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Welcome Spokane River Water Trail Stewards

Huge thanks to Lyte Balance, Silver Bow, Kaiser Aluminum and Flow Adventures for being our first Water Trail Stewards. Each of these companies has adopted one or more Spokane River Water Trail access points.

Since founding the Water Trail in 2010, the Forum and partners have developed or restored 18 river access points. Over the summer parking areas are full and the river has the color of happy recreators. Water trail stewards help us with cleanup, riparian restoration and promoting a safe experience.

Interested in becoming a steward? <u>Contact us</u> for more information.











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Park

Years of design and patience is paying off for Spokane River lovers.

Avista is beginning construction of Upriver Park. Located across from Avista's headquarters, the three-acre park includes vacating part of Upriver Drive north of Mission Avenue. For flat-water enthusiasts, Upriver Park will provide great connectivity and a place to relax for those paddling the Spokane River Water Trail to and from the Convention Center and U District downstream.

Construction began the beginning of August and will initially focus on reconfiguring the N. Center and Upriver Drive intersection along with tree/vegetation trimming along the east side of Upriver Drive. September will bring utility and earthwork with asphalt removal and the realignment and expansion of the Centennial Trail in the former footprint of Upriver Drive. By October and November the landscaping, fencing, masonry, and pavers will be placed. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of fall.

The Spokane River Forum is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that creates materials, events and activities that promote sustaining a healthy river system while meeting the needs of a growing population.