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Guides



**Interurban  
Trail  
(Bellingham)**  
*Washington*



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Bellingham's Interurban Trail runs between Fairhaven on the south end of the city and ends in Larrabee State Park. It follows portions of the former Bellingham & Skagit Interurban Railway and the Fairhaven & Southern Railroad. The largely wooded rail trail offers stunning views of the San Juan Islands across Bellingham Bay when the forested canopy opens up enough to see them. In addition to pedestrian and cycling uses, horseback riding is also permitted along the entirety of the trail.

### About the Route

Leaving from the northern trailhead at Donovan Avenue and 10th Street, the trail heads southeast and is relatively flat, and crosses Padden Creek several times. In 0.2 miles, it reaches Fairhaven Park, where parking, a community

building with restrooms, and a spray park are available. Continuing through a residential area, the Rotary Trailhead—where there are informational panels about the creek—appears in 0.4 miles.

From the Rotary Trailhead, the route approaches a series of switchbacks in 1.1 miles that take trail users down to Old Samish Road. Use caution when crossing this two-lane road to continue on the trail; there isn't a good sightline, and cars travel fairly rapidly there.

On the south side of Old Samish Road, the trail heads east to enter Arroyo Park. Within the park, the trail becomes a steep singletrack best suited for mountain bikes and would be difficult for those with mobility challenges due to rocks and exposed roots in the trail. The trail travels high above Chuckanut Creek, then descends to it and reaches a pedestrian bridge in 0.3 mile. Leaving this bridge, the trail climbs steeply back up.

Crossing California Street in 0.4 mile, the trail evens out and becomes quite smooth, heading past private residences and becoming an on-road route on a quiet, residential two-way street with a mix of lush tree canopy and spectacular wide-open views of Bellingham Bay.

Approaching the southern endpoint, the trail reverts to a crushed-stone surface and gradually descends to the Clayton Beach Trailhead in Larrabee State Park, which has parking and restrooms.

### Trail History

The state park was the first in Washington, created with a donation of 20 acres by the Larrabee family in 1915.



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**States:** Washington

**Counties:** Whatcom

Length: 6.7miles

**Trail end points:** Donovan Ave. (Fairhaven) to  
Larrabee State Park (Bellingham)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt,Crushed Stone,Dirt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike,Horseback

Riding,Mountain Biking,Walking,Wheelchair  
Accessible

## Parking & Trail Access

The Interurban Trail (Bellingham) runs between Donovan Ave. (Fairhaven) and Larrabee State Park (Bellingham), with parking available at either end.

Parking is also available at:

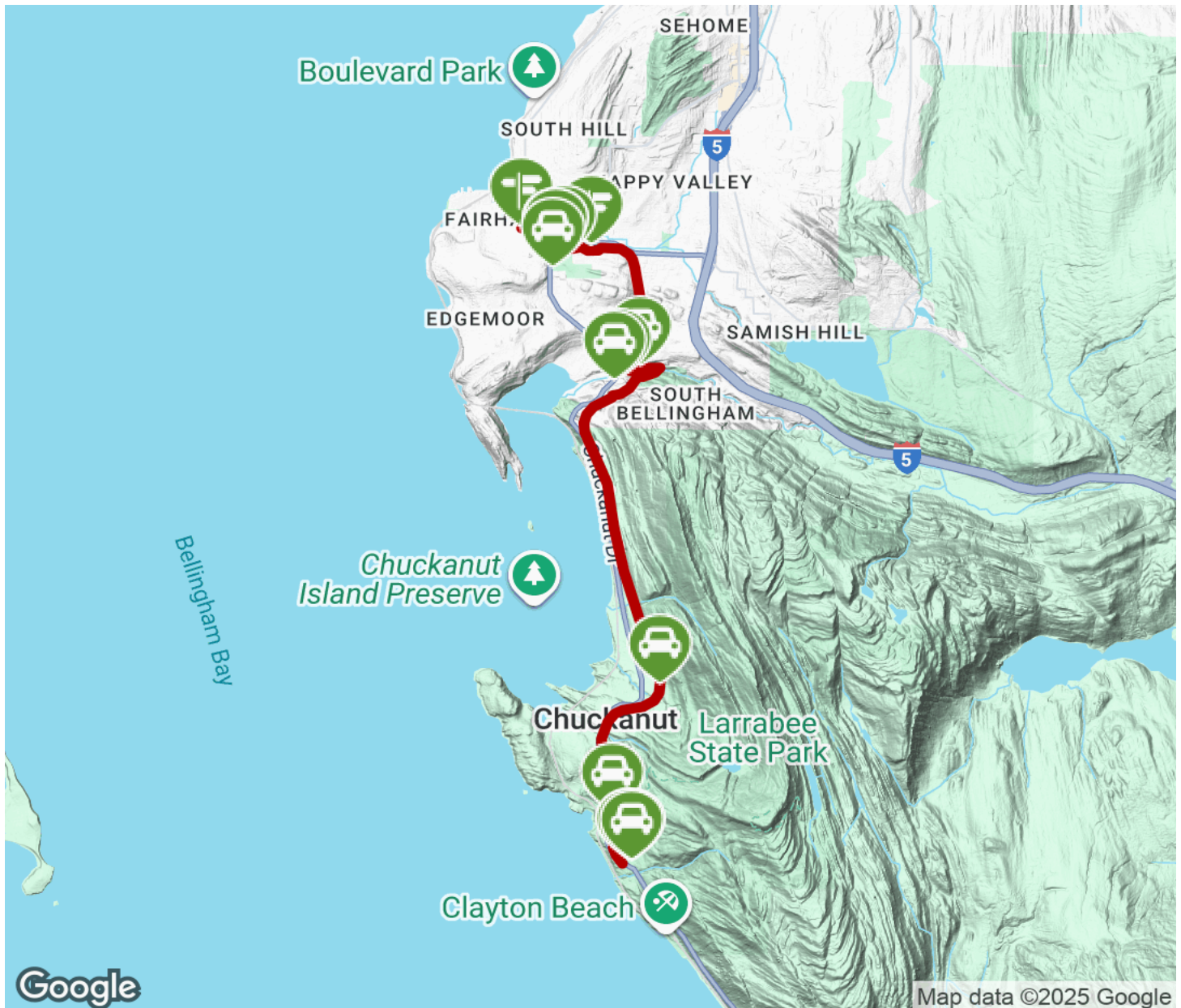
- 1999 Old Fairhaven Pkwy. (Bellingham)

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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