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Greenough Park Trail *Montana*



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Even more appealing is pristine Rattlesnake Creek, which courses through the park's center. Cottonwoods and conifers are thick throughout, as are willows and other woody and herbaceous plants. It's a great place for birdwatching, too, and signs along the trail describe some of the species you might see—more than 100 species make their home here.

The park was donated to the city by the Greenough

family, one of the area's well-to-do in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Their Victorian mansion used to sit at the south end of what is now the park but was moved in the 1970s to make way for Interstate 90. The house was moved across town into the South Hills, where it served as a restaurant for many years. Sadly it burned to the ground in the 1990s in a mysterious electrical fire in the middle of the night. Some attributed the fire to a Greenough daughter who allegedly had haunted the house for many years. Another restaurant was built in its place (see <u>Mansion Heights Trail</u>).

Greenough Park has plenty of benches, a large picnic shelter for rent with a small playground nearby, and porta potties at both parking areas. Several dirt paths wind through the trees and along Rattlesnake Creek (for pedestrians only). You can make a loop by taking Monroe Street. Between Jackson and Locust streets there isn't much traffic.







States: Montana Counties: Missoula Length: 0.8miles Trail end points: Vine St. to Jackson St. Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Dirt Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT Trail activities: Bike,Fishing,Wheelchair Accessible,Mountain Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

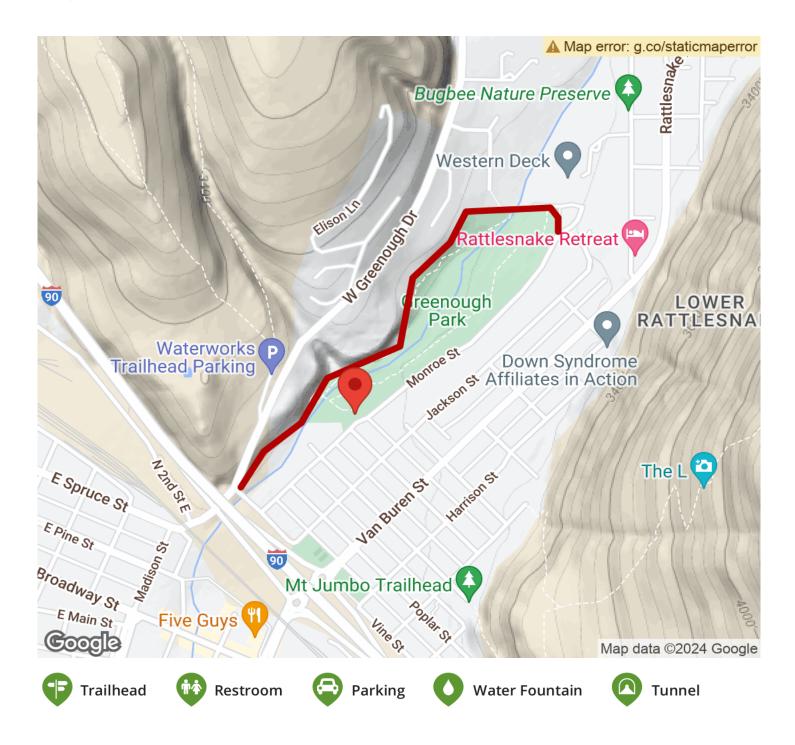
Parking & Trail Access

Park at the lot along Monroe Street just north of Locust Street (1001 Monroe) or farther up Monroe at the picnic shelter.



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