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Guides



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About the Route

The trail follows the route of the former Oregon Pacific & Eastern Railroad line, running along the scenic shore of the Row River and Dorena Reservoir and paralleling Row River Road for most of the way. Nearby, trail users will find quaint covered bridges and the historic Bohemia

mining area. The 3-mile section of trail from Cottage Grove to the Mosby Creek trailhead is managed by the city of Cottage Grove, while the remainder of the trail is managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Cottage Grove has a downtown commercial historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Willamette Valley was one of the great farming areas of the 1880s. In the early part of the 20th century, the area relied on the "Old Slow and Easy," more formally known as the Oregon & Southeastern Railroad, to transport goods and people from Cottage Grove to Disston, just past Culp Creek.

From the Cottage Grove trailhead, 3 city miles deliver trail users to the beautiful Mosby Creek trailhead. After another 3.5 miles, the trail arrives at Dorena Dam, which prevents the flooding of towns downstream. The trail passes Row Point, which displays the colorful, protected remnants of the native prairie, eventually reaching Harms Park Trestle—featured in the movies *Emperor of the North* and *Stand by Me*.

Smith Creek provides habitats for a host of flora and fauna and was once the site of an early settler's orchard; where there are remains below Smith Creek Bridge. The route then passes through post-dam Dorena before reaching the opposite end of the trail at Culp Creek—1 of more than 20 early-1900s mill towns that popped up along Row River, sprouting from the short-line railroad from Cottage Grove to the Umpqua National Forest.



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States: Oregon

Counties: Lane

Length: 16.4 miles

Trail end points: E Main St. (Cottage Grove) to
Culp Creek Trailhead, 37802 Row River Rd.
(Culp Creek)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Fishing, Wheelchair

Accessible, Horseback Riding, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Row River Trail runs between E Main St. (Cottage Grove) and 37802 Row River Rd. (Dorena), with parking available on both ends.

Parking is also available at:

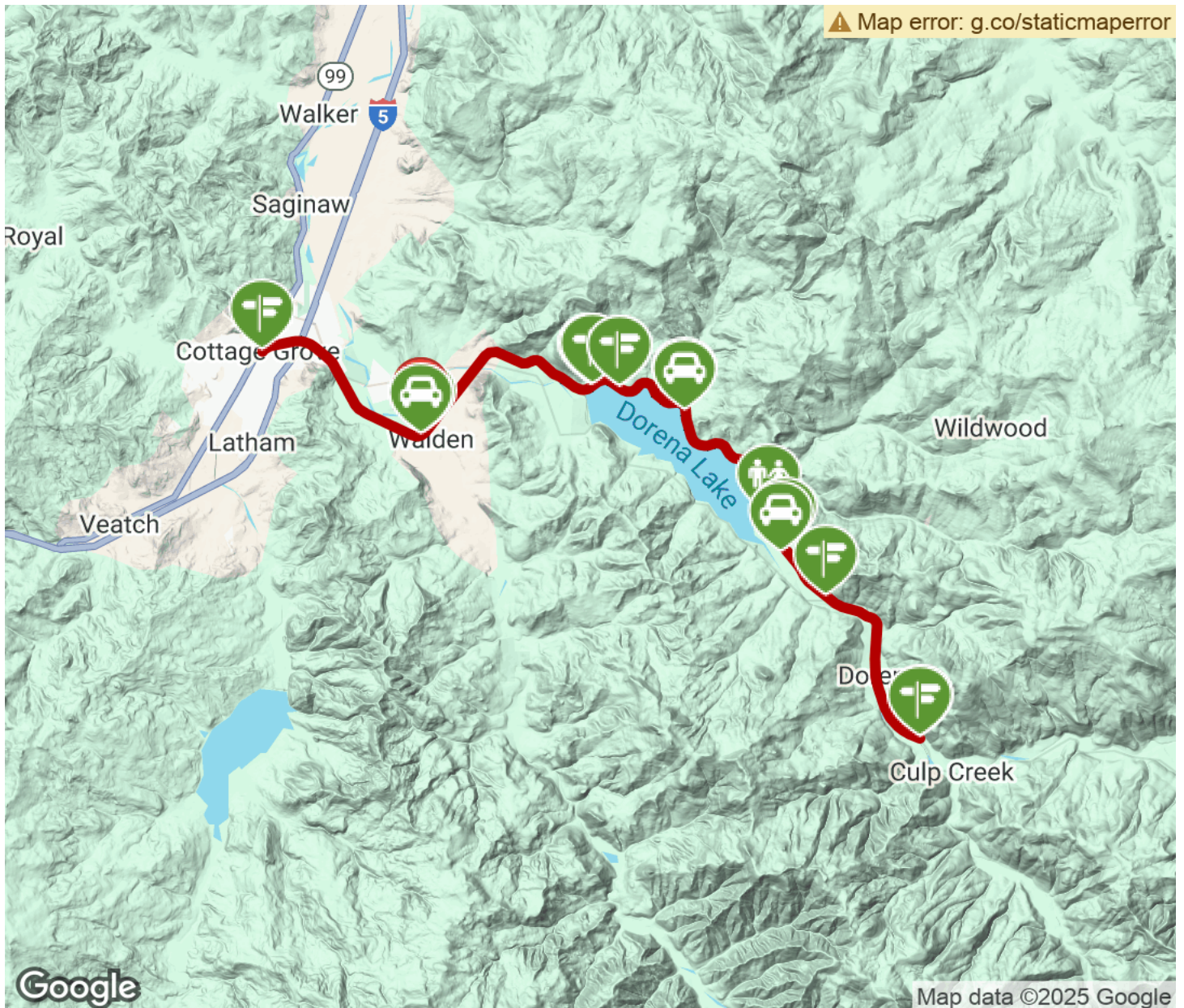
- 35423 Row River Rd. (Dorena)
- Harms Park, 36101 Row River Rd. (Cottage Grove)

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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