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Riverwalk**
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About the Route

Heading east from the northwest point of Astoria at Pier 3, the trail largely follows the former Astoria & Columbia

River Railroad. For almost the entire 6.4-mile journey, it parallels the tracks of the historic Astoria Riverfront Trolley, which operates from late March through the end of October. Pay special attention when the trolley is operating: The trail often shares the same bridge as the trolley, and trail users will have multiple crossings on the trolley tracks, which can be slippery when wet. Trail users on wheels should cross the tracks at a 90-degree angle to prevent falls.

About 1 mile into the trip, the trail crosses under the Astoria-Megler Bridge, the longest continuous-truss bridge in North America. Travel another 2 miles to find two unique sites directly off the trail: Astoria Nordic Heritage Park educates visitors on the city's rich Nordic heritage, with cute yet funky trolls setting the mood. Two blocks away lies the Columbia River Maritime Museum, which delves into the fishing, shipping, and military history of the area.

A true gem along the trail lies another 1.3 miles east. Take a left on the wooden bridge on 39th Street to find a vibrant commercial area that includes the donation-only, self-guided Hanthorn Cannery Museum. Inside, visitors will find a fascinating variety of information on the history of the city's canning industry.

While there, look up at the hillside to the right. Movie fans of a certain age may recognize a white house with red trim. It's the iconic house that needed to be saved in the 1980s classic *The Goonies*. Astoria has embraced its film history, and signage along the Riverwalk highlights locations from other popular films, such as *Kindergarten Cop*, *Short Circuit*, and *Free Willy*.

From here to the eastern end of the trail at Alder Street, stopping to take in the sights along the Columbia River and adjacent wetlands will reward trail users with sightings of native wildlife, including seals, eagles, cormorants, and herons.



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States: Oregon

Counties: Clatsop

Length: 6.4miles

Trail end points: Gateway Ave. (Astoria) to
Alder St. (Astoria)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Boardwalk

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Inline
Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Astoria Riverwalk runs between Gateway Ave. (Astoria) and Alder St. (Astoria).

Parking is available at:

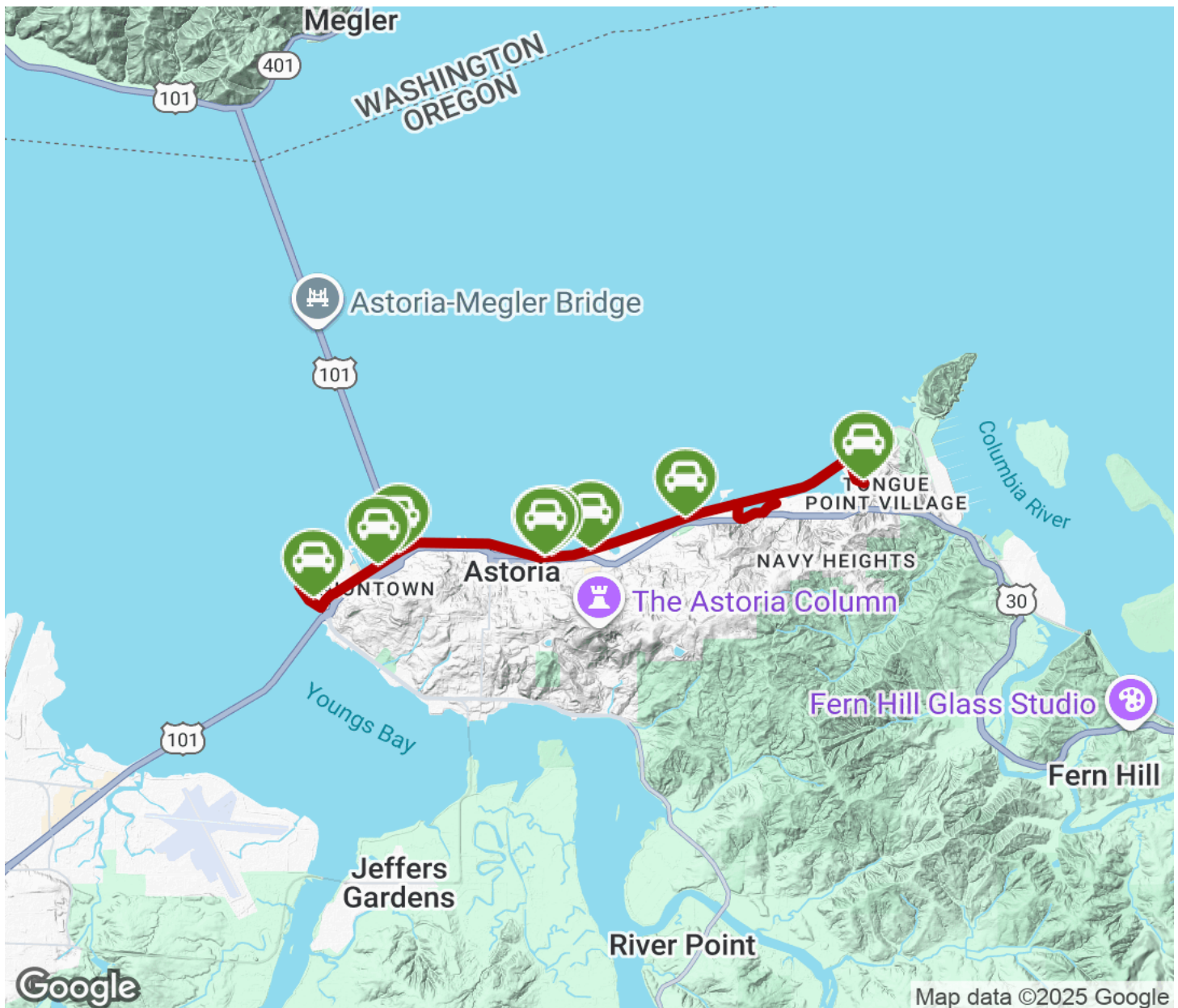
- 422 Gateway Ave STE 100 (Astoria)
- 1792 Marine Dr. (Astoria)

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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