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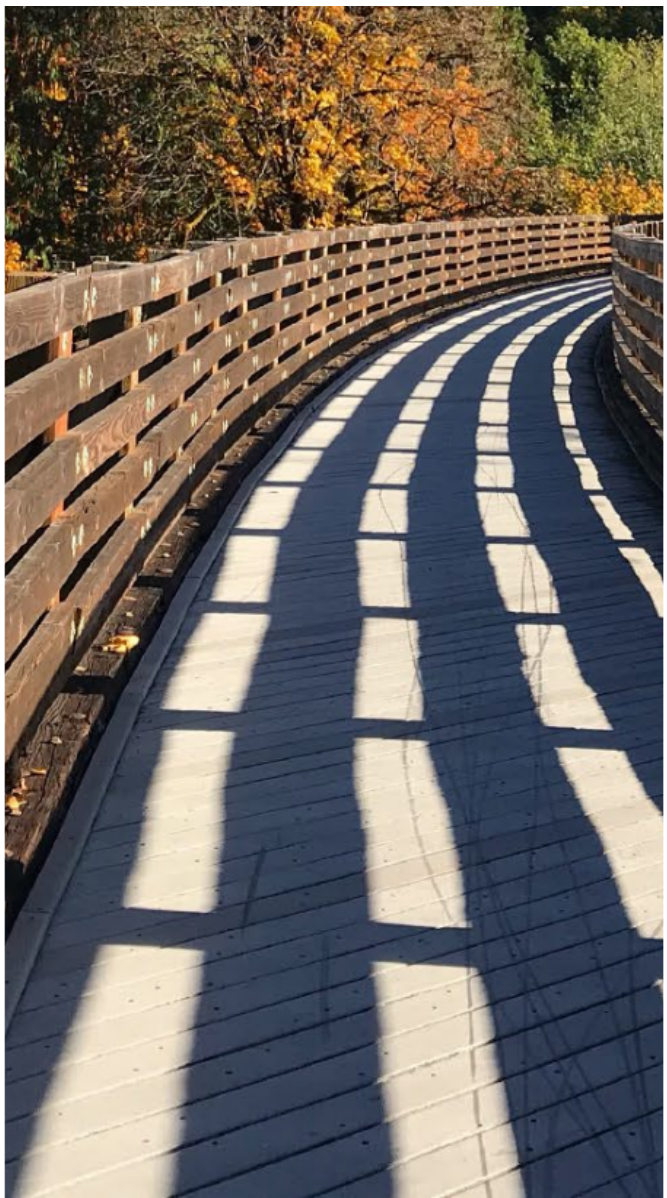

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From its southern end in Cle Elum, you follow a tree-lined route paralleling Crystal Creek as you travel northwest to Roslyn, where the popular TV show Northern Exposure was filmed. Here, you can visit the Roslyn Museum (203 W. Pennsylvania Ave.), about a block from the trail, to learn about the town's mining past.

Outside the city, the trail continues through the trees until reaching its end at Ronald.

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States: Washington
Counties: Kittitas
Length: 4.7miles
Trail end points: Flag Pole Park at W. 1st St. and Stafford St. (Cle Elum) to Near intersection of 2nd Ave./SR 903 and Fan House Rd. (Ronald)
Trail surfaces: Gravel
Trail category: Rail-Trail
Trail activities: Bike,Horseback Riding,Snowmobiling,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

At the trail's southern end in Cle Elum, parking is available at Flag Pole Park (corner of W. First Street and Stafford Street).

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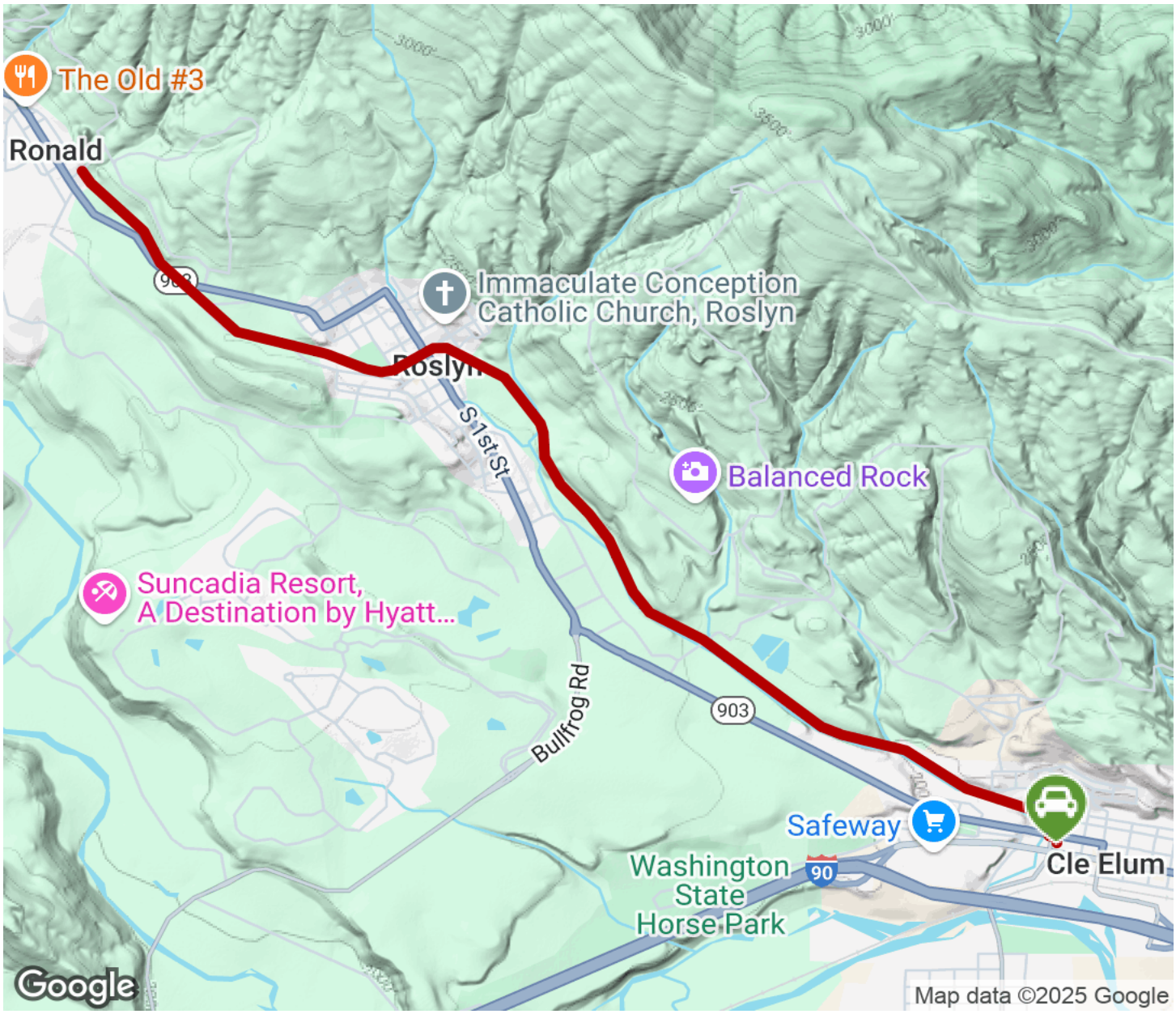

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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