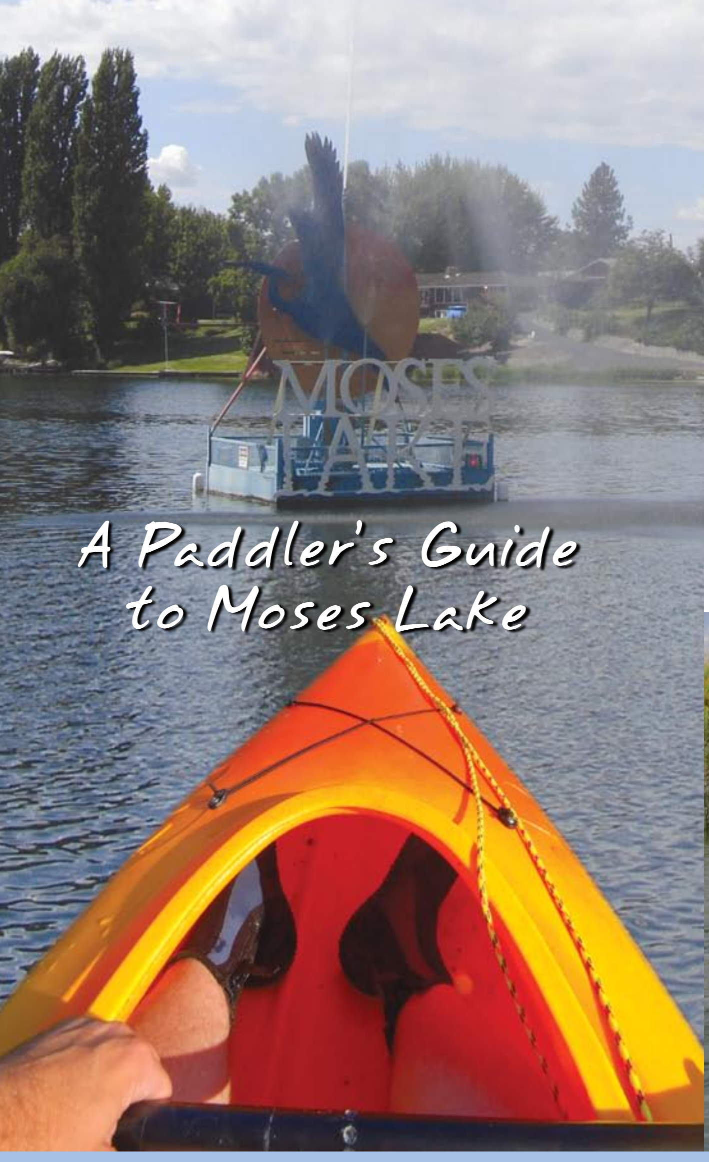
MOSES LAKE
WATER TRAIL



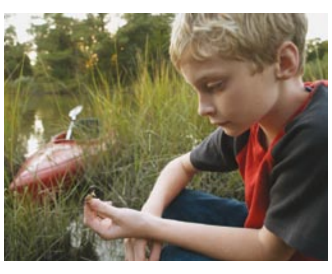
A Paddler's Guide to Moses Lake

Water Trail Etiquette

- Be a good steward of the waterways and shorelines. Obey all posted rules pertaining to parking and boating.
- Always respect private homes and property along the waterfront.
- Launch, land, and take breaks at designated Moses Lake Water Trail sites: Sites will be marked with signs visible from both land and water.
- Always give the right-of-way to swimmers.
- Tread lightly on wetlands and environmentally sensitive areas. View wildlife from a distance.
- Obey all lights and signals on the waterways.

Kayaking in front of John Calbom Park

The Moses Lake Water Trail



Moses Lake Trails give us different ways to experience our surroundings. Besides being avenues for recreation and transportation, they highlight our history and heritage and provide opportunity to enhance our health.

The Water Trails of Moses Lake provide wonderful recreational paths through the largest natural body of water in Grant County. Moses Lake is over 18 miles long. It covers 6,500 acres of water and has over 120 miles of shoreline. The many launch and landing sites along the shoreline allow both tourists and residents to find their special place on the water in Moses Lake.

The Water Trail was designed especially to encourage the use of small, non-motorized boats such as rowboats, sailboats, canoes and kayaks to experience the magnificent waterways of Moses Lake and to enjoy the many unique parks along the shoreline.

For More information on Moses Lake Trails Contact Parks and Recreation at **509-766-9240** or visit **www.mlrec.com**

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Goals for the Water Trail

- To encourage people to experience Moses Lake while preserving the natural environment and building better health.
- To provide access to local waterways for recreation and education.
- To enhance a strong stewardship ethic for the natural beauty of our lake.
- To support improvements to sites and facilities that benefit small, non-motorized boats.
- To highlight places of interest along and within each waterfront community.
- To encourage residents, communities, and resource agencies to work together to support a regional water trail system.

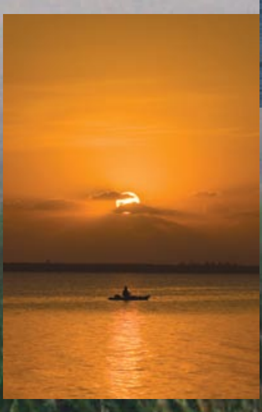
Stewardship along the Trail

We are all stewards of the land and water. Instilling a strong stewardship ethic for the aquatic environment is an important part of managing our blue trails.

How can you make a difference in your community's waterfront? You can volunteer as a site or trail steward, take part, or organize a clean-up or litter patrol, or join a city committee to help guide local planning decisions. Whatever your interests, the Moses Lake Park and Recreation Department appreciates your involvement. Please give us a call at 509 766-9240.

Boating Safety

- Below is a partial list of regulations for small watercraft. For additional safety information, consult the WA Boater Guide (free from the WA State Parks Boating Programs Office).
- All boats must carry a US Coast Guard approved Type 1, II, or III life jacket in good condition and the proper size for every person on board.
- Children 12 years and younger are required to wear US Coast Guard approved life jackets on boats shorter than 19 feet.
- All boats must carry a US Coast Guard approved signaling device such as a whistle or air horn at all times.
- At dusk, in the fog or at night, all boats must be lit. A simple flashlight is acceptable on a rowboat, kayak or canoe.



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1. **Connelly Park -** Playground, picnic, swimming, boat launch and dock. Full restroom facilities with handicapped access. Camping area planned for 2009.
2. **Cascade Park -** Camping, boat launch and dock. Restrooms and large open spaces.
3. **Neppel Landing -** Boat racks and informal launch site. Many restaurants and downtown shopping within a few blocks.
4. **McCosh Park -** Central downtown park with large Aqua Center pool, amphitheatre and Surf and Slide Water Park.
5. **Montlake Park -** Covered picnic area, restrooms, boat launch and dock.
6. **Peninsula Park -** Boat launch and dock.
7. **Blue Heron Park -** Large park with boat dock, swimming area, restrooms and many picnic sites. Easy access to I-90 freeway.
8. **Bureau Irrigation Dams -** Informal boat launch site with restrooms. Outlet water trail connects to large Potholes Reservoir. Major bird watching area.

Summer sunset on Moses Lake

Two kayakers cooling off in the mist at the Alder Street fountain

Boat racks at Neppel Landing

Camping at Cascade Park

NEW Flowrider® at the Surf n' Slide Water Park at McCosh Park

Kayaking the Water Trail

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