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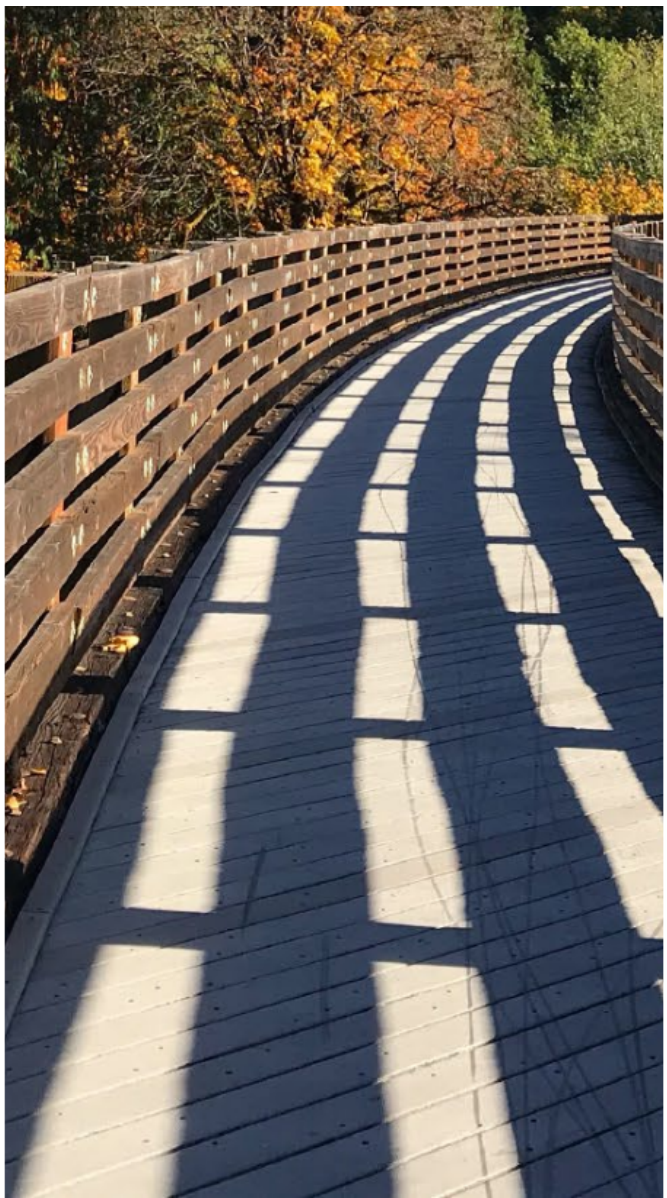

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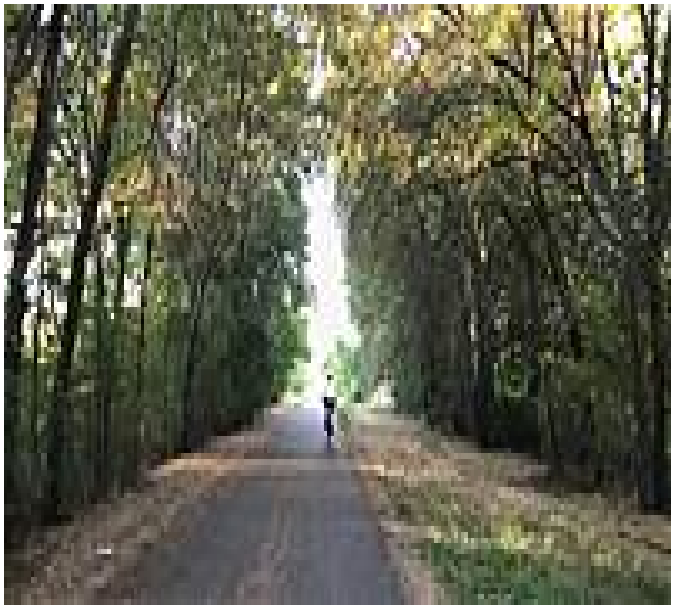

The beauty of the Spokane River Centennial State Park Trail (Centennial Trail) comes alive in stands of ponderosa pines and Douglas-firs, blooms of elderberry and sumac, exposed basalt in the deep river canyon, and the bridges and waterfalls of downtown Spokane. A day on the 40-mile trail offers many activities, such as swimming at beaches, exploring the site of the 1974 World's Fair, or touring Gonzaga University. While the Centennial Trail features mild grades, there is a slight decline heading west, ending at a Spokane River beach at Nine Mile Recreation Area.

About the Route

Leaving from the trail's western end at East Appleway Avenue and Spokane Bridge Road in Liberty Lake, take the Liberty Lake Stateline Trail east to a junction of 0.2 miles. The right fork is the North Idaho Centennial Trail, which heads east 23 miles to the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene. The left fork begins the Spokane River Centennial State Park Trail. It crosses under I-90 to Gateway Regional Park and runs west along the south bank of the Spokane River, passing Spokane Valley Mall and Mirabeau Point Park before crossing to the north shore at Denny Ashlock Memorial Bridge after 13 miles.

Shortly thereafter the trail reaches the first on-street segment of the trail, at Donkey Island Trailhead (mile 14). Take either the shoulder of North Farr Road or the low-traffic alternative of North Marengo Drive to East Upriver Drive. Turn left and continue on the shoulder or sidewalk 0.6 mile, where the multiuse path restarts at Boulder Beach (mile 16).

In another mile, trail users can watch climbers at the Minnehaha Climbing Rocks. Soon the trail is routed back onto East Upriver Drive, where trail users can ride in the striped bike lane 1.7 miles to North Greene Street (mile 19.5) and back onto the trail in downtown Spokane. Take the trail to Mission Avenue (mile 21); turn right, cross the train tracks, and use the crosswalk to cross Mission Avenue at Mission Park. The trail follows the railroad south before veering west through Gonzaga University's campus and back across the Spokane River (mile 22).

Continue west and use any of the next three bridges to turn right and cross onto Riverfront Park. Explore the site of the Expo '74 World's Fair before crossing the Post Street Bridge (mile 23) with views of Spokane Falls and the gondolas traversing the river. Leaving town, back on the north side of the river, the Kendall Yards residential/commercial area is the last chance for food and water as the trail heads into a more remote area.

At mile 24.5, there's an opportunity to head south and cross the Sandifur Memorial Bridge to connect to the Fish Lake Trail via an on-street route (take West Riverside Avenue west

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**States:** Washington
**Counties:** Spokane
Length: 40miles
**Trail end points:** WA-ID State Line to Riverside State Park (Nine Mile Falls)
**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt
**Trail category:** Rail-Trail
**Trail activities:** Bike,Fishing,Horseback Riding,Inline Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible,Cross Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

The Spokane River Centennial State Park Trail runs between WA-ID State Line and Riverside State Park (Nine Mile Falls).

- Mirabeau Trailhead, 13500 E. Mirabeau Pkwy. (Spokane Valley)
- Sontag Day Use Area, 10000 W. Charles Rd. (Nine Mile Falls)

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

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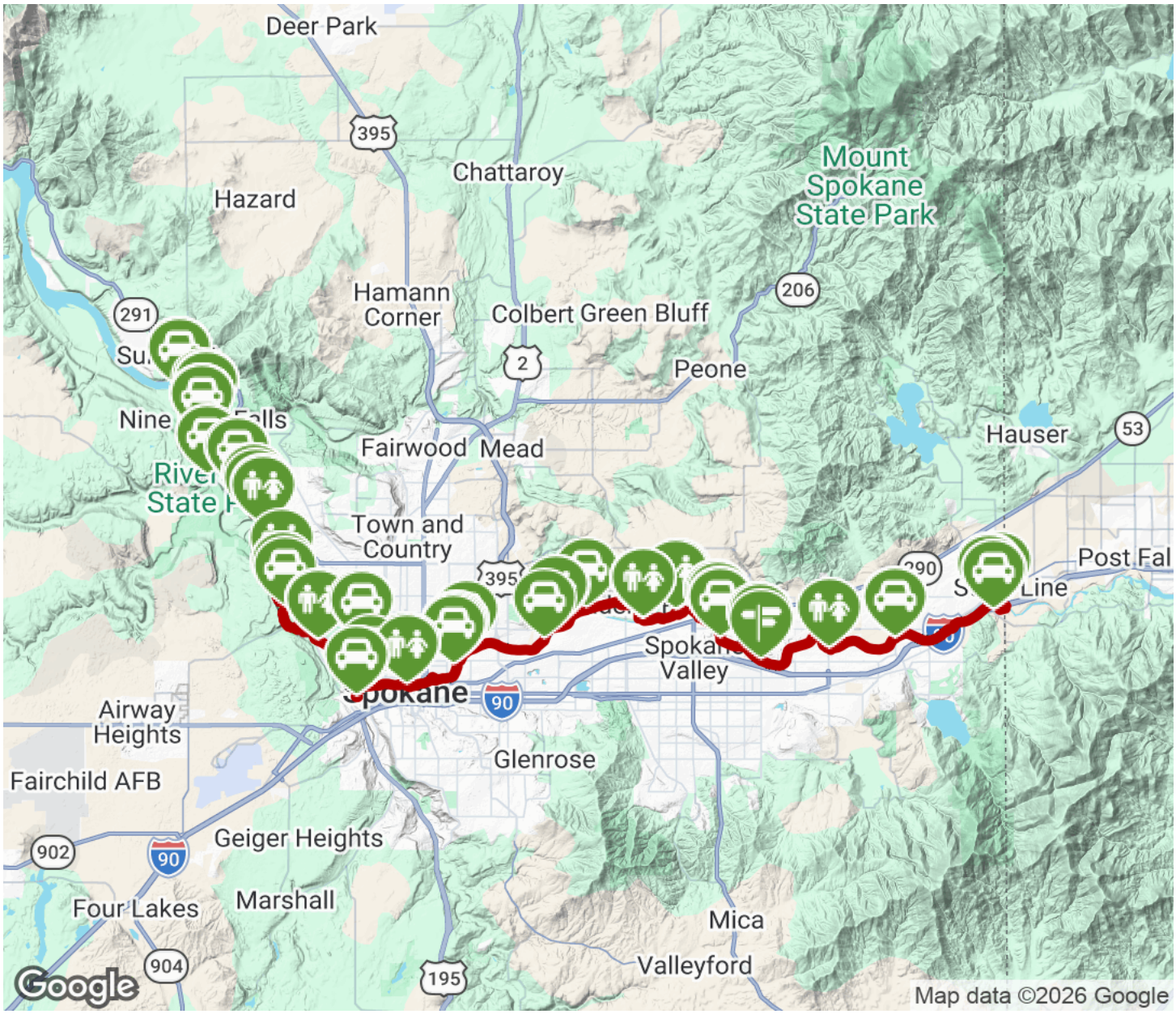


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