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Ribbon of Jewels—A Celebration of Great Boise Parks

The Boise River Greenbelt serves as the uniting ribbon that links these precious jewels—the properties given to the city in honor of some of Boise’s finest civic leaders. The parks are legacies of these remarkable women and their commitment to their community.

Esther Simplot Park

Bernardine Quinn Riverside Park

Kathryn Albertson Park

Ann Morrison Park

Julia Davis Park

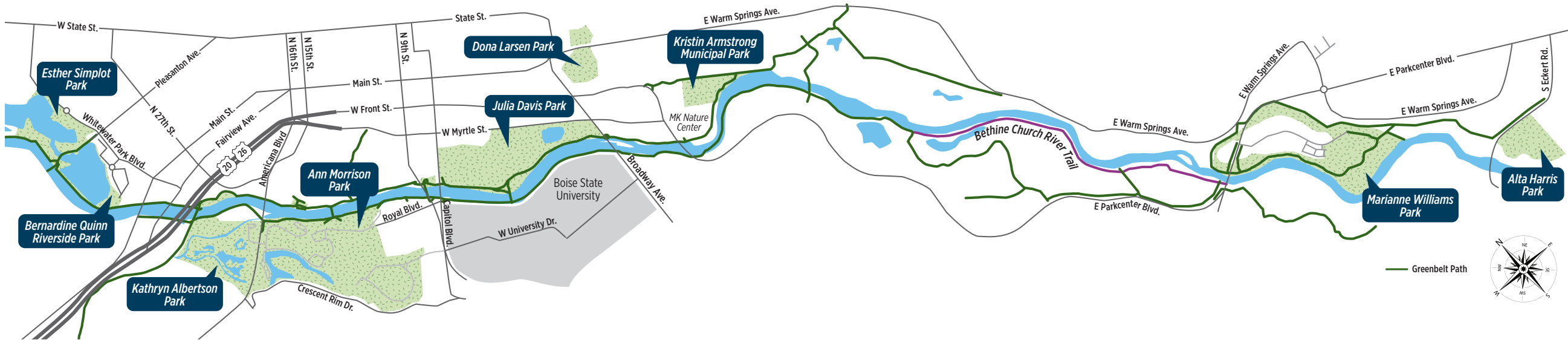
Dona Larsen Park (owned & managed by Boise State University)

Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park

Bethine Church River Trail

Marianne Williams Park

Alta Harris Park (undeveloped)



Alta Harris Park

In 1950, Alta and Dallas moved the sawmill to the Boise area, calling it Harris Brothers Lumber Company, eventually becoming Producers Lumber Company and then they began acquiring land in East Boise along the Boise River. There they established a ranch raising Hereford cattle, which still operates today. The real estate development project, Harris Ranch, takes its name from this family enterprise. Dallas and Alta were true partners in business and life. Alta has invested energy in civic and religious activities as well as promoting Christian education.

Once developed, amenities may include sport fields, playground, restrooms, picnic shelters and connection to the Greenbelt.

The park site is located on the north bank of the Boise River in the Harris Ranch development.



Esther Simplot Park

Esther Simplot has become synonymous with the performing arts in Boise. Her untiring devotion and commitment have included co-founding the Boise Opera Company and construction in 1992 of the Esther Simplot Performing Arts Academy and the Academy Annex in 1996. Esther Simplot Park was dedicated on November 2, 2016.

Esther Simplot Park, an expansive 55-acre park encompassing approximately 23 acres of ponds suitable for fishing, wading and swimming. Amenities include trails, docks, wetlands, boardwalks, shelters, grassy open areas, playground, bridges and restrooms. Esther Simplot Park is located north of the Boise River between Fairview Avenue and Veterans Parkway.





Bernardine Quinn Riverside Park

A long-time member of the Catholic Women's League, Bernardine was active in the church throughout her life. She was also involved in civic organizations, including the Silver Sage Council of the Girl Scouts and St. Alphonsus Hospital.

The land for the park sits on the site of the company's gravel operation and was donated to the City of Boise in 1997.

Bernardine Quinn Riverside Park is dominated by a 22-acre pond. Amenities include fishing docks and open space.

Bernardine Quinn Riverside Park is located north of the Boise River adjacent to the Boise River Greenbelt and Pleasanton Avenue.



Kathryn Albertson Park

Kathryn's inner strength and caring were legendary—as were the Albertsons' generous donations to The College of Idaho, Boise State University, and other institutions. Dedicated on October 17, 1989, Kathryn Albertson Park was donated to Boise by Joe and Kathryn Albertson.

A haven for wildlife and quiet contemplation, the park features wide, paved footpaths and reservable outdoor gazebos in a beautiful natural setting.

Kathryn Albertson Park is located on the south bank of the Boise River across Americana Boulevard from Ann Morrison Park.



Ann Morrison Park

Ann Morrison was known locally for her great civic interest and friendliness.

Ann Morrison Park was developed and then deeded to the City of Boise by the Harry W. Morrison Foundation on June 7, 1959. That day, thousands of residents came out to see the 153-acre park, which serves as a place of beauty, rest, and recreation for all generations.

The park features a large fountain, playground, tennis courts, lighted softball diamonds, soccer and lacrosse fields, a disc golf course, volleyball court, bocce courts, outdoor gym and a picnic pavilion.

Ann Morrison Park is located on the south bank of the Boise River between Capitol and Americana Boulevards.



Julia Davis Park

Known for her kindness and gracious hospitality, Julia would welcome and assist travelers as they stopped their wagons along the river to rest from their journeys across the high desert.

Tom Davis deeded 43 acres of land in memory of his wife to the City of Boise in 1907. Since then, the park has grown to 89 acres within the heart of the city. Amenities include a formal Rose Garden, two reservable pavilions, a six-court tennis complex, playground, duck pond, bocce courts, horseshoes and restrooms.

Zoo Boise, Boise Art Museum, Idaho State Historical Museum, Discovery Center of Idaho and the Idaho Black History Museum all offer cultural and scientific enrichment in the park.

Julia Davis Park is located on the north bank of the Boise River across from Boise State University between Capitol Boulevard and Broadway Avenue.



Dona Larsen Park

Dona Larsen was an active member of the Boise community since 1956, when she and her husband, Dorrell, moved to the Treasure Valley. A stay-at-home mother raising her 10 children, Dona also spent seven years running the girls' summer softball and basketball programs for Boise City Recreation, and

coaching her children's teams. She began teaching physical education full time at East Junior High in 1970, as well as coaching girls' track and volleyball. Dona retired in 2000 at the age of 72.

The site of the old East Junior High School is a Boise State University-owned park. Thanks to a donation of \$2.5 million from the David and Debra Larsen Huber Family Foundation, the 14.5-acre site near the corner of Broadway and Warm Springs Avenues is a multi-use sports complex.



Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park

Kristin Armstrong is a professional road cyclist that started her Team USA journey at 17 as a Junior Olympian in swimming. Since then,

Kristin has achieved a great deal including completing the Hawaii Ironman World Championship as a triathlete, as well as overcoming a career ending diagnosis of osteoarthritis by turning to cycling as therapy. Kristin won U.S. Olympic Gold Medals in the Time Trial (2008, 2012, 2016), three World Titles, five National Championships and numerous other victories.

Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park, a shady 28-acre park on the north bank of the Boise River, is one of Boise's oldest and most popular parks. Created in 1918 as Boise Tourist Park campground, the city purchased the park in 1927. A favorite destination for family reunions and company gatherings, the park has 11 reservable picnic sites, restroom and shelter, playground, and bocce courts.



Bethine Church River Trail

Bethine was the founder and former president of the Sawtooth Society, established to protect the Sawtooth National Recreation Areas. She served as a member of the Idaho Conservation League and on the governing council of The Wilderness Society. The author of *A Lifelong Affair: My Passion for People and*

Politics, Bethine received an honorary doctorate degree from Boise State University and The Wilderness Society's highest honor in 2009.

The 1.6-mile section of pathway on the Boise River which extends from the Cottonwood Apartments off Parkcenter Boulevard to the East Parkcenter Bridge on the south side of the river is located in a 24-acre natural area, which includes valuable riparian vegetation, wildlife nesting spots and several small irrigation canals that have been transformed into streams inhabited by fish.



Marianne Williams Park

Marianne Williams has dedicated her time and energies to her family and to various civic activities benefiting the Treasure Valley. She has volunteered her services to

St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, has worked to enrich the lives of senior citizens as the manager of a senior citizen complex, and—along with her husband—actively supports numerous other civic organizations—often electing to do so anonymously. Marianne has played a vital role in the support of collegiate athletics at Boise State University, and has served on the Bronco Athletic Association Board of Directors.

Marianne Williams Park was donated in November 2005 by Larry Williams in honor of Marianne.

Amenities include open space, two large ponds, paved walking paths, a gazebo, picnic shelter, restroom and benches.

Marianne Williams Park is located on the north bank of the Boise River adjacent to Harris Ranch in the Barber Valley.