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From its southern end in Cle Elum, the trail follows a tree-lined route paralleling Crystal Creek while traveling northwest to Roslyn, where the popular TV show *Northern Exposure* was filmed. Here, trail users 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:** Ronald Fire Station to W 2nd St. (Cle Elum)

**Trail surfaces:** Gravel

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Horseback

Riding, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross Country

Skiing

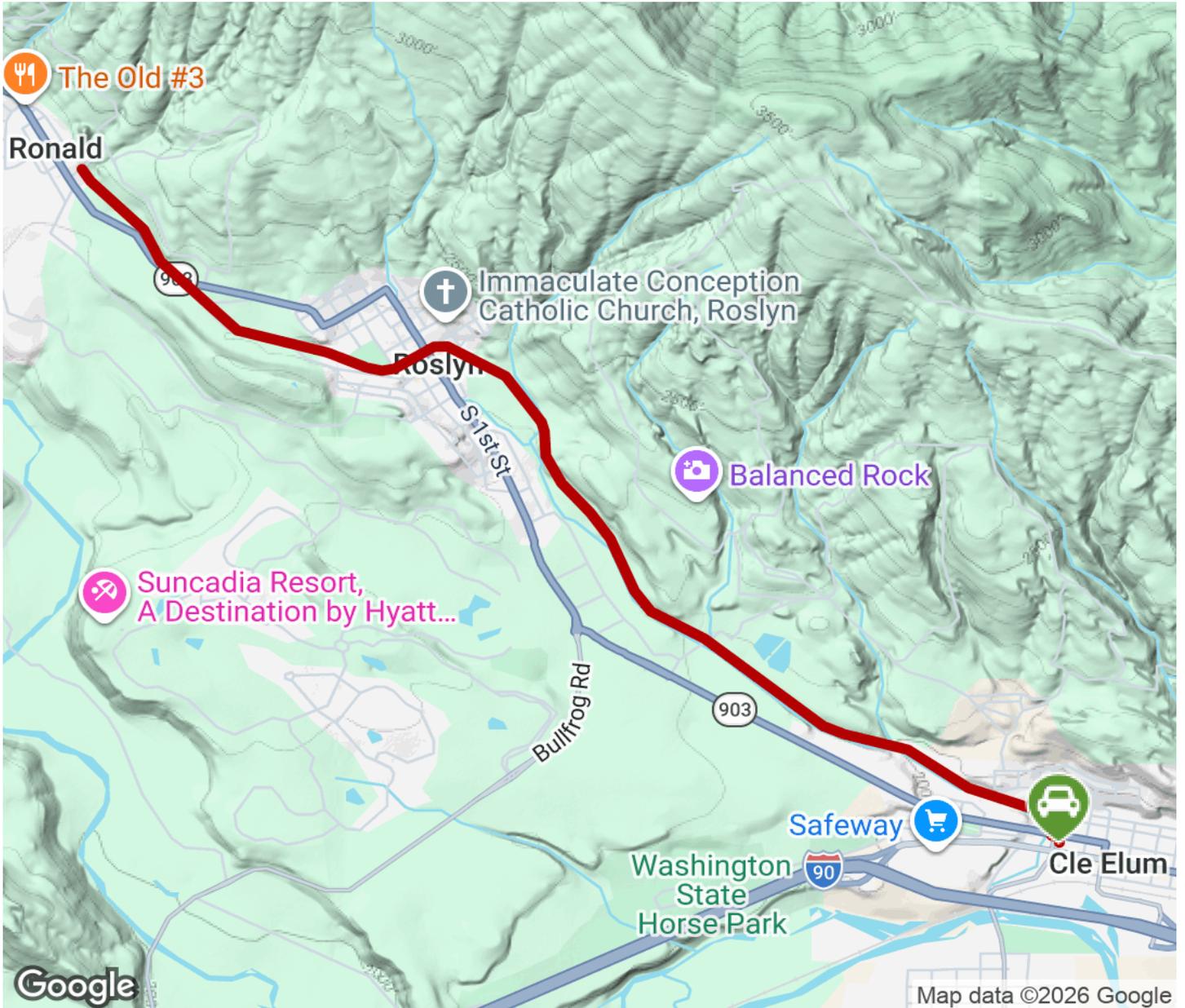
## Parking & Trail Access

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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