



# TrailLink Unlimited Guides (\*)



## **Middle Fork Path** Oregon



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In the west, the trail begins at the historic Dorris Ranch, a living history farm that features a number of preserved buildings and active filbert orchards, as well as a park with walking trails and a picnic area. Once you've had your fill of filberts, continue south and east along the trail to reach the wooded banks of the Willamette River, which the trail



follows for the remainder of the route. Towards the eastern end of the trail, the end of the three-mile <u>Mill Race Path</u> intersects the Middle Fork Path, giving you the option of taking that trail back west to form close to a complete loop. Or, continue east along the river for about another mile to reach the end of the trail at Clearwater Park - true to its name, the park offers easy boat access to the pristine river, as well as restrooms and a popular disc golf course.

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States: Oregon Counties: Lane Length: 3.9miles Trail end points: Clearwater Park to Dorris Ranch Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Fishing,Walking

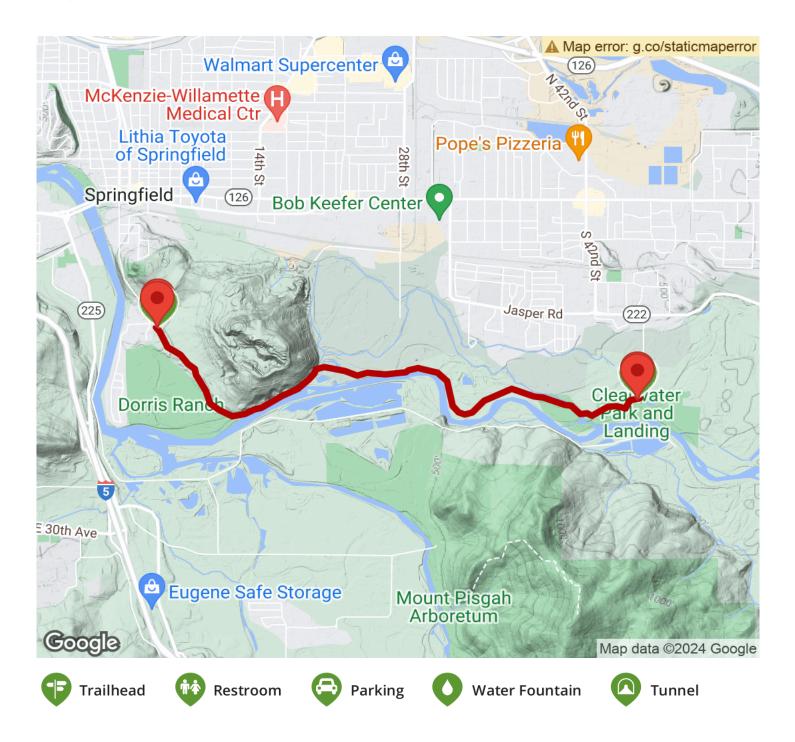
#### **Parking & Trail Access**

Parking and restrooms are available at either end of the trail; at Dorris Ranch on the western end (205 Dorris Street), and at Clearwater Park on the eastern end (2400 Clearwater Lane). Additional parking and restrooms are available at the Jasper Road Trailhead along the Mill Race Path, located at 3200 Jasper Road, about a half-mile north of where the Mill Race Path meets the Middle Fork Path.











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