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Guides



**Discovery  
Trail (WA)**  
*Washington*



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forks. Head northeast at the fork and the trail becomes forested, soon turning almost due east and ending at the historical fishing village of Ilwaco.

Head south at the fork to enter Cape Disappointment and enjoy the state park's beaches, hiking trails and two lighthouses (both more than 100 years old). The ocean overlook at Beard's Hollow is especially worth a look. You can also learn about the history of the area at the park's Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.

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From the trail's northern terminus in Long Beach, you'll travel south along the coast, at one point paralleling the city's extensive wooden boardwalk from Bolstad Street to Sid Snyder Drive. Continue along through the quaint town of Seaview; when the trail approaches N. Head Road, it



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**States:** Washington

**Counties:** Pacific

Length: 8.3miles

**Trail end points:** 26th St NW, just west of Sea Crest Ave (Long Beach) to Main St SW & 2nd Ave SW/SR 100 (Ilwaco)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

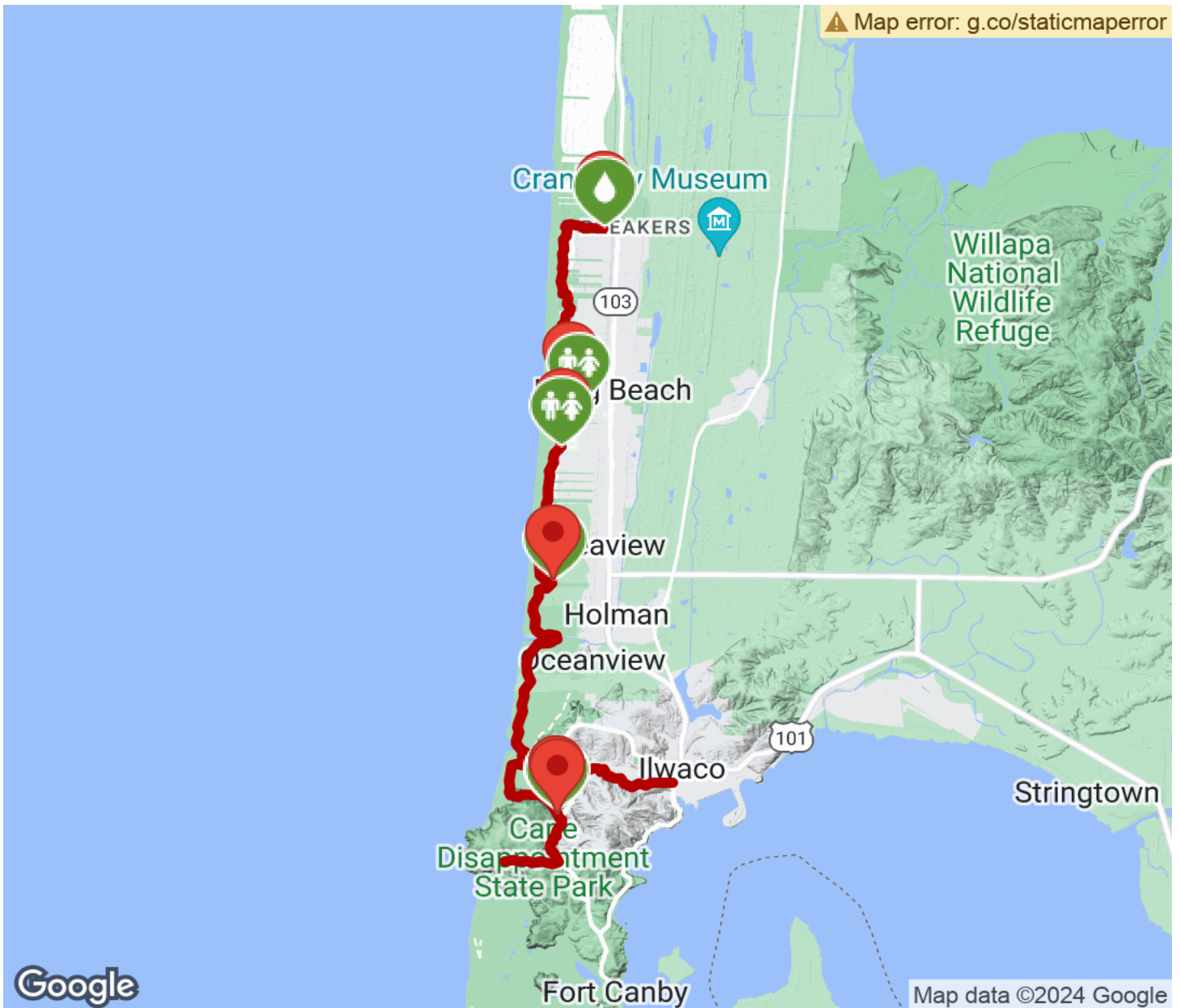
## Parking & Trail Access

From Pacific Highway/State Route 103 in Long Beach, turn west onto 10th Street S./Sid Snyder Drive and continue 0.2 miles to the beach parking lot. You can also find a large beach parking lot at the end of Bolstad Street. In Cape Disappointment State Park, you can park at the lot at Beard's Hollow.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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