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The Cedar River Trail follows the old Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad corridor for 17.4 miles on a straight, flat shot out of the sprawling Seattle metro area and into the rural countryside.

About the Route

Leaving off from the southern end of Lake Washington, and moving south, the trail rolls upstream along the fast-flowing Cedar River to Landsburg Park. The first 12 miles of the trail, stretching just past the Maple Valley trailhead,

are paved. There, the surface turns to packed gravel, and the path runs a winding course through a forested setting to its terminus in Landsburg, about 5 miles away.

The paved trail leaves off about a block from the Renton Historical Museum and passes through an open field that, a century ago, housed brick- and conduit-maker Denny–Renton Clay & Coal Co. All that remains today are scattered bricks in the blackberry thickets. Be aware of the trail's 10-mile-per-hour bicycle speed within Renton city limits (violators face a fine of up to \$101); additionally, trail users on foot and wheel must stay on their side of the yellow line.

After passing Ron Regis Park, the trail leaves the city limits and is sandwiched between the scenic Cedar River and busy State Route 169/Maple Valley Highway. The river, filled with old snags, meanders through the valley and washes against high sandy bluffs. In the fall, trail users will witness a colorful spectacle as thousands of sockeye salmon head up the river to spawn. The bright-red salmon are easily seen from trestles or the scattered county-owned natural areas that dot the river's edge. One such natural area, named Cavanaugh Pond, also is a year-round destination for spotting waterfowl.

The trail becomes packed gravel after it passes the Maple Valley trailhead. This soft-surface path winds through groves of Douglas fir, western red cedar, bigleaf maple, and alder on the way to the Landsburg trailhead.

Connections

The northernmost portion of the Cedar River Trail is part of the developing [Lake to Sound Trail](#), which plans to connect trail users between Lake Washington and Puget Sound.

Where the trail turns to gravel, trail users can connect to the 3.5-mile [Green-to-Cedar Rivers Trail](#).



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States: Washington

Counties: King

Length: 17.4 miles

Trail end points: Lake Washington (Renton) to
Landsburg Park (Landsburg)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Horseback

Riding, Mountain Biking, Walking, Cross

Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Cedar River Trail runs between the Cedar River Trail Park (Renton) and Landsburg Park (Landsburg).

Parking is available at:

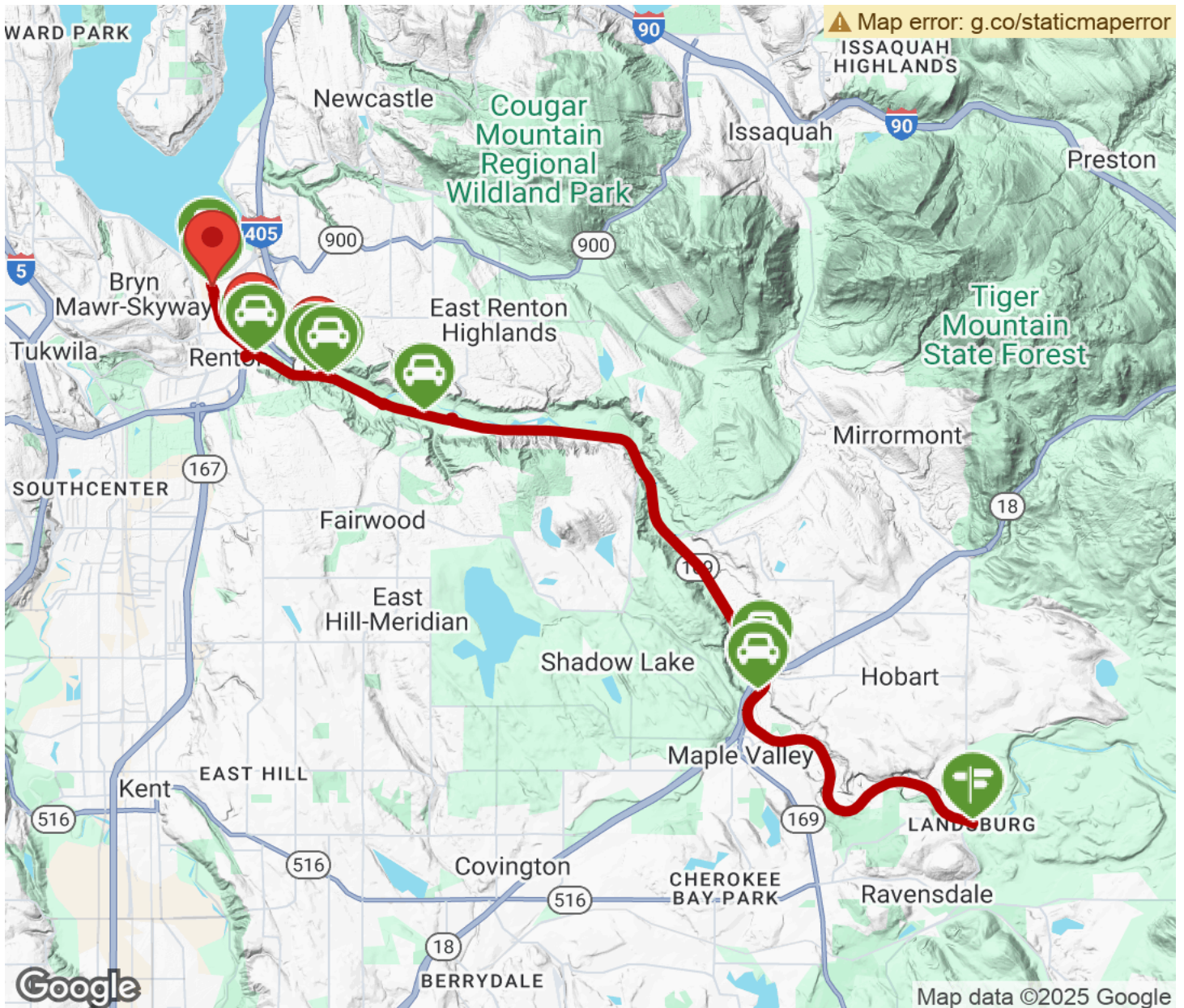
- 901 Nishiwaki Ln (Renton)
- Landsburg Park, 25188 Landsburg Rd. SE (Maple Valley)

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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