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Guides



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Along the way, enjoy mountainous views and Ashley Creek, which runs close to the trail.

The route crosses under US 93 before heading south parallel to Kalispell. The main street of Kalispell is about nine blocks west of the trail, and make sure to keep an eye out for the mountains of Glacier National Park, which sit northeast of Kalispell.

As the trail heads south along US 93, expect to pass through a landscape of cultivated fields, pasture, and light industrial storehouses. The Great Northern Historical Trail reaches its eastern endpoint of the inverted V-shaped trail in Somers. The endpoint sits along the northern shore of the stunning Flathead Lake—the country’s largest natural freshwater lake west of the Continental Divide. Make sure to check out downtown Somers and stop at some local cafes.

The Great Northern Historical Trail runs for 22.6 miles between the lakeside town of Somers and the mountain valley community of Kila. The trail follows part of the route of the old Great Northern Railway. The paved, remote trail through Montana’s Flathead Valley offers unmatched views of the surrounding mountains, including the Swan, Mission, Salish, and Whitefish ranges.

About the Route

The Great Northern Historical Trail is an inverted V-shaped trail with its western endpoint at Smith Lake Waterfowl Production Area in Kila. The trail heads north toward the town of Kila before running parallel to US 2 until the trail reaches the top of its inverted V shape.



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States: Montana

Counties: Flathead

Length: 22miles

Trail end points: US 93 S after Boon Rd
(Somers) to Kila Rd. at Smith Lake Rd. (Kila)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Horseback
Riding, Mountain Biking, Walking, Wheelchair
Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Great Northern Historical Trail runs between Kila Rd. at Smith Lake Rd. (Kila) and US 93 S after Boon Rd (Somers).

Parking is available at:

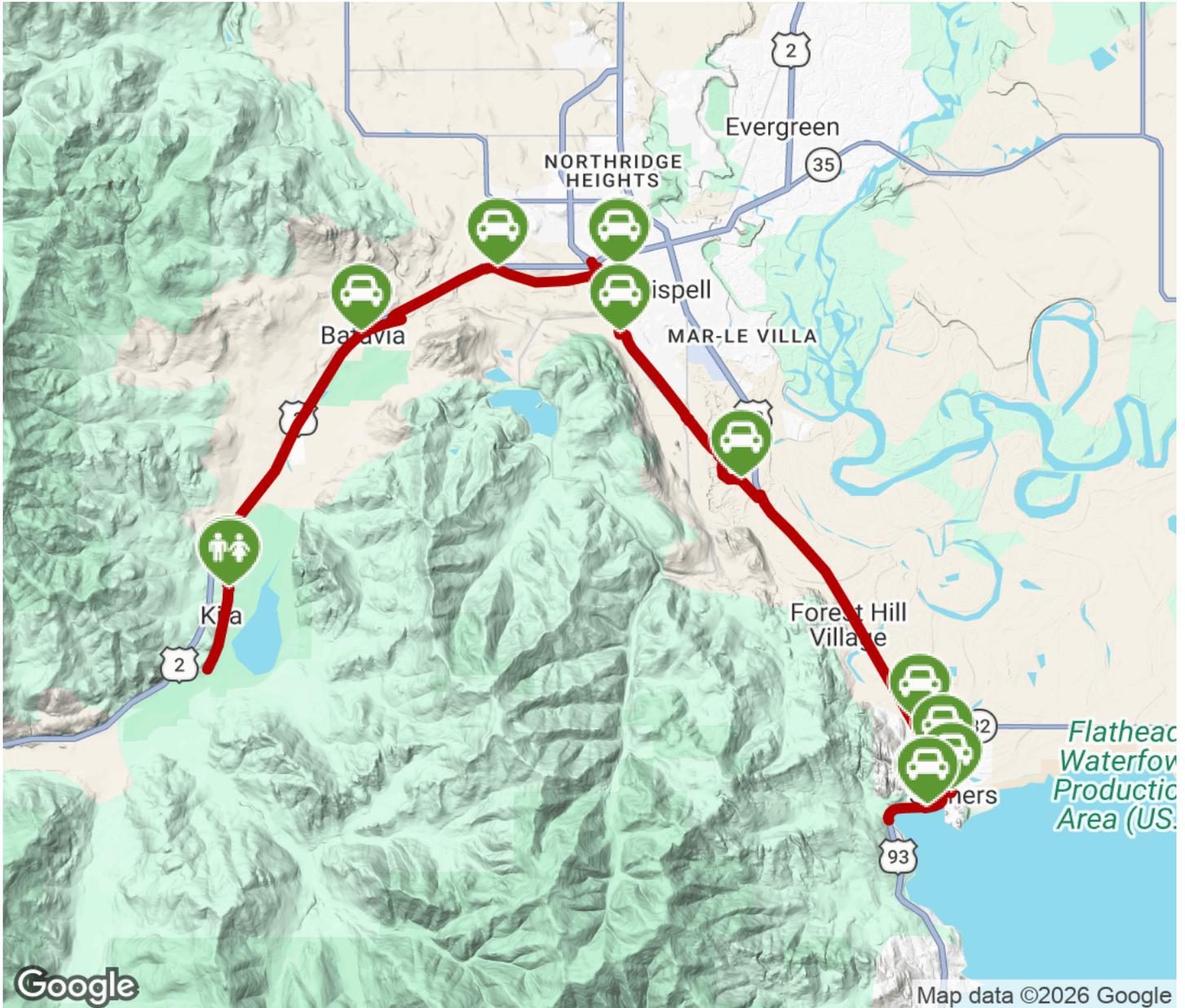
- Somers Park, S 5300 U.S. 93 S (Somers)
- Whalebone Dr and US Hwy 2 W (Batavia)
- 112-198 Somers Rd (Somers)

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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