



## ***Marion County*** OREGON

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### **Buena Vista Ferry Offers A Unique Ride Across the Willamette River**

With summer vacation here and another holiday weekend approaching, the Buena Vista Ferry, located just south of Jefferson in Marion County, can be a unique and fun family adventure...at a very low cost.

The short ferry ride is free to pedestrians and bicycle riders and costs one dollar for motorcycles and two dollars for cars. The ferry is mostly used to transport local residents, farmers and their equipment as well as bicyclists. But it can also be a great way for individuals and families to explore the scenery of the area and take a different look at the mighty Willamette.

“Riding the ferry is like riding a piece of history,” explained Marion County Commissioner Patti Milne. “This ferry route dates back to 1851, with some historical photos showing it in operation in 1906. With the state celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, honoring the Buena Vista Ferry by taking a ride on it is one great way to salute our state and our county,” she said.

On the east side of the ferry, riders start out in Marion County and cross over into Polk County to the community of Buena Vista which is just south of the City of Independence.

The ferry is closed on Mondays and Tuesday and operates Wednesday through Sunday.

**Directions to the Buena Vista Ferry:** From west side of river - south of Independence past Independence Bridge, turn left at Buena Vista Road, stay on Buena Vista Road to the ferry. From Salem - South River Road over Independence Bridge, turn left.  
From I-5 - take Talbot Road exit, head west.

More information on fees and hours of the ferry may be found at  
[www.co.marion.or.us/PW/Operations/buenavistaferryfees.htm](http://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/Operations/buenavistaferryfees.htm)

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