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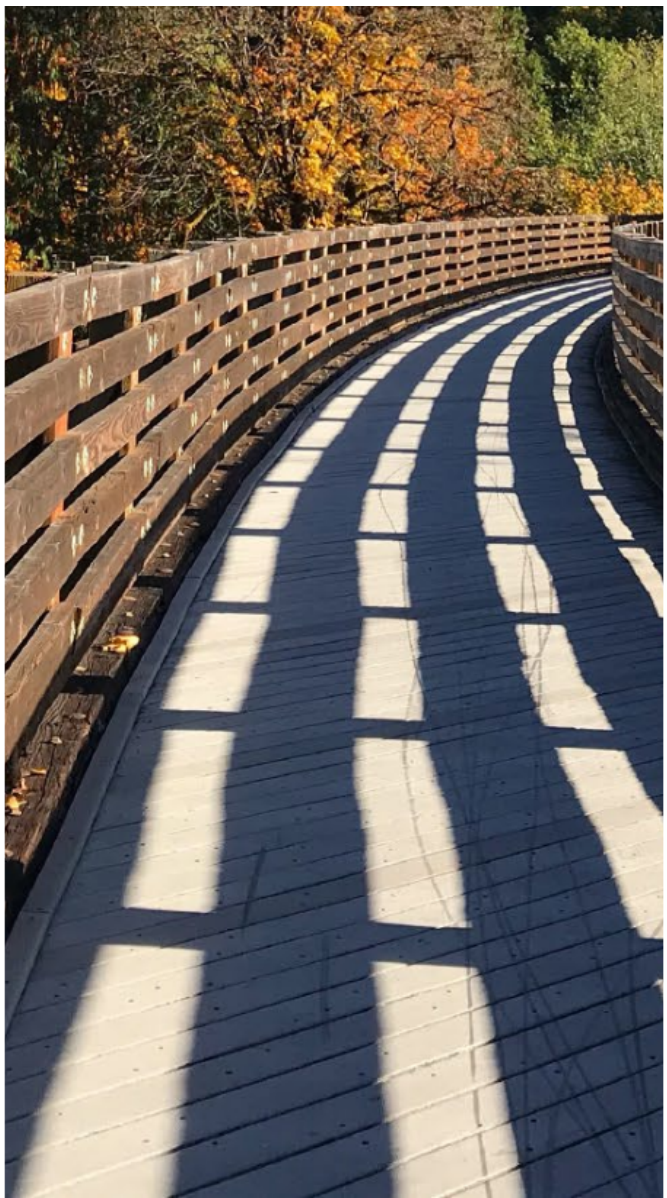

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About the Route

People on foot, bike, or horseback can expect extended flat sections and a couple of graded climbs. Trail users can choose their terrain by trailhead: Duvall to Carnation for a flat ride, Carnation to Snoqualmie Falls or North Bend to Rattlesnake Lake for a climb, or Snoqualmie to North Bend for preserved natural features. Multiple trailheads allow easy access to smaller chunks of trail and leapfrogging with a second car.

In the north, Duvall's McCormick Park sits on the banks of the Snoqualmie River. The relocated railroad depot is restored nearby at Stephens Street and Railroad Avenue. The next 9 miles cross several farm entrances and roads en route to Carnation, which earned its name from the dairy industry that once boomed in the area and is remembered by large hay barns that dot that landscape. Wetlands, waterfowl, and songbirds create a peaceful, open setting and a barrier between trail and road. The trail arrives at Nick Loutsis Park in Carnation, where trail users can take a side trip a couple blocks west to visit riverside Tolt-MacDonald Park. The trail crosses the Tolt River and passes Remlinger Farms, open to the public.

Leaving Carnation, the trail begins a moderate, 400-foot climb to the upper valley. Over the next 8 miles, three trestles offer stunning valley and river views framed by evergreens. An on-road detour begins at a stairway immediately before the Tokul Road underpass at about mile 18. Climbing the stairs, the 2.5-mile detour turns right onto Tokul Road and then left onto Southeast Stearns Road. The road's name changes to Mill Pond Road as it passes a lake once used by the Snoqualmie Falls Lumber Co. and Weyerhaeuser. The crumbling remnants of the mill, which at one time employed 1,200 people, are visible in the distance and remain a King County historic site.

The road name changes to SE Reinig Road as it approaches a trestle on the right. The path resumes on the bridge deck at the top of the stairway. (To avoid the steps, turn right onto Meadowbrook Way SE before the trestle. Cross the Snoqualmie River on the Meadowbrook bridge, and then turn

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States: Washington
Counties: King
Length: 29.5miles
Trail end points: NE Woodinville-Duvall Rd. (Duvall) to Rattlesnake Lake Recreation Area (Riverbend)
Trail surfaces: Gravel
Trail category: Rail-Trail
Trail activities: Fishing,Horseback Riding,Mountain Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Snoqualmie Valley Trail runs between NE Woodinville-Duvall Rd. (Duvall) and Rattlesnake Lake at Cedar Falls Rd. (Riverbend), with parking available at both ends.

Parking is also available at:

- 4261 356th Dr SE (Fall City)

See TrailLink Map for all parking options and detailed directions.

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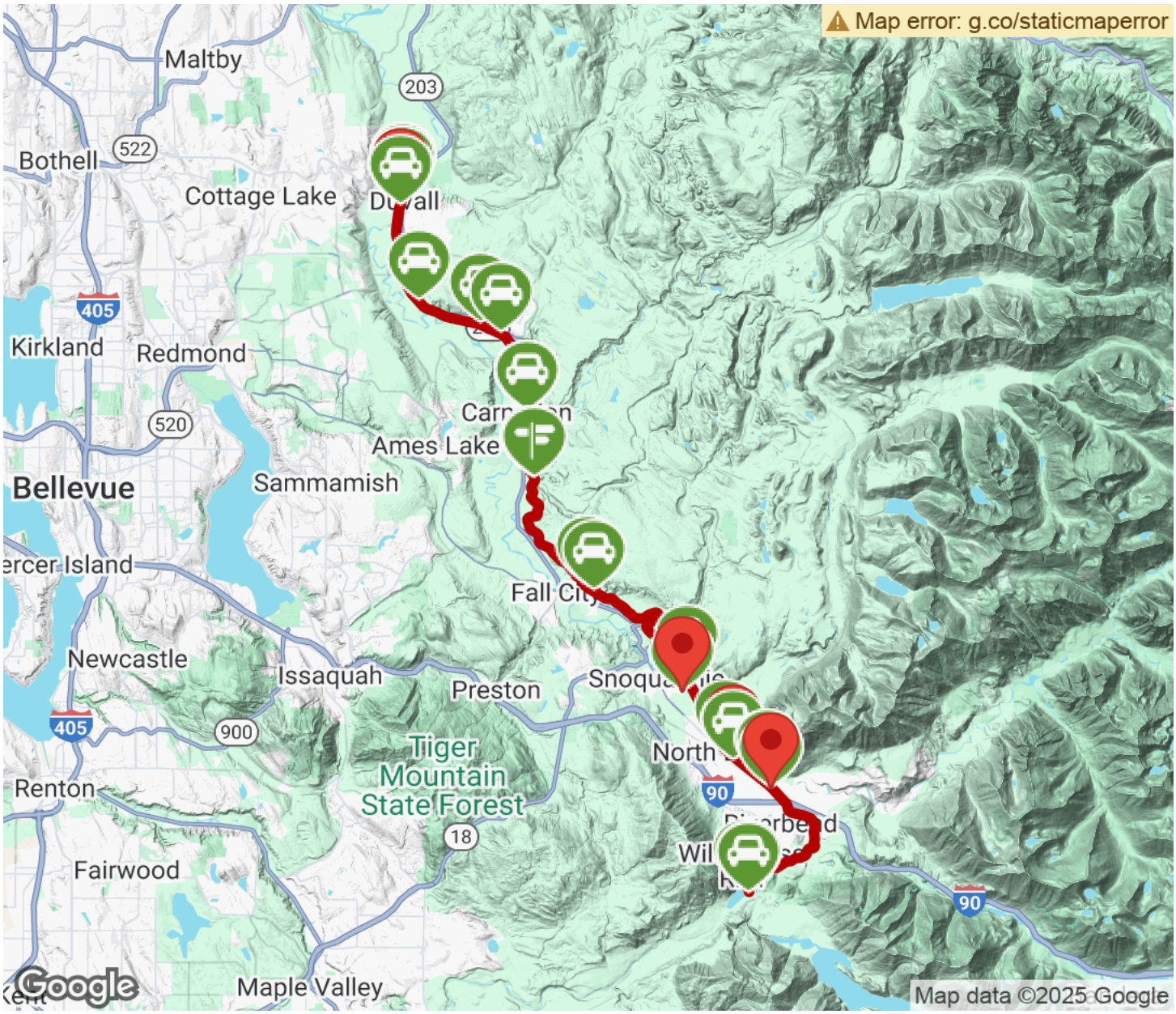

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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