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Guides



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The trail is paved and accessible for 9 miles from Klamath Falls to Olene, and the remainder is dirt and gravel. Much of the OC&E trail east of Klamath Falls is in Oregon's outback, with long distances between towns for food, water, and restrooms—so be prepared.

First envisioned by pioneer, author, and publicist Robert E. Strahorn, the OC&E began as the Klamath Falls Municipal Railway. Construction began in July 1917, first reaching the town of Sprague River in 1923 and eventually reaching its easternmost terminus in Bly in 1929. The separate Weyerhaeuser Woods line operated from Beatty to a point 46 miles north past the Sycan Marsh, transporting logs from camps in what is now the Fremont National Forest to the mills along the main OC&E. Spurring growth and industry from Klamath Falls to Bly, the OC&E thrived, bringing enormous ponderosa pine logs—millions of board feet of lumber each year—to the four mills in the region. Operations peaked in the late 1970s but diminished during the 1980s and ceased in 1990. The railway owner, Weyerhaeuser Corporation, railbanked the right-of-way to Oregon Parks and Recreation.

This trail is divided into four distinct sections:

Urban Section: Klamath Falls to Olene (7.6 miles)

This paved section is the most popular because of its proximity to the urban center of Klamath Falls. After passing OR 39 outside Klamath Falls, you'll traverse farms and forests and sweep through the Olene Gap, a glen just wide enough for OR 140, the OC&E trail, and the adjacent Lost River to pass through. At Olene, you'll go through a gate and continue your journey on a dirt-and-gravel surface for the remainder of the trail.

Gateway Section: Olene to Sprague River (31.2 miles)

The trail starts off rough but improves over a short distance. If cycling, this section is best suited for mountain and gravel bikes. The trail crosses OR 140, zigzags along the side of a ridge, and then diverges from the highway and turns along the western edge of a valley. The trail curves into Swede's Cut and drops into Pine Flat, then crosses under OR 140 for a descent into Dairy. From Dairy, the trail ascends the foot of Bly Mountain, skirting the Devil's Garden, an open sage and



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States: Oregon

Counties: Klamath, Lake

Length: 109.2 miles

Trail end points: Washburn Way south of S. 6th St. (Klamath Falls) to Klamath Falls-Lakeview Hwy. (Bly)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Ballast, Cinder, Dirt, Gravel, Woodchips

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Horseback Riding, Mountain Biking, Inline

Parking & Trail Access

The OC&E Woods Line State Trail runs between Washburn Way south of S. 6th St. (Klamath Falls) and Klamath Falls-Lakeview Hwy. (Bly).

Parking is available at:

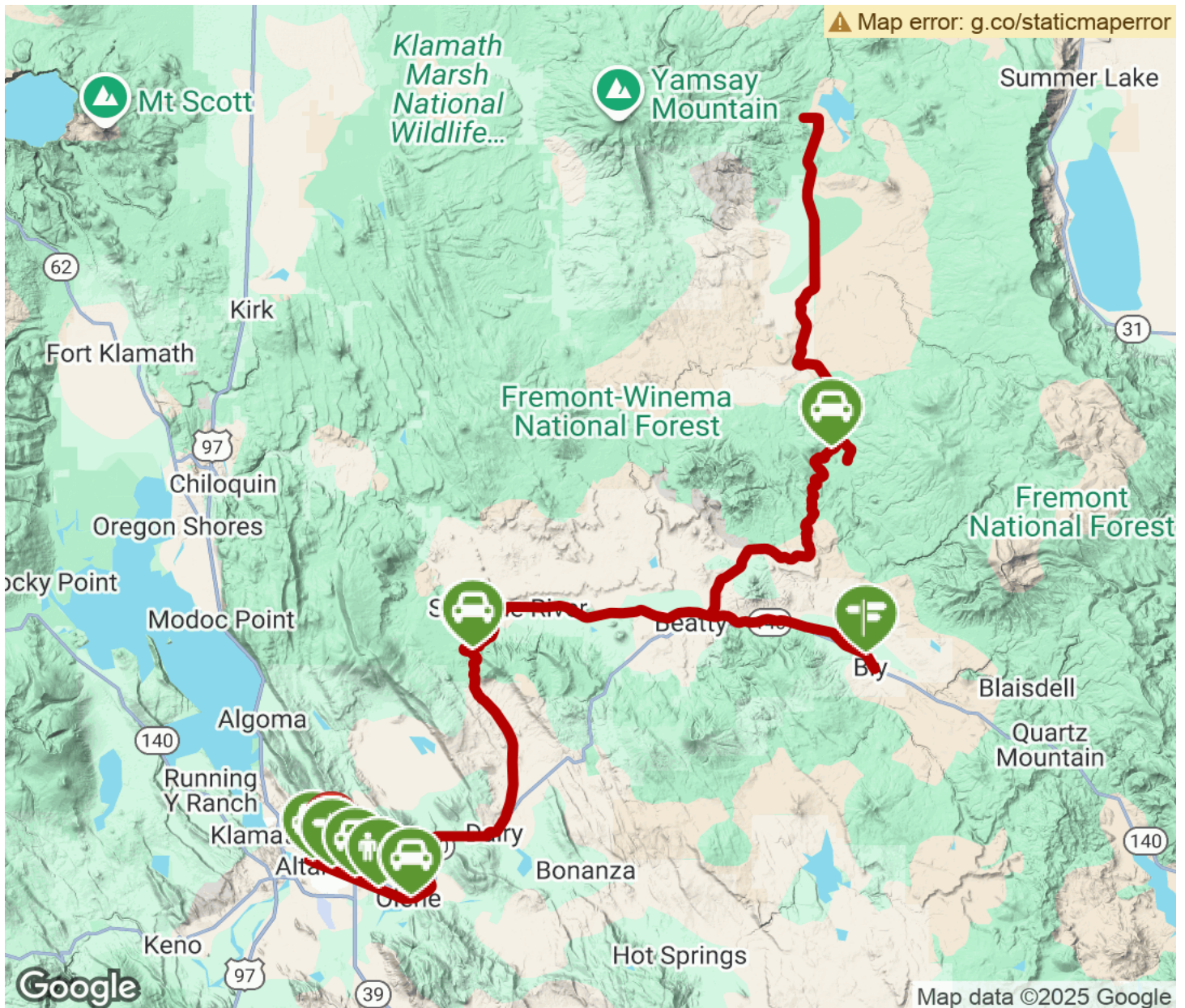
- Reeder Road/Pine Grove Trailhead, 5015 Reeder Rd. (Klamath Falls)

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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