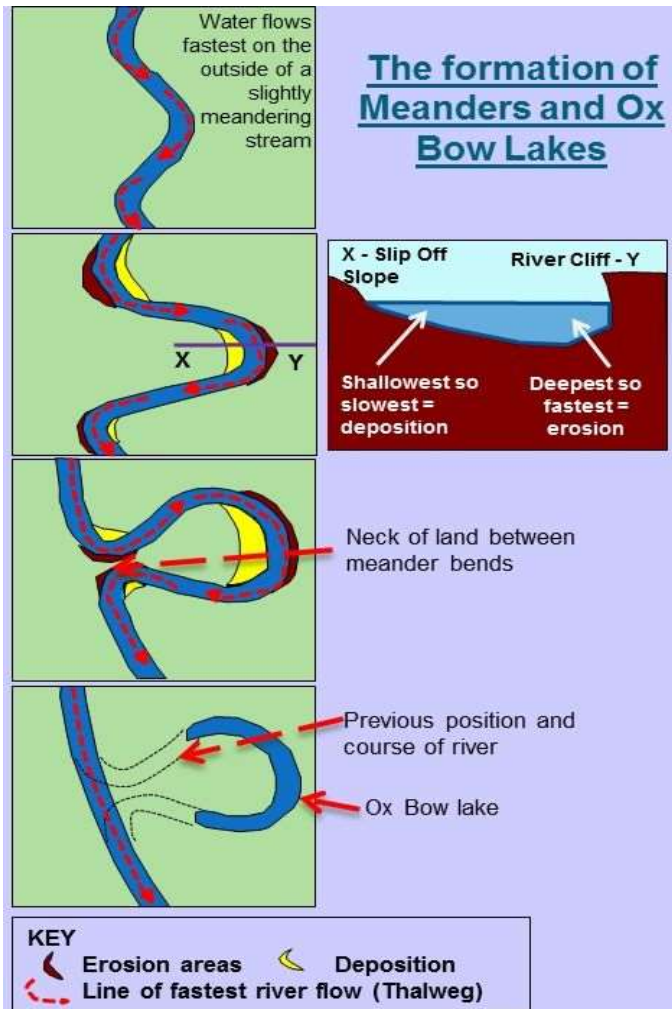


Osoyoos Oxbows

An oxbow is an area of water in a u shape. Over time, erosion and flooding changed the shape of the river.



Now the Osoyoos Oxbows have been protected by the British Columbia provincial government. The oxbows provide a safe habitat for many animals. Different animal and plant species are starting to return including falcons, screech owls, spade foot toad and even the rare bobolinks! The Osoyoos Oxbows are part of the interesting Okanagan landforms.



Just 3 km north of Osoyoos Lake right next to the highway you can find the Osoyoos Oxbows.

Before the 1950's many different species lived in the area. You could see cranes, turtles, muskrats and even minks. In the 1950's there was a lot of flooding. So, in 1958 a channel was built to help control the flow of water. As a result, many species disappeared.

