



FUNFACTS

FISHING & HUNTING

Lake Kapowsin is a popular bass and trout fishing destination. Over 30,000 Rainbow Trout were planted by WDFW in 2015.

It is one of the few lakes in the area open for waterfowl hunting.

DROWNED FOREST

The lake was formed 500 years ago when the Electron mudflow rushed down the slopes of Mount Rainier, dammed Kapowsin Creek, and flooded the forested valley.

Tree stumps and logs from the underwater forest are still there today and provide habitat for fish and amphibians.

HISTORY

Lake Kapowsin area has been used by people for thousands of years. As one of the earliest ice-free areas, the valley was an important Cascade foothills travel route.

In the early 1900s, lumber mills dotted the shoreline. A town with over 900 people was located just west of the present-day public boat launch.



What does an aquatic reserve mean for you?

- 1 Hunting, fishing & boating.** The aquatic reserve will protect important aquatic habitats used by fish and waterfowl, ensuring future generations can continue to enjoy hunting, fishing, and boating at Lake Kapowsin.
- 2 Public access & clean shorelines.** A safe and clean public access area is a local priority. DNR will work with the community and WDFW to organize community clean-ups and improve safety at the boat launch.
- 3 Community planning & vision.** The values and vision of the community help guide reserve management. Partnerships with nearby residents, recreational users, and local organizations keep shorelines clean, protect habitat, and foster fishing, hunting, boating, and public access at the lake.
- 4 Native habitat protection & resource monitoring.** Protecting native habitats, such as the underwater forest and wetlands, keep fish, bird and amphibian populations healthy.



➔ The aquatic reserve includes only state-owned aquatic lands. Private property is not affected.

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