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Guides



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Located in the Sierra Nevada foothills, Paradise, California, is a warm and inviting city with a small-town feel, and this trail (formerly known as the Paradise Memorial Trail) offers visitors the perfect way to see it. You can start at either end; the course described here starts on the south end at Neal Road and Skyway Road and climbs slightly uphill at about a 3 percent average grade. If you plan to ride the trail both ways, we recommend following this route so you're riding downhill on the way back.

At the intersection of Skyway and Neal Road, the southern trailhead is next to a short brick wall that reads TOWN OF PARADISE-WELCOME.

As you step onto the rail-trail you are surrounded by tall

oak woodlands and pine trees. You can soon see houses on your right, but there are so many trees between the trail and the homes that the trail doesn't have a residential feel at all. Likewise, although the trail parallels Skyway Road for most of its route, the abundance of trees between it and the road almost makes you forget this.

After about 1 mile the trail turns right onto Black Olive Road. Follow this path into the lovely and well-maintained community park. The park has restrooms, a playground and the Paradise Depot Museum. The depot opened in 1904 as one of four stations on the Butte County Railroad (BCRR) line, which hauled logs and lumber for the Diamond Match Company operations in Stirling City and Chico. When BCRR added passenger and cargo services, Paradise became the busiest depot on the route. It formed the heart of a new downtown and was a driving force of economic development for the town. Operated by Southern Pacific after 1912, the rail line closed in 1974. Signposts in the park, which occupies the old depot grounds, provide additional information about the history of the railroad and the city of Paradise.

On the other side of the park the path becomes tree-lined again and remains this way until the end. Less than a mile beyond the park you catch a glimpse of a school to your right through the trees, followed by more houses. If you want to grab a bite to eat or explore the city, you can turn onto Skyway Road from one of the crossings along the trail and check out one of several restaurants and delis.



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States: California

Counties: Butte

Length: 5.2miles

Trail end points: Pentz Rd. at Skyway Rd. (nr. Magalia) to Skyway Rd. at Neal Rd. (Paradise)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Yellowstone Kelly Heritage Trail runs between Pentz Rd (Paradise) and Skyway Rd at Neal Rd (Paradise).

Parking is available at:

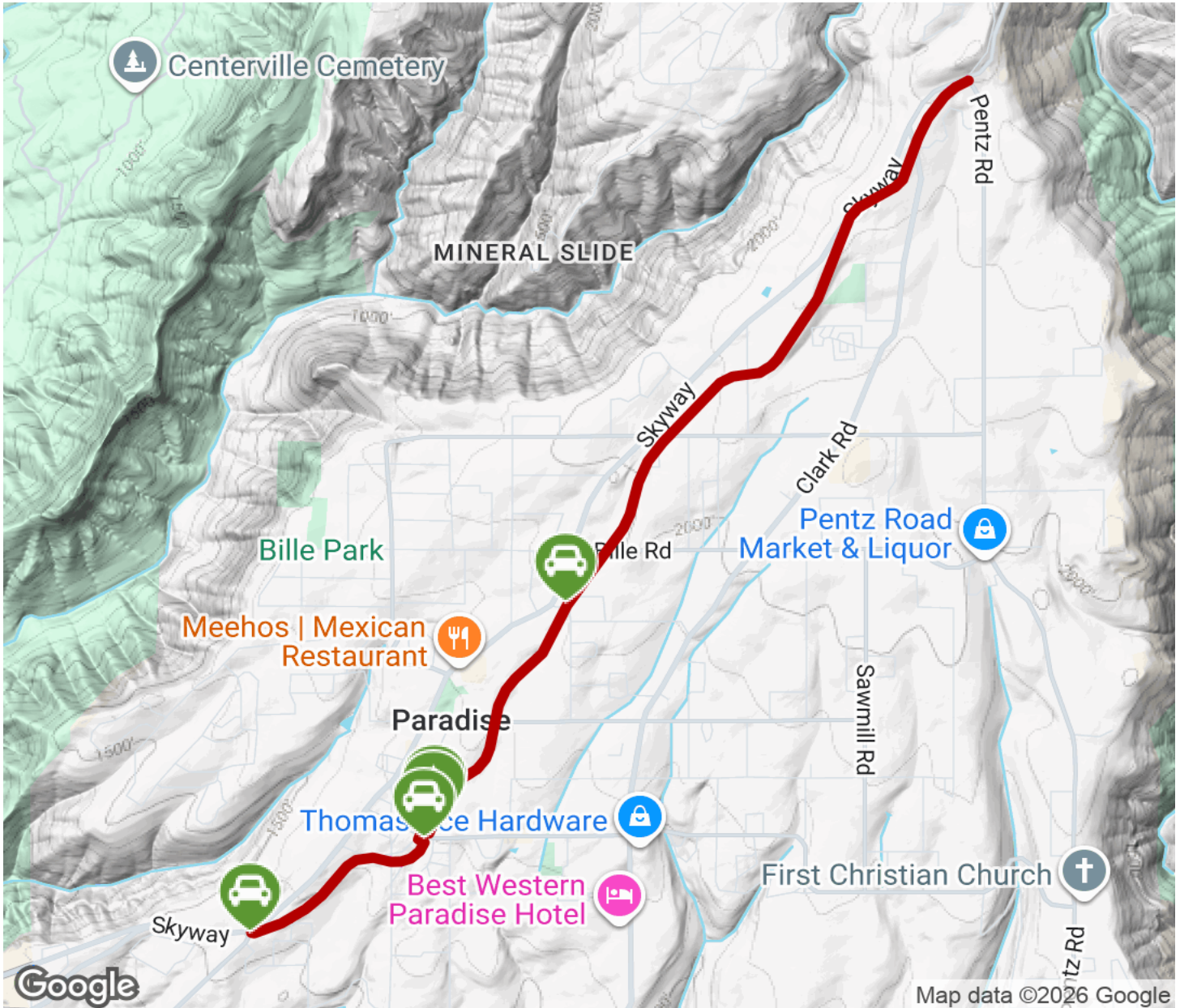
- parking lot next to 220 Pearson Rd (Paradise)
- intersection of Skyway Rd and Neal Rd (Paradise)

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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