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About the Route

The Centennial Trail runs 30.6 miles between the border of Skagit County and the town of Snohomish. The trail mostly rolls past farms and pastures and through forested

watersheds, and it crosses creeks and rivers that drain the Cascade Mountains, whose snowy summits are visible in the east.

The northern portion of The Centennial Trail, leaving off at the Nakashima Barn trailhead, follows remote farm and forestland which memorializes the successes and difficulties of a Japanese American family. A gleaming arch marks the junction of the Centennial with the Whitehorse Trail, another rail trail, mostly ballast, leading to Darrington. Trail users will find a bridge that spans the churning confluence of the North and South Forks of the Stillaguamish River. Just south of here, signs at the 204th Street intersection point toward a new trail alignment that takes users into historic downtown Arlington and another depot replica. Just before it leaves Arlington, the trail runs adjacent to busy 67th Avenue through a light industrial zone.

Cresting the summit, this uphill run offers a couple of viewpoints across the valley floor clear west to the Olympic Mountains on the horizon. The following decline continues past placid Lake Cassidy, where bicyclists gather at picnic tables or walk out onto the pier, then through a forested corridor. The Centennial Trail then enters the former lumber mill town of Lake Stevens, followed by a stretch of farmland. Collectors might find it difficult to get started in Snohomish, as there are over a dozen antique stores at First Street, along the southern endpoint of the trail.



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States: Washington

Counties: Snohomish

Length: 30.6miles

Trail end points: Nakashima Heritage Barn (Arlington) to 1st St. (Snohomish)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Horseback Riding, Inline Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Centennial Trail (WA) runs between the Nakashima Heritage Barn (Arlington) and 1st St. (Snohomish).

Parking is available at:

- 15333 67th Ave. NE (Arlington)
- Getchell Trailhead, 10911 54th Pl. NE (Lake Stevens)
- Machias Trailhead, 1624 Virginia St. (Snohomish)

There are numerous parking options along the route. Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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