

Accessibility

<p>Most of the facilities at Chief Joseph Dam are generally barrier-free. Due to necessary large elevation changes at the dam, there are some more challenging areas.</p>			
<p>Visitor Route to the Visitor Center</p>	<p>During the April thru October Visitor Season, these are the directions: Drive to the South side of the Columbia River Bridge, turn left (away from Bridgeport, towards the dam). Take the first left and continue to the Security Station in the middle of the road. A guard will direct you as needed.</p>	<p>Visitor Center</p>	<p>The first floor is fully accessible and includes restrooms. The second floor theatre is reached by a stairway so it is not accessible. An alternative audiovisual show is available on the first floor in both Spanish and English. The route of the guided tours can be altered to accommodate wheelchairs.</p>
	<p>The sidewalks, and exhibits are accessible. There are accessible</p>		

Spillway Viewpoint	restrooms reached via a ramp. A water fountain is located outside the restrooms.
<u>Orientation Area</u>	Sidewalks, exhibits and restrooms are fully accessible. Picnic tables that accommodate wheelchairs are on the lawn. The Maze has 36 inch wide gravel paths and frequent intersecting paths that allow wheelchairs to pass or turnaround. The Labyrinth has 18 inch wide paved paths for walking and low cut grass between them. Wheelchairs can roll on both the grass and pavement. The path to the overlook on the Columbia River's north bank is fully accessible. That

	<p>path connects to the 2 & 1/2 mile long North Shore Trail System.</p>
<p>Debris Basin</p>	<p>A fully accessible shoreline fishing platform. A sturdy set of stairs beside the platform allows the ambulatory visitors easier water level access. Other accessible facilities located here include a paved parking area, a vault toilet, fire rings and picnic tables. A well packed gravel trail begins from the graveled portion of the parking lot and arcs around the shoreline of the Debris Basin and then splits to end at both the Upstream Boat Ramp area and also on the far side of the Debris Basin itself. This South</p>

	<p>shore trail is accessible for the slightly more adventuresome.</p>
<p>Willow Flat</p>	<p>An excellent barrier-free day use area. Willow Flat is located on the south shore just downstream from the Upstream Boat Ramp Facilities include a shelter, picnic tables, a fire ring and a floating fishing platform. Both sidewalks and the parking area are paved. An accessible vault toilet is located at the nearby Upstream Boat Ramp.</p>

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