

The dam is down. Now is the time for humans to step up!

and volunteer for the

Auburn Ravine Salmon Survey Project



A 3-foot-long Chinook Salmon attempts to jump the old Hemphill Dam.

Now that the Hemphill Dam east of Lincoln has been removed, salmon have access to four times more spawning area in Auburn Ravine than they have had for almost 100 years!

We have been doing Salmon Surveys below the dam every fall-winter since 2016. Now that the dam is gone, we need more volunteers so we can cover the creek sections upstream from the old dam site as well as the sections below there.

You and a partner will walk/wade upstream along a section of the creek on occasional Saturday mornings. The creek sections are two miles or less in length. We usually do surveys on about eight Saturdays in the fall-winter season (weather and water conditions permitting.) We also sometimes do mid-week surveys. Each pair of volunteers needs to have two cars so they can drive back to their starting point when they are done with the survey. Volunteers do not have to participate every Saturday but can do so if they wish. Young people, age 13 to 17, are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. All volunteers, parents, or legal guardians will need to sign a waiver form. It will be best if volunteers have their own wading boots (the chest-high type), but some loaners are available. Training on survey methods will be provided. Our Project Managers kick off the Saturday events at McBean Park in Lincoln at 9AM. Most volunteers complete their sections by Noon. If you volunteered with us in the last few years, we have you on our list and we will contact you when we are ready to schedule the first survey of the season. (Usually, a few days after a rainstorm drops 2-3 inches of rain in the area.)

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