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States: Oregon

Counties: Lane

Length: 1.4miles

Trail end points: Walterville Reservoir to
McKenzie Acres Dr.

Trail surfaces: Grass,Gravel

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Walking

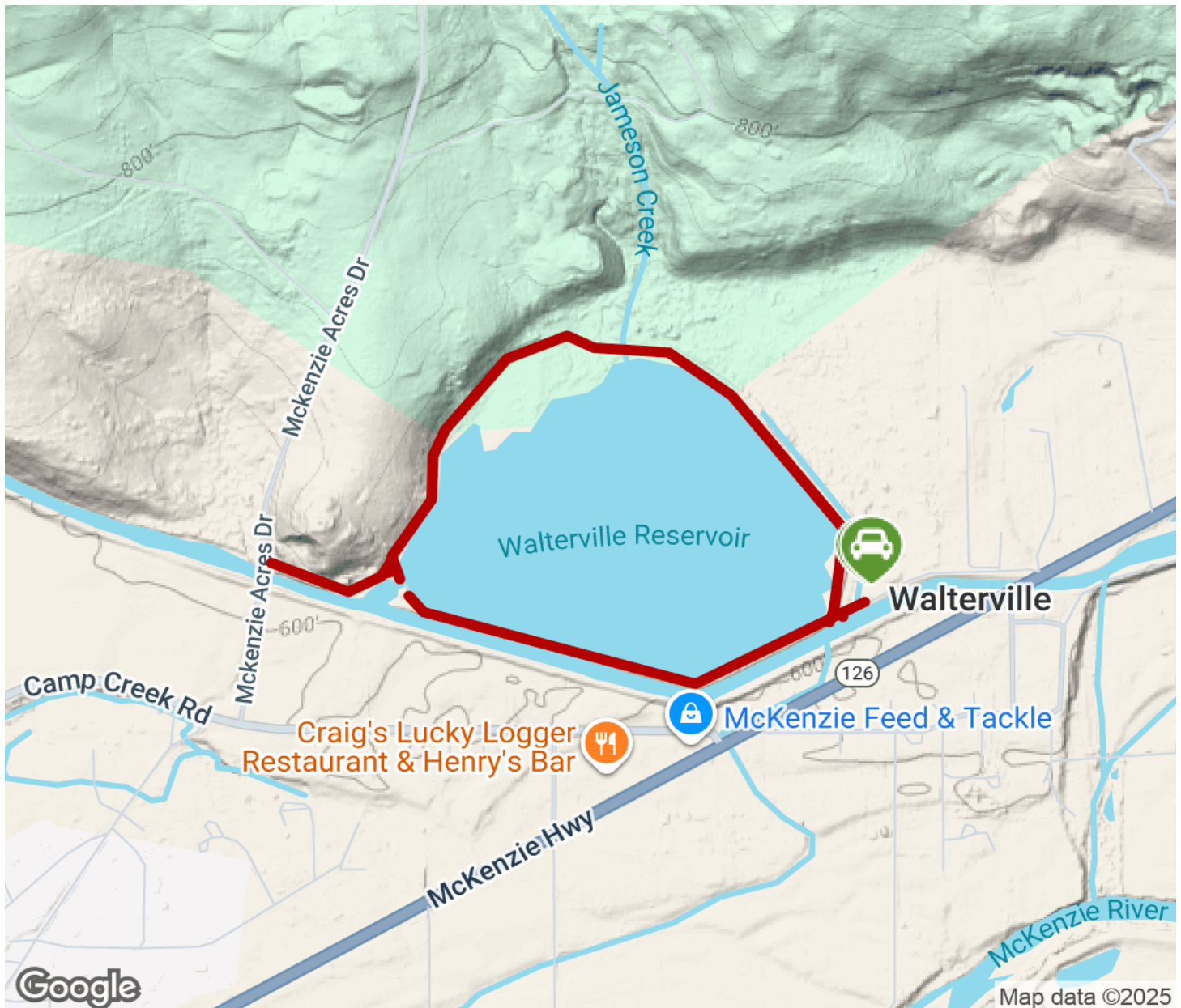
Parking & Trail Access

A small parking lot is available at the start of the trail, located on a road that runs west off of McKenzie Highway/State Highway 126 (the road located just north of the canal). Lane County Transit also runs a bus that services Walterville.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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