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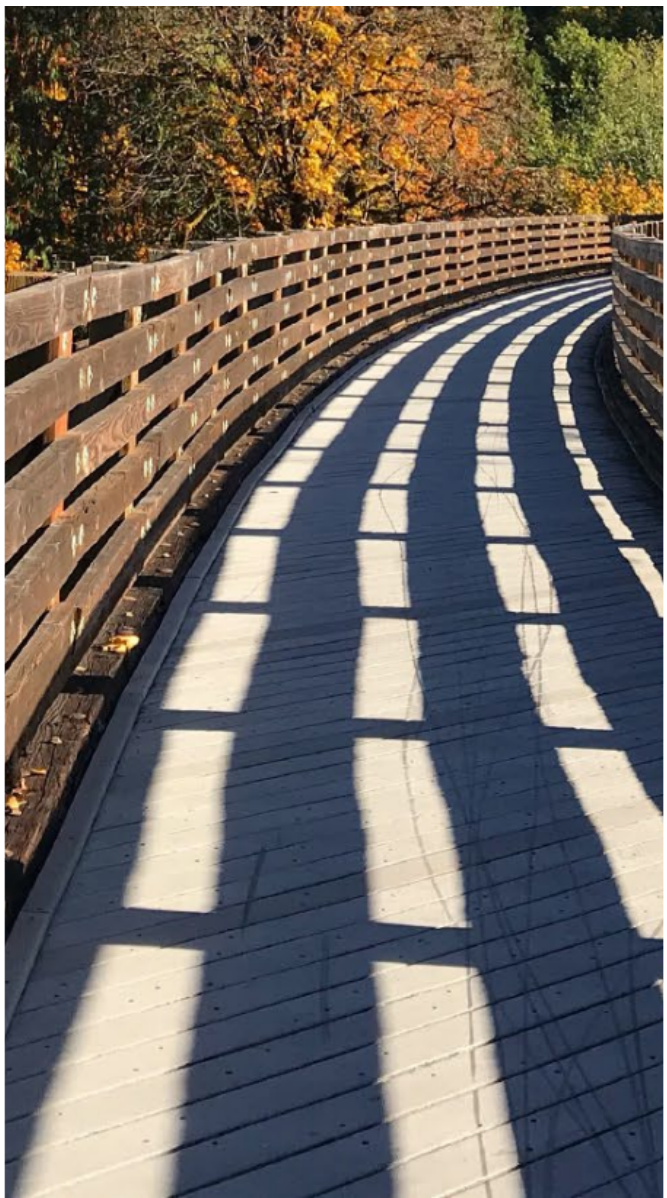

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About the Route

The trail's western end leaves off from a light industrial park on the outskirts of Preston, an old logging community. In 0.9 miles, the trail arrives at parking and a trailhead next to Preston Athletic Fields, which has drinking fountains and restrooms. The trail here starts out with an easy downhill grade. In 0.3 miles, a stairway on the right descends to the rustic Preston Community Center, built in 1939 by the Depression-era Works Progress Administration. Across Preston-Fall City Road via an underground walkway, a dilapidated 1890s shingle mill has been transformed into Preston Mill Park.

The trail follows a slight downhill grade for 1.7 miles to an overlook where a railroad trestle once crossed the Raging River. The Northern Pacific replaced the trestle after a tragic 1900 collapse, then removed it permanently after rail service ended. To cross the river, follow the steep, paved descent to busy Preston-Fall City Road, use the crosswalk, and then head right behind the concrete traffic barriers. Turn left on Southeast 68th Street in 0.1 mile, then cross the vintage concrete arch bridge spanning the Raging River. In another 0.1 mile, a series of seven tight switchbacks climb out of the ravine to the railroad grade. In 0.2 miles, the trail encounters a timber trestle that was closed in 2022 after a large tree fell into it, damaging the support pilings. As of 2024, no timeline exists for a replacement.

To see the rest of the trail, trail users must return to the Preston Trailhead and drive about 4 miles to the site of a former depot at the Lake Alice Trailhead in Fall City. The damaged bridge is about 0.8 miles west of there. Continuing east, the trail meets Deep Creek Trail, a soft-surface singletrack leading to Snoqualmie suburbs. The Preston-Snoqualmie Trail ends at a chain-link fence marked no trespassing 1.9 miles from the Lake Alice Trailhead. Three benches here provide views of the 268-foot-high Snoqualmie Falls in the distance. Obscured in the spring and summer, the scene comes into better view in the fall when trees drop their leaves.

Connections

The Preston-Snoqualmie Trail is part of the Great American Rail-Trail, a 3,700-mile route connecting Washington, D.C., and Washington state.¿

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States: Washington
Counties: King
Length: 6.5miles
Trail end points: Issaquah-Preston Trail (Preston) to Lake Alice Road SE (Snoqualmie)
Trail surfaces: Asphalt
Trail category: Rail-Trail
Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Fishing,Horseback Riding,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Preston-Snoqualmie Trail Issaquah-Preston Trail (Preston) and Lake Alice Road SE (Snoqualmie), where parking is available.

Parking is also available at:

- 30634 SE 87th Pl. (Preston)

Please see TrailLink Map for all parking options and detailed directions.

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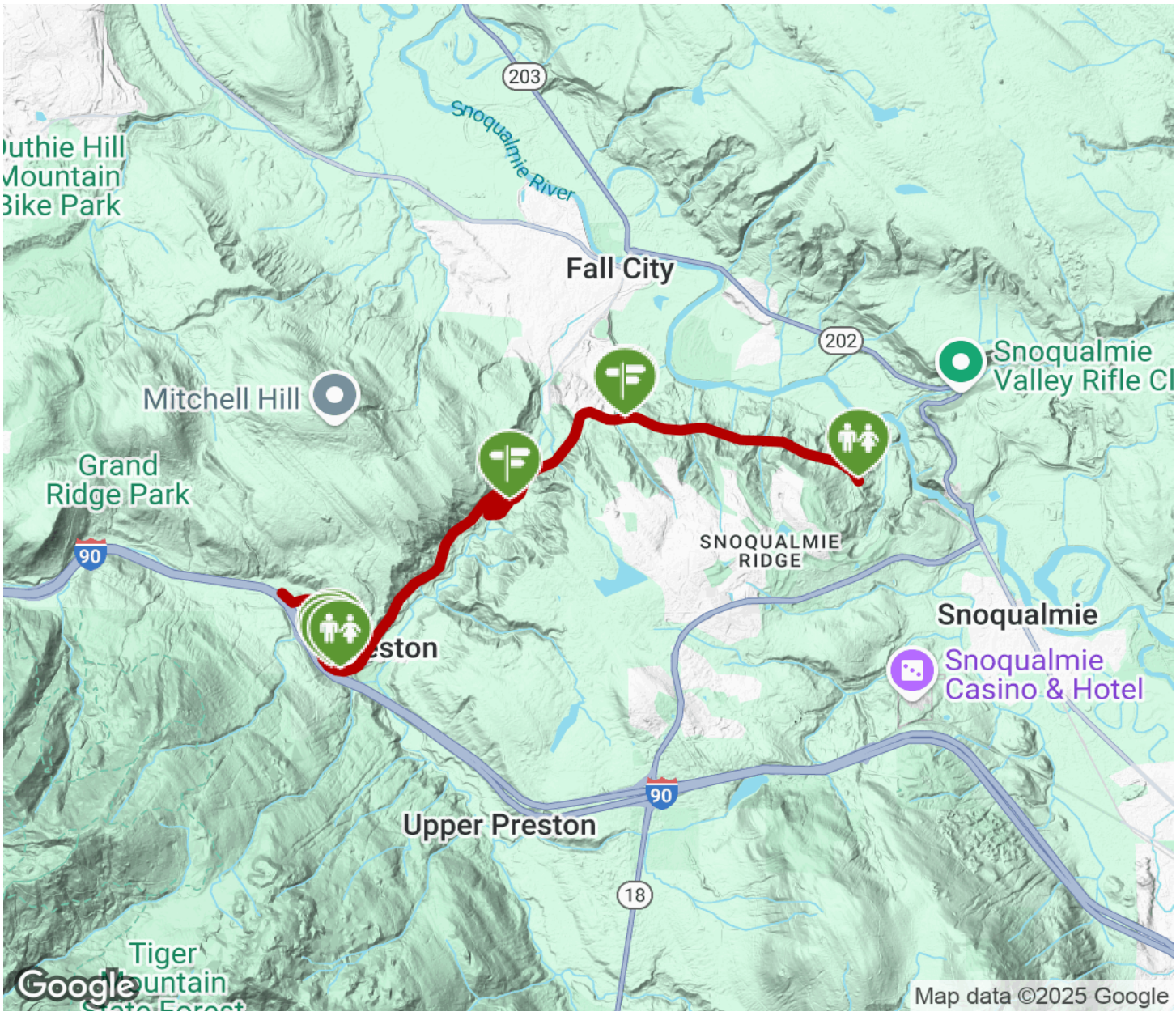

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel