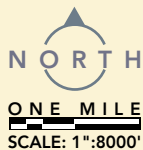
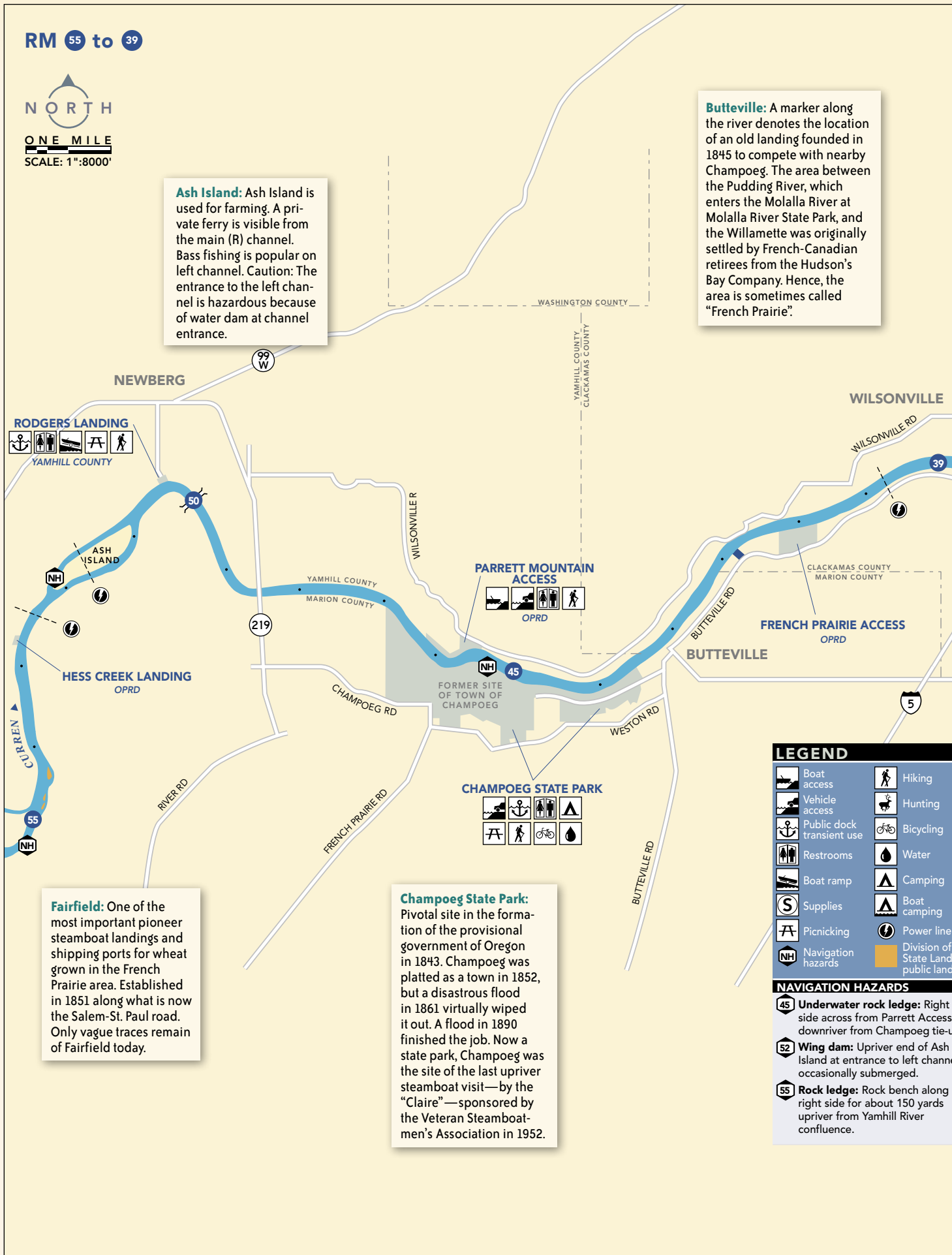


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Ash Island: Ash Island is used for farming. A private ferry is visible from the main (R) channel. Bass fishing is popular on left channel. Caution: The entrance to the left channel is hazardous because of water dam at channel entrance.

Butteville: A marker along the river denotes the location of an old landing founded in 1845 to compete with nearby Champoege. The area between the Pudding River, which enters the Molalla River at Molalla River State Park, and the Willamette was originally settled by French-Canadian retirees from the Hudson's Bay Company. Hence, the area is sometimes called "French Prairie".



Fairfield: One of the most important pioneer steamboat landings and shipping ports for wheat grown in the French Prairie area. Established in 1851 along what is now the Salem-St. Paul road. Only vague traces remain of Fairfield today.

Champoege State Park: Pivotal site in the formation of the provisional government of Oregon in 1843. Champoege was platted as a town in 1852, but a disastrous flood in 1861 virtually wiped it out. A flood in 1890 finished the job. Now a state park, Champoege was the site of the last upriver steamboat visit—by the "Claire"—sponsored by the Veteran Steamboatmen's Association in 1952.

LEGEND

	Boat access		Hiking
	Vehicle access		Hunting
	Public dock transient use		Bicycling
	Restrooms		Water
	Boat ramp		Camping
	Supplies		Boat camping
	Picnicking		Power line
	Navigation hazards		Division of State Lands public land

NAVIGATION HAZARDS

- 45** **Underwater rock ledge:** Right side across from Parrett Access; downriver from Champoege tie-up.
- 52** **Wing dam:** Upriver end of Ash Island at entrance to left channel; occasionally submerged.
- 55** **Rock ledge:** Rock bench along right side for about 150 yards upriver from Yamhill River confluence.

Maps are generally accurate, but do not display all navigational hazards, including impassable channels, in-water obstructions or rapids. **Boaters beware: river conditions change frequently.**