

ROGUE RIVER BASIN

At 5,300 feet, the headwaters of the Rogue spring from the slopes of the Cascade Mountains. From the boundary of Crater Lake National Park to Rogue River National Forest, 40 miles of the Upper Rogue are designated as Wild & Scenic. Downstream, the William L. Jess Dam forms Lost Creek Reservoir. After Grants Pass, the river cuts a deep canyon through the remote Klamath-Siskiyou Mountains. From the mouth of the Applegate River to the Lobster Creek bridge, 203.5 miles of the lower Rogue and its tributaries are now protected as Wild & Scenic rivers. Journeying through the Klamath-Siskiyou Mountains, the Rogue finally flows into the Pacific Ocean at Gold Beach, Oregon, 215 miles from its source.

FAST FACTS

- Watershed:** 3.3 million acres
- Length:** 215 miles
- Source:** Boundary Springs
- Mouth:** Gold Beach
- 1st Peoples:** Takelma, Latgawa, Tolowa Dee'ni, Tututni, and Cow Creek Umpqua
- Key Fish:** Coho, Chinook, Steelhead Green Sturgeon, Lamprey

WATER QUALITY 2022

SAMPLE SITES

LOCATION	REGION	%	GRD
1 - Emigrant Reservoir	Ashland	100	A+
2 - Bear Creek @ N. Mtn Park	Ashland	92	A
3 - Ashland Cr. @ Lithia Park	Ashland	100	A+
4 - Ashland Cr. @ Swim Reservoir	Ashland	100	A+
5 - Wagner Cr. @ Valley View Rd.	Talent	50	F
6 - Applegate R. @ Cantrall Buckley	Applegate	100	A+
7 - Applegate Lake @ Hart-Tish Park	Applegate	100	A+
8 - Grave Creek, Mouth	Grants Pass	100	A+
9 - Rogue River @ Grave Creek	Grants Pass	100	A+
10 - Rogue River @ Baker Park	Grants Pass	85	B
11 - Evans Cr. @ Palmerton Park	Rogue River	62	F
12 - Rogue River @ Gold Hill Park	Gold Hill	100	A+
13 - Little Butte Cr. @ Harnish Park	Eagle Point	39	F
14 - Baby Bear Creek	Medford	100	A+
15 - Bear Creek @ Bear Creek Park	Medford	77	C
16 - Lost Creek Lake	Shady Cove	100	A+
17 - Illinois River @ Six Mile	Illinois Valley	100	A+
18 - W. Illinois River @ Forks St. Park	Illinois Valley	100	A+
19 - Rogue River @ Agness	Lower Rogue	100	A+
20 - Rogue River @ Quosantana	Lower Rogue	100	A+
21 - Rogue River @ Lex's Landing	Lower Rogue	100	A+

A = 100-90% B = 89 - 80% C = 79 - 70%
 D = 69 - 65% F = < 65%

The % column above represents the percent of total samples that met the Oregon DEQ bacteria water quality standard this year.

BACTERIA LEVELS, 2022

- 100-90% of samples met standard
- 89-60% of samples met standard
- < 60% of samples met standard

*Based on bacteria water quality standards set by Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality.

