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Apple Capital Loop Trail *Washington*



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Central Washington's Apple Capital Loop Trail offers scenic views of snowcapped mountains, shrub-steppe hillsides, lush orchards, and calm waters as it links parks, beaches, and playgrounds along the Columbia River in Wenatchee and East Wenatchee. The trail consists of a 10-mile loop encircling the Columbia River in Wenatchee and two lengthy spurs that head 5 miles north to Lincoln Rock State Park and 4 miles south to Kirby Billingsley Hydro Park. Additional short spurs bring the mileage total to 22 and provide connections to dining and shopping opportunities, including downtown Wenatchee.

The wide, paved trail is ADA-accessible and perfect for all kinds of recreational activities, including cross-country

skiing and snowshoeing in the winter. Several parks and trailheads offer restrooms, water fountains, and parking lots. There are also sheltered picnic areas, benches, bike racks, and pet waste stations placed along the trail. During the summer months, be sure to carry plenty of water and sun protection as there is not much shade for long stretches.

Numerous informational panels also share information about the area's geological history, flora, and fauna. The trail traverses several different habitats, and there is a variety of wildlife to observe, including bald eagles and other birds of prey, yellow-bellied marmots, beavers, river otters, ducks, swans, loons, and swallowtail butterflies.

About the Route

Leaving from Lincoln Rock State Park, there is plenty of parking, restrooms, water fountains, a boat launch, a swimming area, sports facilities, picnic areas, and camping (Note that a Discover Pass is required; day and annual passes are available for purchase online at discoverpass.wa.gov.). Heading south along the paved spur, the river is on the right, and orchards and shrub-steppe hillsides are on the left. Passing under the Richard Odabashian Bridge, the northern spur ends and the trail begins the loop.

Crossing the Richard Odabashian Bridge via a protected bike/ pedestrian lane takes trail users to the western bank of the river. Following the trail south along the western bank, the river will be on your left. The trail soon meanders through Wenatchee Confluence State Park, which offers parking, restrooms, water fountains, a boat launch, a swimming area, sports facilities, picnic areas, and camping. (A Discover Pass is required.) The trail crosses the Wenatchee River via a bike/ pedestrian bridge and runs along the western edge of the Horan Natural Area, a wetland nature preserve. The trail very briefly passes through a somewhat industrial area before meandering through Walla Walla Point Park, which offers restrooms, picnic shelters, water fountains, a swimming area,



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States: Washington Counties: Chelan,Douglas Length: 22miles Trail end points: Kirby Billingsley Hydro Park (East Wenatchee) to US 2 (East Wenatchee) Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Concrete Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Apple Capital Loop Trail runs between Kirby Billingsley Hydro Park (East Wenatchee) and US 2 (East Wenatchee).

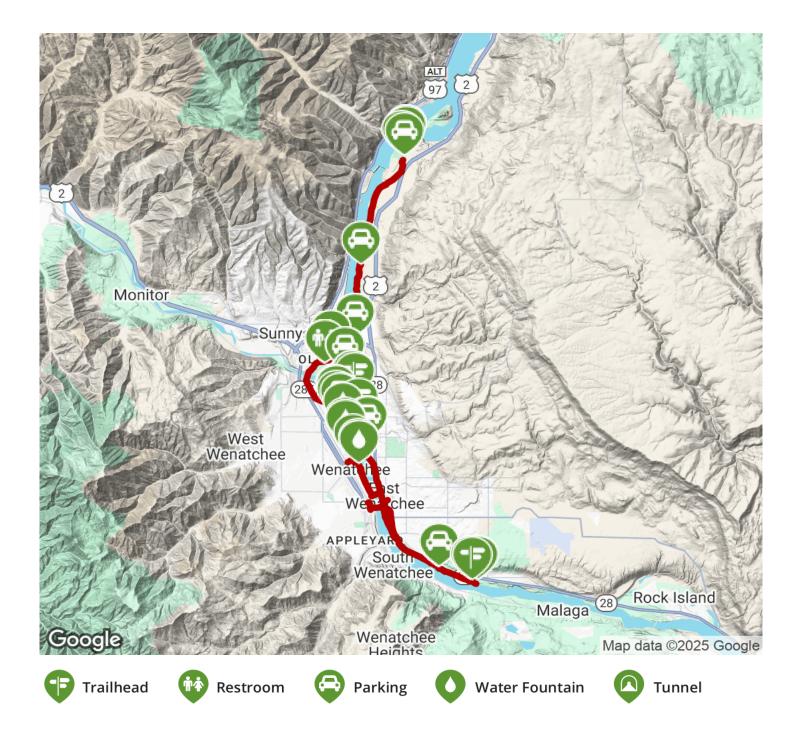
Parking is available at:

- Lincoln Rock State Park, 13251 SR97 (East Wenatchee)
- Walla Walla Point Park, 1351 Walla Walla Ave. (Wenatchee)

Please see <u>TrailLink Map</u> for all parking options and detailed directions.









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