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Guides



**Yellowstone  
Shortline  
Trail**  
*Montana*



# Yellowstone Shortline Trail

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installed bridges along the route. The trail comes to its southern endpoint at the Idaho state line where trail users can continue along the Railroad Right of Way Trail.

## Connections

The Yellowstone Shortline Trail connects to the [Railroad Right of Way Trail](#) at its southern end.

## Trail History

The Yellowstone Shortline Trail runs along the path of an old shortline railroad that took passengers into West Yellowstone, from which they took stagecoaches into the park.

The Yellowstone Shortline Trail is an 8.75-mile trail that connects West Yellowstone, just outside the national park. The surrounding land is controlled by the US Forest Service. The trail surroundings are rural and tranquil, but trail users should also be aware that the area is wildlife country, and proper precautions should be taken.

Motorized vehicles, including E-Bikes, are not allowed on this trail.

## About the Route

As the trail leaves West Yellowstone, there is a very slight uphill. The entire trail landscape is surrounded by pine trees, and the trail is interrupted only occasionally by infrequently traveled forest roads. There are three newly



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**States:** Montana

**Counties:** Gallatin

Length: 8.75miles

**Trail end points:** S Iris St. (West Yellowstone)  
to MT/ID State Line

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Fishing, Mountain  
Biking, Inline Skating, Walking, Wheelchair  
Accessible

## Parking & Trail Access

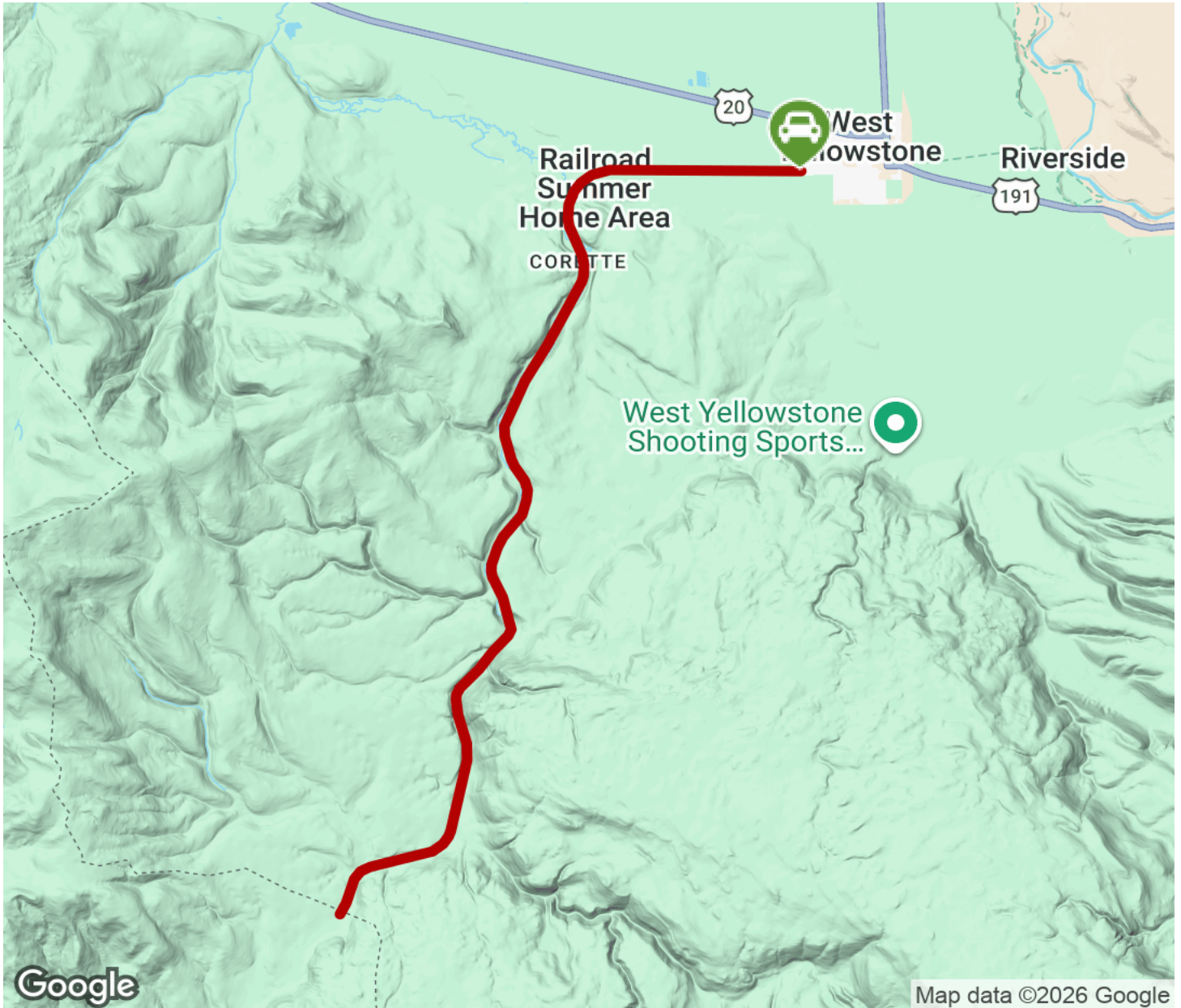
The Yellowstone Shortline Trail runs between S. Iris St. (West Yellowstone), where parking is available, and the MT/ID State Line.

Please see TrailLink Map for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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