



Spokane River access at Post Falls to open Friday

June 8, 2026

SPOKANE, Wash. – June 8, 2026: Avista is advising Spokane River users that river recreation will be permitted in the area between the Spokane Street Bridge and the boater safety cables located just upstream of the Post Falls Dam beginning Friday, June 12th.

The City of Post Falls boat launch and swim beach at Q'emiln Park are opening to the public on Friday, June 12th as well.

River flows are approaching levels to allow summer operations at the hydroelectric facility. Avista expects summer operation at the dam to continue through Labor Day, as long as weather conditions allow. Please remember water levels and conditions around the dam are subject to change at any time, and river users should exercise caution whenever using the waterways.

During unseasonably high flow conditions, the boat launch and swim beach at Q'emiln Park may be temporarily closed, as well as the area of the river downstream of Spokane Street Bridge. If this occurs, boaters in the area will be notified, and temporary closure signs will be posted. This specific "ordinance area" is addressed in Post Falls Ordinance No. 1435 and [Kootenai County Ordinance No. 6.2.123](#).

Customers can access waterflow information at myavista.com/waterflow or on Avista's 24-hour telephone information line. Recorded information is provided to advise shoreline property owners and commercial or recreational users of changes in the lake elevations and river flows that may affect plans for water use on Lake Spokane, the Spokane River and Coeur d'Alene Lake. In Washington call (509) 495-8043. In Idaho call (208) 769-1357.

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