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An interpretive kiosk at the trailhead provides information about the railroad and the importance of the lake as a source of drinking water for nearby Bellingham. The scenic route offers moss-covered trees, ferns, picturesque waterfalls and access to beaches and the lake.



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States: Washington

Counties: Whatcom

Length: 3.1miles

Trail end points: North Shore Drive to Just north of Blue Canyon Road

Trail surfaces: Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Fishing, Mountain Biking, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

Parking access is only available from the north end of the trail in Lake Whatcom Park (3330 North Shore Drive). From Bellingham, follow North Shore Drive east to near the road's end and then follow signs to the parking lot.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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