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Yelm-Rainier-Tenino Trail Washington



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About the Route

The western endpoint of the Yelm-Rainier-Tenino Trails leaves from Crowder Rd & Park Ave in Tenino, but there's a trailhead at S Olympia St & Park Ave for the trail. After running past a few homes, a ballpark, and restrooms, the route parallels State Route 507. The forested path then crosses Military Road to rise above SR 507. The road is never far, but a swath of fir and maple trees provides a barrier. A historical kiosk precedes 1 mile of scenic forest trail beside McIntosh Lake, where herons come to watch



trail users.

At 8.5 miles, the trail reaches its Rainier trailhead at Rochester St W & Centre St NW. The landscape widens as you pass through Wilkowski Park and cross under a trestle. The trail runs closer to the road for the next 5 miles as it approaches Yelm, eventually reaching its eastern endpoint at Railroad Street SW in Yelm.

Connections

Just before the trail's midpoint, the Yelm-Rainier-Tenino Trail intersects with the <u>Chehalis Western Trail</u>.

Trail History

Tenino was the destination of the Northern Pacific Railroad's 65-mile Pacific Division line between Kalama and Tenino as early as 1872. In 1874, a 40-mile line was built through Yelm to Commencement Bay in Tacoma; this line operated as a Burlington Northern line until the late 1980s. Tenino, known as the Stone City, built a sandstone depot, now the Tenino Depot Museum, in 1914 along the main line from Portland to Tacoma.

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States: Washington Counties: Thurston Length: 14miles Trail end points: Crowder Rd & Park Ave (Tenino) to Railroad St SW (Yelm) Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Fishing,Wheelchair Accessible,Mountain Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Yelm-Rainier-Tenino Trail runs between Crowder Rd & Park Ave (Tenino) and Railroad St SW (Yelm). Parking is available at the Yelm Rainier Tenino Trailhead in Tenino (309 Park Ave E).

Please see the <u>TrailLink Map</u> for detailed directions.



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