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About the Route

The northern end of the trail is at the corner of S 47 Street and S Tacoma Way. From there, the trail heads south through South Park, which is next to Tacoma Cemetery. The park has restrooms, drinking fountains, picnic tables, benches, a playground, a baseball field, and a basketball court. Please note that the restrooms and water

fountains may be closed during the off-season.

Leaving the park, the trail continues south through residential neighborhoods and passes two elementary schools. The trail runs along S Clement Avenue and includes several street crossings, so please exercise appropriate caution. After crossing S 74th Street, the trail curves through Oak Tree Park, which has a playground and benches.

The southern end of the trail is on S Tacoma Way at the southwest end of Oak Tree Park and next to a shopping complex. There is trail signage at the entrance to the trail on S Tacoma Way.

Trail History

Construction of a trail along the Flume Line began in 1898. Made primarily of wooden planks, the original trail included a bridge over the flume that was advertised as the "longest, highest, and only exclusive bicycle bridge in the world." Although the 110-foot-high and 450-foot-long bridge no longer exists, the nearby modern-day Delin Street Bridge has bike lanes.



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States: Washington

Counties: Pierce

Length: 2.4miles

Trail end points: S 47 St & S Tacoma Way
(Tacoma) to S Tacoma Way (Tacoma)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Water Flume Line Trail runs between S 47 St & S Tacoma Way (Tacoma) and S Tacoma Way (Tacoma).

Parking is available in several paved parking lots at South Park (4851 S Tacoma Way, Tacoma).

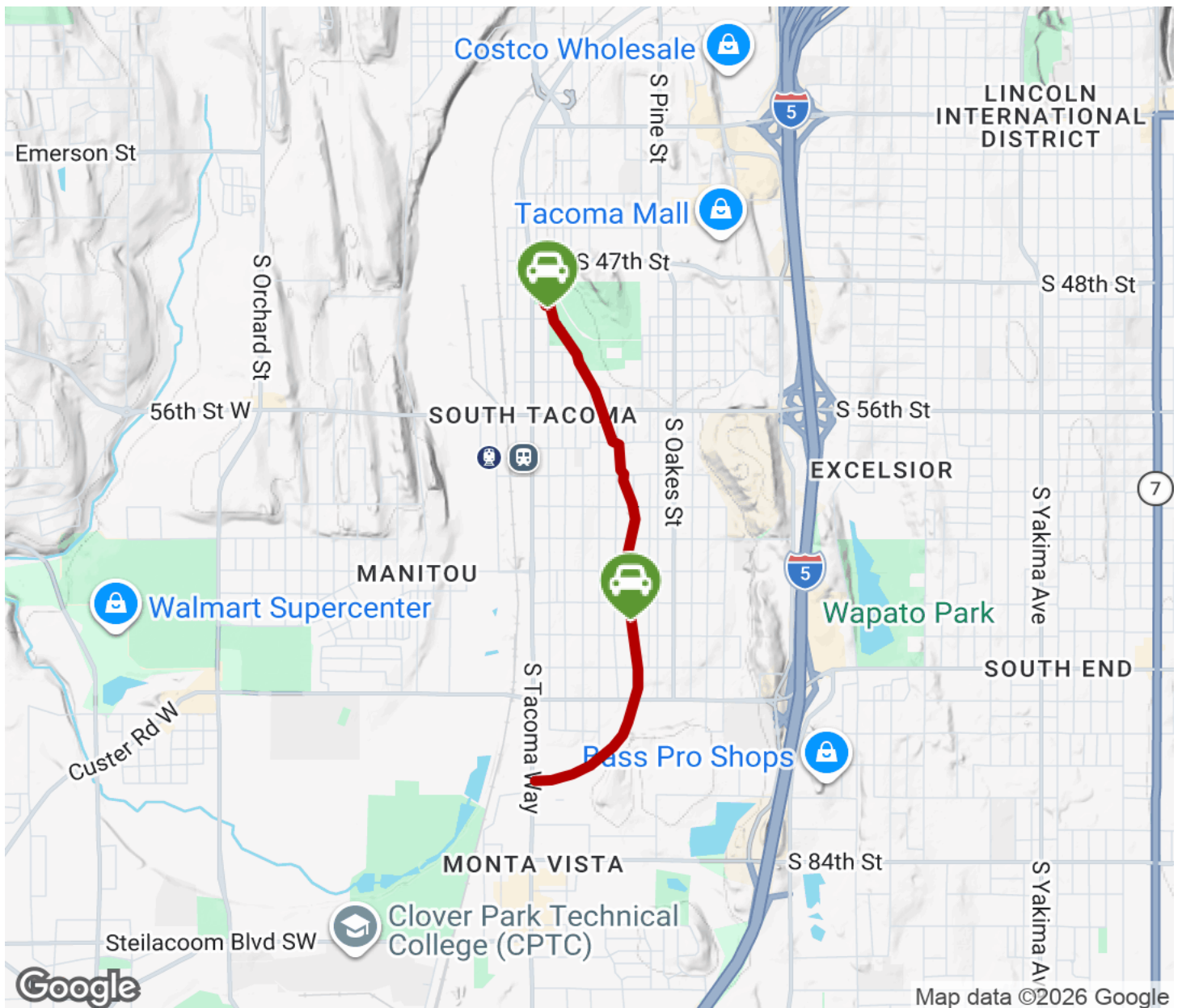
The Pierce Transit system has several bus stops that provide access to the trail.

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all transit options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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