Champoeg State Heritage Area preserves the birthplace of American government in Oregon and much more in a pastoral setting along the Willamette River.

**CAMPGROUND**

**Year-round Camping**
- 8 full-hookup sites (sewer, electricity, water)
- 67 electric sites with water
- 6 tent sites
- 6 yurts (D, E & F are pet friendly)
- 6 cabins (CA, C5 and C6 are pet friendly)
- 3 group tent camping areas

**Camping Rates**
Rates for state park campsites are subject to change. You can get up-to-date information by calling 1-800-551-6949 or visiting www.oregonstateparks.org.

**Yurts and Cabins**
Enjoy the year-round comforts of a cozy cabin or a yurt—a dormed tent with structural support. All facilities have wooden floors, a lockable door, lights, wall heater, ceiling fan, table and chairs, porch bench, and an outdoor fire ring and picnic table. Water, restrooms and parking are nearby. Sleeping amenities include a bunk bed with vinyl-covered mattress that sleeps two. Up to two pets (dogs and/or cats only) are allowed in the pet-friendly facilities for an additional nightly fee.

**Universal Access**
All of the cabins, one yurt (F), five of the campsites (A9, A11, B18, B19, and B23), and one walk-in tent site (T5) are accessible according to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**A Fun Place to Discover**
Champoeg’s rich cultural heritage and natural resources come alive thanks to a variety of special events, ranger-led tours and living history displays. The park also offers Junior Ranger and evening campfire programs in the summer.

**Watch for Wildlife**
Wildlife abounds in the park. More than 130 bird species have been identified here. Western Bluebirds are among the most notable year-round residents. Look for these rare songbirds and their nest boxes along the Townsite hiking trail and the park’s bicycle trail. Ask for a Champoeg bird checklist at the visitor center.

**Champoeg’s Long History**
Prior to 1840: The Champoeg prairie was home to Kalapuya Indians, who used the area for hunting, fishing, and gathering camas bulbs. Fur trappers first visited Champoocick, as the area was known, in 1811. The Willamette Post was established in 1813 to serve the trappers.

The Seeds of Government: In 1841, area settlers began holding “wolf meetings” to discuss problems with predators. Eventually, the meetings turned to larger issues, and on May 2, 1843, the settlers voted 52 to 50 to establish the new provisional government for the area.

Transportation Hub: Although the provisional government moved to Oregon City in 1844, Champoeg’s location on the river made it a regular stop for stagecoaches and steam boats. By the end of the 1850s, the town had grown to 60 buildings and a population of 200. In 1861, a flood washed away most of the wooden buildings, and the townsite was abandoned.

Champoeg remained an important transportation link until another disastrous flood led to its total abandonment in 1892.

**Preserving the Past**
Champoeg Visitor Center: Exhibits bring to life the ways of the Kalapuya, fur trappers, explorers, and settlers who lived in this area. Call 503-678-1251 ext. 221 for center hours and program information. Also on site: Pioneer Memorial Building and Monument: The restored plaza area commemorates the 1843 vote.

Manson Barn and Farmstead: Erected in 1862, the barn is an original Champoeg building salvaged after the 1861 flood.

A four-mile bicycle trail begins in the Riverside Day-use Area, winds through meadows and along the river bank, and ends at the park’s Historic Butteville Store (open seasonally). A one-mile hiking trail passes the park’s historic townsite.
- Campground quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- All vehicles must be parked on pavement.
- Bicycles are not permitted on hiking trails. They are allowed on park roads, but must be ridden with the traffic flow. Riders under age 16 must wear helmets.
- Pets must be physically restrained at all times when not confined in a vehicle or tent. Leashes must be no longer than six feet. All waste must be properly removed. (See our “Pets in Parks” brochure for details.) There is an off-leash exercise field in the Riverside Day-use Area and campground.
- Do not attach chains or embed nails or other objects in trees or shrubs.
- Gathering materials for firewood is prohibited.

Check-in after 4 p.m. Check-out by 1 p.m.

NOTE: The A Loop is open only from April 1 to October 31. Yurts, cabins, and B Loop campsites are open all year.

To Schuler Rd and Historic Butteville Store