

The good, the bad, and the unusual: What makes a boating access work (or not)?

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Access Opportunity Spectrum (AOS)



Development
Use

Remoteness

Management/education/regulations



Terms, topics, and the form

The good, the bad, and the unusual: Your interesting launch or access example

Water body: _____ Location (city/state): _____

Type of launch: Walk/carry-in Vehicle/trailer accessible Other: _____

What makes it a notable example? (Check all that apply – add notes if you want):

Notable attribute	Examples	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Type of system	river, lake, estuary	
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape setting	natural, enhanced, constructed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal use patterns	summer v. fall, fishing season	
<input type="checkbox"/> Within-season use patterns	weekend, weekdays, time of day	
<input type="checkbox"/> Density of use	low, medium, high	
<input type="checkbox"/> Challenge level	family-friendly to high challenge	
<input type="checkbox"/> User conflicts	private v. commercial, types of boats	
<input type="checkbox"/> Size or extent of facilities	small, medium, large	
<input type="checkbox"/> Staging or parking areas	small, medium, large	
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA features	ramps, turn areas	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dock amenities	cleats, tie-rings, pumps, dollies	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank stabilization	erosion control	

Other notes: _____



Type of system:
River, lake/reservoir, estuary/marine

Landscape setting:
Natural...



**Landscape setting:
...enhanced & constructed**



Slides





**Seasonal
peaks**

Time of day
peaks



Highest use / densities





Lowest use / densities



Challenge level: Hard



Challenge level: Easy/family-friendly



Conflicts: Private vs. commercial



Conflict: Types of boats



**Size/extent:
Small--medium--large**



Rigging and staging areas



ADA innovations



Erosion control and bank stabilization



Ramp and dock tools





Dollies, etc.

Boat and vehicle storage systems





Education innovations?

Adjustments to dynamic channels



Aesthetics



Security issues at dams and hydro plants

HOOVER DAM
RESTRICTED AREA
AUTHORIZED PERSONS ONLY
STRICTLY ENFORCED



Unusual portages



Figure 21. Trail workers' boat on the floating train.
Source: "Sustaining the Circle of the Earth," The Daily Planet.



User tolerances for...

- Waiting times
- Carrying boats
- Dealing with obstacles
- Lack of facilities



Last word?

