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I have kayaked on the Willamette several times but try to avoid it on weekends in Portland because of boat traffic. Not only are they loud, it's terrifying when they zip by too close or make huge waves that I'm afraid will tip my kayak. The worst part though was the smell of gasoline. One beautiful summer afternoon, entire portions of the river reeked of exhaust while I was kayaking. It made the experience so bad that I haven't been back since that trip. It's not worth it to me if I'm going to get hurt by negligent boaters or sick from inhaling the fumes.