

Reed Island Clean-Up
and
Kayak Camping Week-End

July 25th & 26th

Reed Island State Park is a marine park on the Columbia River just offshore from Cottonwood Beach near Washougal, WA. Ten primitive campsites are available to boaters of all types. They aren't what we'd normally consider primitive - they have tables, fire rings, and a toilet. Washington State Parks (WSP) does a clean-up with the help of Lower Columbia River Water Trails every spring, but by mid-summer the reed canary grass can be three feet high and the campground have an accumulation of litter. We've arranged with WSP to organize a morning work party to provide a well deserved clean-up. Work to be done will probably be weed-eating, raking grass, and piling the grass on the island away from the campsites. Last, we'll pick up litter. It is expected to take around 2 to 3 hours, depending on the number of participants. We also intend to pick up litter along the beach area. WSP will provide everything needed except for work gloves. They will also remove all the debris that we collect.

and then

The remainder of the week-end would be camping, paddling, and having a good time. If you are new to kayak camping, this will be a good introduction, without the long drive to a wilderness location... to deciding what you need to bring, packing your boat, and for sharing information with others. We will have several organized day trips of moderate length (4-6 miles). We can also have demonstrations for setting up tarps and discussions on Leave No Trace camping.

You are welcome to join the clean-up even if you can't join us for the week-end.

To register before July 4th, contact Mike Cenedella at ropes12@comcast.net. Mike will also answer gear questions for new kayak campers.

After July 4th, contact Ruth Spetter at rspetter@aol.com.