The Schafer State Park Concept Plan enhances the park by preserving historic and natural character and enhancing recreation while improving resilience to river flooding. Careful analysis of the East Fork Satsop River hydrology led to a determination that areas exist that are impacted by low-velocity flooding where minimal maintenance is required after flood waters recede. Other areas exist where considerable maintenance is required due to higher-velocity flooding accompanied by gravel deposits. In this Plan, existing campsites within the low-velocity flood areas are retained. Areas impacted by high-velocity flooding have been reimagined to foster activities that are more resilient and beneficial to local ecosystems. The design also includes naturally stabilized stream banks and improved recreational offerings, and park infrastructure that engages people within a complex and beautiful landscape.

Overall Park Plan Attributes

- The history of Schafer State Park is celebrated and interpreted and historic structures are preserved
- Preservation of the East Fork Satsop River, floodplain, wetlands, native forest habitat and natural beauty
- Flood-prone areas have less intensive development to reduce maintenance
- Expanded and renovated camping facilities to improve visitation and extend the camping season
- Expansion of programming and activity options drawing old and new visitors to the park
- Riverside day use areas are created or enhanced to improve river access, gathering opportunities and recreation as part of the expanded river inner-tubing route
- New trails connect campgrounds to day use and camping areas expanding site exploration opportunities
- Loop trails connect the East and West Areas with an expanded trail network north of the river
- Universal accessibility is improved with accessible trails, boardwalks and overlooks
- All new buildings (welcome center, cabins, comfort stations) are sited out of the 100-year floodplain or elevated at minimum two feet above the 100-year flood level
- A new Welcome Center offers visitor orientation, camping reservations, convenience item sales, ranger outreach opportunities and park historical information displays
- Wetlands are protected and enhanced and wetland buffer impacts are mitigated on site
- Floodwaters will be encouraged to dissipate more quickly and be deflected away from high use areas through new drainage swales, box culverts and enhancement of an existing relic river channel which will also improve wildlife habitat
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Facilities and Uses

Welcome Center
A Welcome Center is proposed at Schafer State Park to provide an office for the park ranger, a place for visitors to receive park orientation and recreation information, register for campsites, as well as purchase camping sundries. The Welcome Center will also be a location for displaying historic Schafer State Park artifacts, photos and interpretive signs to tell the story of the rich history of the site. It is sited at the new park entry off West Schafer Park Road, west of the existing Ranger Residence. With the new Welcome Center in this location, and the new primary one-way vehicular circulation system, all visitors will pass by the Welcome Center and easily navigate to their destination off the loop drive.

Additionally, the Welcome Center provides the following:
- Encourages visitors to enter the park via the Welcome Center in order to receive park orientation and information and register for campsites
- Proximity to the Ranger Residence, while maintaining separation between the buildings.
- Includes 150’ of vehicular queuing space in the entry drive
- Includes a self-registration kiosk for use after hours
## Welcome Center Program

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